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Storms move on but devastation lingers



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A Tuesday slide in Skyline Forest (above), is perilously close to homes, though PG&E and the City of Monterey are working to limit the damage. A new sewer line (right) is installed along Scenic Road after erosion of a sandy bluff supporting the road ruined the old one.



■ Scenic Road in trouble again as river and waves undermine bluff

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER HIGH surf and heavy rains on Jan. 9 battered a sandy bluff that supports Scenic Road, a work crew is busy fixing a broken sewer line near Valley View Avenue. But little has been done yet to address the erosion that is undermining the heavily traveled road.

From the beach below, the edge of the pavement can be seen dangling precariously off the steep and sandy bluff.

The troubles along Scenic are a reminder that a plan has been in the works for more than a decade to armor the bluffs to protect the road and sewer lines.

But that scheme, known as the Scenic Road Protection Structure, remains bogged down in a lengthy planning process — despite repeated warnings from residents that Scenic Road is at risk.

Besides providing access to homes and Carmel River State Beach, the street is famous among tourists for its views of Point Lobos, Carmel Bay and landmark houses.

Sewer gets repair

General manager Barbara Buikema of the Carmel Area Wastewater District reported Thursday that the sewer line

should be fixed by the weekend. The Carmel Area Wastewater District cut off sewer access and Cal Am shut off water to five homes until the repairs can be made.

“The project is taking a bit longer than anticipated simply because of the difficulties of working in sandy soil,” Buikema said. “We think the contractor should be able to make good progress today and by Friday have it all buttoned up.”

While the sewer line repair has been inconvenient for

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■ Hillside gives way in Skyline Forest, threatens nearby homes

By KELLY NIX

A LANDSLIDE in Skyline Forest Tuesday took down numerous legacy Monterey pine trees and appears to be threatening at least two homes nearby, while a city engineer said there are plans to assess the slide and try to prevent it from creeping any further.

The slide occurred just downhill from homes in the Skyline Forest neighborhood of Monterey. On Wednesday, a sizable crew from PG&E and a tree service were on scene, cutting trees to protect power lines. The effort forced PG&E to cut power for several hours to a couple of dozen homes in the neighborhood.

When it's safe

Monterey's acting city engineer, Tom Harty, said that the city is aware of the potential threat to homes closest to the slide and it will assess the situation once it's safe

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City officials say rain, wind damage exceeds \$1.5M

By MARY SCHLEY

DURING LAST week's storms that felled dozens of trees, overwhelmed streets and storm drains with runoff and brought widespread power outages, city administrator Chip Rerig issued a “proclamation of existence of a local emergency due to the 2022-23 atmospheric river winter storm event,” and the city council unanimously ratified it Tuesday.

The declaration gives Rerig expanded decision-making powers and makes the city eligible for financial and logistical assistance from local, state and federal governments. Specifically, it provides him the authority to “mitigate the effects of the local emergency” and declares that

“all expenditures made in connection with this local emergency, including mutual aid activities, shall be deemed to be for the protection and benefit of the inhabitants and property of the city.”

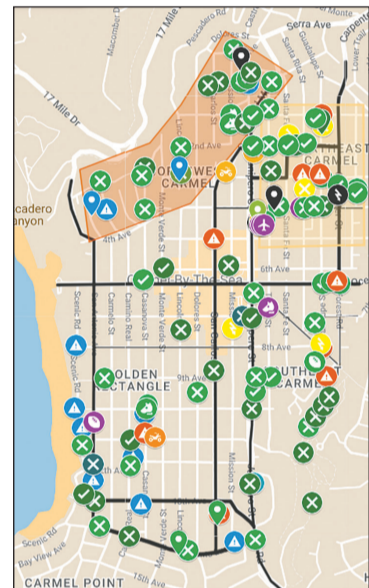
“We've obviously gotten pretty battered here,” Rerig told the council at a special meeting Jan. 17.

County, state, fed

The meeting followed the Monterey County Board of Supervisors' ratification of a county-wide emergency proclamation Jan. 4 and Gov. Gavin Newsom's declaration of a statewide emergency that same day.

President Joe Biden made similar proclamations for

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City forester Sara Davis has been tracking downed trees and other storm damage on an interactive map of the city.

Interim CHS principal appointed, Lyons' absence still a mystery

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL HIGH School principal Jonathan Lyons remains on paid administrative leave as he has for the past month, and this week, the Carmel Unified School District announced a temporary principal is taking his place.

“We knew coming back after break that if we were still in a position that Jonathan Lyons is not back, it would make sense to bring in an interim,” CUSD superintendent Ted Knight said Wednesday, “so our community knows we have a veteran principal, a steady hand, someone to give stability and support.”

No reason given

Despite the importance of Lyons' role at the high school, Knight would not say whether the principal asked for the time away, or if he was suspended with pay, nor the reason he is off the job.

“I can't discuss the nature of the leave at this point,” he said.

Standing in for him is Dr. Joseph Rudnicki, who came

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SPCA: Weather could be reason for sick seabirds

By KELLY NIX

AN EXTRAORDINARY number of shorebirds have turned up sick and SPCA Monterey County officials — who are rehabilitating the creatures — believe the powerful storms the Peninsula has experienced for several weeks are to blame.

Since the beginning of the month, the SPCA has rescued 25 red phalaropes, which were found emaciated, cold and lethargic. It received 10 of the bird species on Monday alone. Red phalaropes, which spend most of their lives at sea, weigh less than 2 oz. and are about the size of a robin.

“The annual average of phalaropes we rescue is six,” SPCA Monterey County spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser told The Pine Cone Monday.

The birds have been found in bad shape all over the county, including Carmel, Pebble Beach, Big Sur, Monterey, Seaside, Marina and even Cachagua.



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This little bird, a phalarope, was rescued by SPCA Monterey County after being hammered during recent storms.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Not-so-gentle giant

SHE DOESN'T like them very much. Of course, she's never said that out loud, and she's sure her dogs are unaware of her feelings. She actually liked them more when they were smaller, and she didn't have to rely on her husband to hold the leash to keep from flying behind them like a cartoon character.

Buella is a black-and-white merle Great Dane, now 9.

"Danes are only supposed to live eight years," her person said. "I was attracted to her because I've always liked cow prints. I thought the puppies were so cute, like mini horses in cowhide. Full grown, not so cute."

Buella is actually a gentle giant, her person says, from her Monterey home, but if she steps on your foot, she might break it, and if she playfully bats another dog with her paw, she might knock it over.

The other family dog is Roxy, a Swiss mountain dog



who was part of the package when her person got married.

"Roxy is very loyal, very affectionate," her person said. "She used to be a big hiker with my husband, but now that she's 12, she's starting to take it easy."

Roxy also used to love the beach, but she hasn't been to the seashore lately, and Buella's never set foot in the sand. Her person can't imagine managing such a big dog in the surf and sand, and among all those other dogs.

"You have to train Great Danes from Day One, or they own you," her person said. "We were a little lax in that department, so she's in charge. If we take her to the vet, she spread-eagles outside the door, and we can't get her inside. The vet comes to us now."

Roxy and Buella's person says she's never, ever getting another dog.

"But when we do," she said, "I'm thinking maybe two Great Danes."

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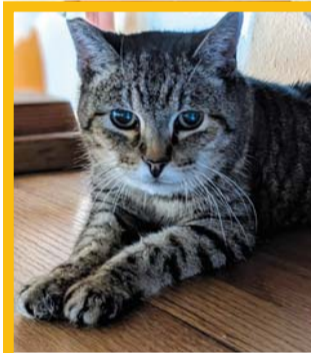
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City stays mum on reason for investigation of police chief

By MARY SCHLEY

THE POLICE chief who was vaunted by city administrator Chip Rerig and others for his “proven track record of strong and empathetic leadership, and a friendly, mentoring demeanor,” and was described as “a well-rounded police officer and an excellent communicator,” when he was hired in May 2022, remains on paid leave.

Requests for comments and information from Rerig and assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo again went unanswered this week.

Alan Ward is the first Carmel P.D. chief in decades, if ever, to be put on administrative leave pending an investigation, according to long-time residents and current and former employees.

Before joining Carmel P.D., Ward retired from Merced Police Department after spending more than two decades there and working his way up through the ranks. Merced P.D., incidentally, has suffered its own internal issues and allegations of harassment, with the Merced City Council this month narrowly voting to ask the state attorney general’s office to investigate its policies and procedures.

Contract terms

According to Ward’s contract, which calls for an annual salary of \$203,495 plus benefits, if the city decides to terminate the agreement without cause, he’s entitled to two months’ salary as severance. But if he’s fired for cause, he’s owed nothing.

“Cause” is defined as conviction of or pleading guilty to any crime or offense,

other than minor traffic violations and similar incidents, “which, in the determination of the city council, is likely to have a materially adverse impact on the city or the public safety director’s reputation,” conviction of any crime involving an “abuse of office or position” or of “moral turpitude,” repeated failure to carry out the city administrator’s directives, or any gross negligent action or inaction that “impedes or disrupts the operations of the city or its organizational units, is detrimental to employees or public safety, or violates the city’s properly established rules or procedures.”

If Ward were to resign with 30 days’ notice to the city, he wouldn’t get any severance but would be entitled to any outstanding salary, accrued vacation time and any other accrued and unused benefits, according to his contract. He started the job with 80 hours of vacation leave in the bank, with the ability to earn another 80 hours per year for his first four years of service, and accrues eight hours of sick leave each month. He is also entitled to taxpayer-funded retirement contributions, as well as deferred compensation of \$150 per month.

Cmdr. Jeff Watkins is overseeing the department as interim chief while Ward is out. If Ward is convicted of “abuse of public authority, including waste, fraud and violation of the law under color of authority, or a crime against public justice or of moral turpitude,” he’ll have to reimburse the city for his paid leave.



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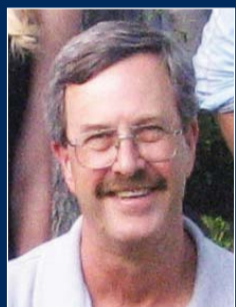
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Dog, wallet and earring go home

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.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Lincoln and Seventh at 0040 hours for CVC violations resulted in the driver, a 26-year-old salesman from Duxbury, Mass., being arrested for DUI. Driver lodged at county jail on \$5,000 bail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 24-year-old female from Hillsborough was arrested at Junipero and Fourth for driving under the influence. She was taken to Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended death on San Carlos north of Fourth.

Pacific Grove: Dead body at a residence on David Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report for a lost diamond ring at the Crossroads.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run on Ocean Avenue. All parties contacted and identified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of found property near the beach. Items were later returned to owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found on the beach turned in for safekeeping. Wallet was returned to owner on Jan. 2.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported hitting unoccupied parked vehicle on Mission south of Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Privately wowned tree fell on an occupied vehicle on Scenic south of 10th, resulting in damage. No parties were injured. Vehicle towed.

Pacific Grove: A found driver's license on Asilomar Avenue was surrendered to the police department.

Big Sur: Report of forcible rape by a 33-year-old male of an 18-year-old female on Highway 1.

Carmel Valley: Subject at Mid Valley Center reported a key fob was stolen.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Carmel area: Resident reported a civil issue involving a tree on a neighbor's property on Lower Trail.

See **POLICE LOG** page 8RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Jan. 17 — Nicholas Charles Howder, age 34, of Monterey, was convicted of evading a peace officer causing death, evading a peace officer against traffic, evading an officer with willful disregard, vehicular manslaughter, and driving on a suspended license.

On Feb. 16, 2022, Salinas Police Department detective Austin Scaggs initiated a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle. Howder was initially compliant with the traffic stop but then changed his mind and fled in the stolen vehicle.

During the 5-mile pursuit, Howder failed to stop for four red lights and reached speeds of over 100 mph. The pursuit ended when Howder lost control of the vehicle and struck a pole, sending the vehicle

flipping through the air. The vehicle landed upside down in a ditch off Blanco Road at Armstrong. Howder's female passenger was killed in the collision.

The Honorable Jennifer O'Keefe presided over the three-day trial. Howder's convictions are considered a third strike under California's three strikes law. Based on Howder's prior strike convictions, Howder faces a state prison sentence of 25 years to life when he is sentenced on Feb. 9, 2023.

The case was investigated by Scaggs and Monterey County District Attorney investigator Terri Edwards.

The case was prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office automobile insurance fraud unit.

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Woman files suit, claims years of sex assault at private school

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER York School student has filed a lawsuit against the private school alleging that officials were aware that a male teacher was sexually molesting her while she was a pupil there in the early 1970s but did nothing to stop it.

In a civil complaint filed Dec. 27, 2022, Candace Bell alleges that when she 16 and 17 years old and a boarder at the Monterey school, a teacher, whom she does not identify, sexually abused her, sometimes in his office.

“On repeated occasions from 1970 through 1972, the perpetrator teacher used his position of authority over Bell to engage in unlawful sexual battery, including statutory rape, among other tortious misconduct, resulting in injuries and damages to

Bell,” her suit says.

The teacher, Bell says, “used his position of trust and authority” to groom and abuse Bell and forced her to engage in sexual acts without her consent and despite her “verbally and physically resisting him.”

‘Concealed’

While the unidentified man “openly displayed sexual grooming conduct” with students, York School officials “failed to intervene to stop the abuse,” warn parents and reprimand the teacher, she contends.

The “teacher’s abuse was known to” York School, which Bell refers to as “Doe 1” in her complaint. “Doe 1 ignored this information, dismissed it, and concealed the reported abuse from Bell’s parents and

See **LAWSUIT** page 16A

Turner sentenced in doc’s murder

By KELLY NIX

IN NOVEMBER 2022, a former Salinas resident and Playboy model admitted her role in killing a Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula psychiatrist. Last week, the woman was sentenced by a Nevada judge to a minimum of 10 years in prison.

On Jan. 10, Clark County District Judge Carli Kierny sentenced Kelsey Turner, 29, to prison after she made a deal with prosecutors to enter an “Alford plea,” an arrangement that allows a defendant to avoid admitting guilt to a crime while also conceding that there is enough evidence to convict the person at trial.

Wearing a blue prison jumpsuit and shackled at the hips and wrists, Turner appeared in court to hear her sentence

before deputies led her to back to a county jail.

On March 7, 2019, the body of Dr. Thomas Burchard, 71, was found in the trunk of former Monterey County resident Kelsey Turner’s abandoned Mercedes in the desert outside Las Vegas. He had been beaten to death.

‘Manipulative’

Turner’s then-boyfriend, Jon Logan Kennison, was accused of striking Burchard with a baseball bat before putting the bat and his body into the Mercedes. An examination of the doctor’s body revealed he had defensive wounds. Kennison pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and other charges last year and was sentenced to a

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PASTOR BUYS ANOTHER PROPERTY

By MARY SCHLEY

MONACO BUSINESSMAN Patrice Pastor added to his considerable Carmel portfolio earlier this month when he purchased a commercial property on Lincoln Street for \$6.2 million, according to records at the Monterey County Assessor's Office.

Pastor bought the commercial property south of Ocean that includes The Cottage restaurant, apartments and other retail space from longtime owner Richard Wagner, with escrow closing Jan. 3.

Pastor purchased the complex under the name of his local company, Esperanza Carmel.

Esperanza Carmel has now accumulated nearly \$90 million worth of residential and commercial properties in the city and beyond over the past seven years, among them Rocky Point restaurant in November 2021 for \$8 million, the Eastwood Building on San Carlos and the property next door for \$11.2 million, L'Auberge Carmel at Monte Verde and Seventh for \$13 million and The Pit at Dolores and Fifth for \$9 million. He also owns three homes on Scenic (one of which has since been demolished to make way for a swimming pool), two commercial buildings on Dolores and one on Ocean, an office and apartment on

Seventh, and the Colonial Terrace Inn at San Antonio and 13th, which he's since rebranded the Carmel Beach Resort and is in the process of remodeling.

Pastor has several projects underway, including his longstanding efforts to develop the blighted property at Dolores and Fifth and his ongoing campaign to turn the property south of the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse into a useful development.

'Fits well'

The great-grandson of the founder of construction company J.B. Pastor & Fils, Pastor has run the family business — which now focuses on real estate development — since 1995, overseeing more than 100 luxury real estate development projects in Monaco and London. He is particularly fond of Carmel.

"We had the opportunity to purchase this lovely property which fits well with our existing portfolio in Carmel," Esperanza Carmel managing director Chris Mitchell said of Pastor's acquisition of the Wagner building. "We have no major development plans for this property; however, we will look to upgrade the quality of the building, including the refurbishment of the existing apartments, improving the facades of the commercial units, and attending to various general maintenance requirements."

Ordinance banning fractional ownership delayed again

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER CITY attorney Brian Pierik made some last-minute tweaks to a proposed ordinance updating the ban on timeshares to specifically include fractional home ownership, the city council again decided to put off possible adoption of the law, this time to the February meeting.

"The proposed ordinance confirms the existing prohibition of timeshares and adds new prohibitions with respect to advertisement and sale of timeshares and fractional interest ownerships," according to planning director Brandon Swanson, with clearer language confirming that timeshares and fractional interest ownerships, "are treated identically under the existing city code." Owning or advertising a share in a house could garner fines and other punishment from the city, according to the proposed ordinance.

Because the hearing was already on the agenda, even though it wouldn't be held, Mayor Dave Potter invited people to comment on the continuance if they wished.

Part-time resident William Hanson, who splits his time between here and Wisconsin, said allowing fractional ownership could lead to legalizing short-term rentals,

and he urged the council to adopt the ordinance when it comes up for discussion.

"We do support the updates proposed in this ordinance with regard to these timeshare items and appreciate the tightening of the language," Carmel Residents Association board member Nancy Twomey said.

Criminalizing

Andreas Madsen, chief revenue officer for Pacaso — a company that sells fractional ownerships and manages shared homes — called in to "reiterate my commitment and Pacaso's commitment to working with the city" and acknowledged the firm should have been communicating with the city on the issue much earlier in the process.

"In the past few months, I've had some great conversations with city staff and members of the community," he said, and requested the chance to perhaps hold a community forum to get more feedback from residents and business owners before the council takes up the matter again.

The government and community affairs director for the Monterey County

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FUNDRAISER LAUNCHED FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTY BATTLING LYMPHOMA

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY County Sheriff's deputy who spent a decade helping keep citizens safe before she was diagnosed with cancer last year said she's determined to beat the disease and return to her job. Meanwhile, a law enforcement group has started a fundraiser to help the single mom pay her bills.

Deputy Nora Fausto, 36, believed she was in good health until she began experiencing some physical issues, including extreme fatigue, loss of appetite and headaches. She also felt "small lumps" in her throat. A visit to her doctor led to tests and a subsequent diagnosis in May 2022 of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer that attacks the lymphatic system.

"I mentioned extreme fatigue because I was used to working 16-hour shifts and I'd never felt that tired," Fausto, of Soledad, told The Pine Cone.

The diagnosis forced Fausto to take leave from her job to concentrate on her health. She's on her 12th chemotherapy session.

"The doctors told me after one scan that [the cancer] had been spreading, but I've had a few more chemo treatments since then, and the next scan is at the end of this month," Fausto explained. "Hopefully I will get good news."

Fausto is optimistic she'll beat the disease, and she plans on returning to her deputy sheriff job once she's done that.

"I have everything to fight for, and I will," she said.

Donations trickling in

In the meantime, however, Fausto's bills are growing. No longer working, she's responsible for paying her own medical insurance premium — which amounts to more than \$2,000 per month for her and her two children — and pay for medical expenses not covered by her plan. A recent weeklong admission to the hospital for pneumonia didn't help her financial outlook. While the bill hasn't come in yet, her share could be costly.

Deputies in the sheriff's office held a fundraiser for Fausto in December. "My own department stepped up," she said. "I feel like they are my family, as well."

And the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Monterey County — the union that represents deputies — launched an online fundraiser a couple weeks ago in hopes of raising at least \$75,000 for Fausto. The group posted the fundraiser on the Peace Officers Research Association of



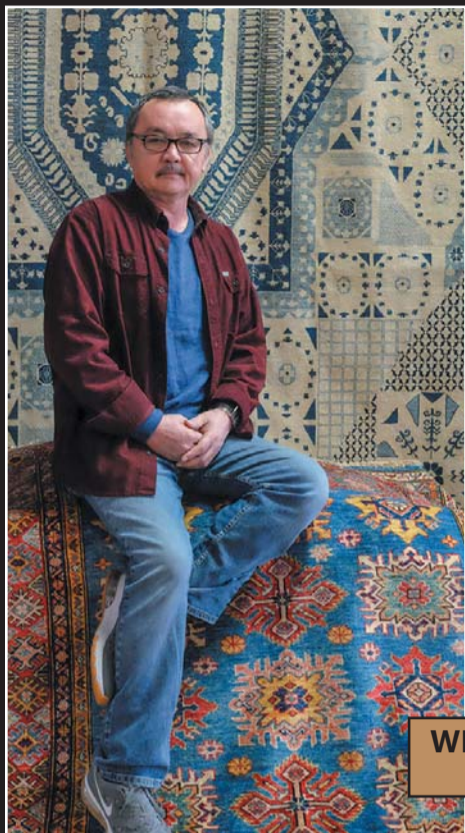
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Nora Fausto, who has lymphoma, is optimistic she'll beat the disease, but her bills are piling up. A fundraiser was started to help.

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Amid controversy, P.G.'s 'diversity' task force gets three new members

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Council appointed three new members to the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force during a contentious meeting Wednesday night in which friends of an incumbent — who was originally not selected to serve a second term — pleaded for her to be reappointed.

Mayor Bill Peake, tasked with recommending to the city council who should be on the five-member DEI task force, did not recommend incumbents Kim Bui and chair Tina Rau be reappointed, but he did reappoint Nadja Mark. The three incumbents had applied for second terms, while two other incumbents, Edward Juarez-Lefevre and Kristy Markowitz, did not reapply.

Appointed after all

However, at Wednesday night's city council meeting, several friends and supporters of Bui petitioned for her to be reappointed, saying she's a good representative for Pacific Grove's Asian American citizens.

Their wishes were met when council members — while fixing an error in the ordinance regarding task force members' terms — decided to appoint Bui to the panel, upon a motion by councilman Luke Coletti. Bui and Mark will serve on the task force until January 2024.

The council then appointed applicants Katherine Hoops, Juan Mosquera and Donna Stevens to serve on the DEI task force until January 2025.

Peake said Wednesday that the city had an extraordinary number of qualified people apply for the task force and other city panels this time around. Council members Wednesday night also appointed members to several city commissions and committees, but with much less controversy.

The passions over who should be on the DEI task force first erupted at the group's Jan. 9 meeting after Mark learned that several of her colleagues would no longer be serving.

"I surprisingly have tears," Mark said during the online meeting. "Not just because I respect every one of my peers, but I'm a little bit enraged and indignant that the best of us were not tapped to come back."

However, incumbent members of the task force and other city committees and commissions are not guaranteed subsequent terms. In an agenda report to the city council this week, Peake explained why regular changes on the panels are good for Pacific Grove and its residents.

"Incumbents are not automatically reappointed, as that would defeat the purpose of terms, which create opportunities for others to serve and provide alternative perspectives," Peake said.

'Less divisive'

Resident Carol Marquart at the Jan. 9 meeting echoed a growing number of residents' concerns that the DEI task force is only inclusive and accepting of citizens who are in lockstep with its goals, and she called for new members to replace the incumbents.

"I'd like to see a new group of people with the same passion that you have — only less divisive," Marquart said at the meeting.

For example, after it was discovered late last year that Rau had mocked Catholics and other Christians in a Twitter post, Rau doubled down on the comment and initially refused to apologize. Her task force colleagues also refused at first to condemn the anti-Christian comments — which

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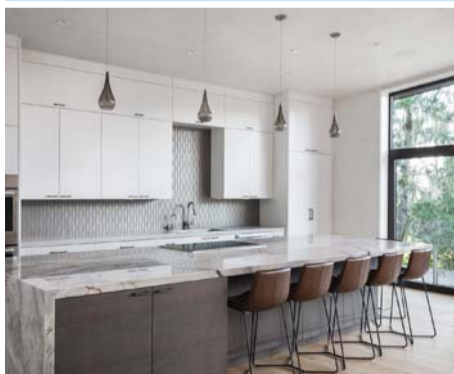


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Afghan refugees settle into new Marina home

By ELAINE HESSER

THIS TIME last year, it was a dry and sunny 80 degrees or so in Abu Dhabi, where Nazir and Samra Noory were living in a refugee camp with their two daughters. They had fled their middle-class home in Kabul, Afghanistan, with three suitcases, and the refugee camp became their home for the next eight months.

Nazir's business worked with the U.S. military, and even before the Americans left in August (with him and his family not far behind), he and Samra received threats from the Taliban in the mail, by phone and in person, warning them to join the Taliban or die. But that was more than 7,000 miles from their new lives, Nazir's job in accounts payable at CSUMB, and the Marina townhome they moved into the week after Christmas.

The most joyful change was the arrival of baby Sadiya in mid-July. Her sisters, Salwa, age 5, and Zalo, 7, love to dote on her, as do her parents and their closest American friends — a circle of sponsors led by Marina resident Bob Brunson. They brought the family to the Peninsula and has shepherded them from their arrival, to a temporary church-supplied house where they stayed during the fall, and finally, to the university's subsidized housing in Marina.

The sponsors — along with more than 100 donors — have provided \$40,000 in cash, plus cars, furniture and a genuinely warm welcome over the past six months.

Chaos, violence

The Noorys recalled a hair-raising bus ride to the airport in Kabul, where members of the Taliban were literally beating people away with sticks. When they first arrived in Monterey, Samra and the two older girls were frightened by the sound of sirens — a holdover from the chaotic last weeks in the capital. Samra said that back then, when Nazir went to work, she feared he might not make it home.

She doesn't worry about that anymore. In fact, the scariest thing Samra's been through lately is learning to drive.



PHOTO/ELAINE HESSER

(From left) Zalo, baby Sadiya, and Salwa Noory with their parents, Samra and Nazir, recently moved into a long-term home in Marina.

"I never had to before," she said, describing the written test as "tricky." "The English was easy for me to read," she said, but the content was tough.

Then she took to the road — "I thought, 'This is a nightmare, how can other people drive?'" — but she learned and got her license. Now she can take Sadiya to the doctor, go shopping and take care of everyday errands.

Zalo entered school at La Mesa in the fall as a second-grader, which was concerning, since she didn't finish first grade in Afghanistan. But with the help of tutors who came to the house over the summer, she's doing well, especially in math. Education is important to Samra and Nazir, who compared his daughters' life here to what they

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would have faced in Kabul.

“They are girls, and they can study. In Afghanistan, they would not be able to study or work, or even travel without family members. They cannot live a normal life. Our kids will study here and have a bright future.”

Nazir said that he will make sure they know how they got here. “I will tell them why we came out and how we came out and left our country. I’m sure they remember the last days. We were facing the Taliban everywhere.”

Samra added, “There was a time in the car when the Taliban army was on one side of the road and the Afghani army was on the other side, and we were passing

between them,” as they fired on each other. “They both remember that.”

For Christmas, the Monterey Police Department brought Santa with a large bag of toys to the family at their former home in Monterey, and the girls were fascinated by the police officers. “Salwa keeps saying, ‘I want to be a cop,’” laughed Samra. The sponsors provided a Christmas tree and ornaments, too.

Their new home has three bedrooms and a backyard where the girls can play, and the family seems has started taking the first steps toward eventual citizenship.

When prompted, Nazir said of Kabul, “Of course, I miss a lot of things,” including the culture, friends and extended family members. “But now, we are learning a new culture,” he insisted.

The family has some financial needs, and if you’d like to donate, you can do so at gofund.me/e9f455c2.

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California’s website.

“Deputy Nora Fausto is an amazing hard working deputy who is always there for her coworkers and family,” according to the sheriff’s association. “Her prognosis is good, but she needs our help to continue. Please help us help Nora.”

Donations are trickling in. As of this Wednesday, only \$7,125 had been raised toward the \$75,000 goal.

Jeff Woods, who operates YouTube channel California Republic, talked about Fausto in a recent video. Woods also informed the media of her story in hopes more people would donate to her fund.

“It bothers me that people haven’t stepped up to help her when she’s willing to help [the public] in a moment’s notice,” Woods said.

The Peace Officers Research Association of California, composed of local, state

and federal law enforcement agencies, said that “100 percent of donation proceeds will” go to the sheriff’s association for Fausto’s expenses.

Fausto said she wanted to tell her story to encourage others to get checked by their doctor if they’re experiencing changes in their health.

Help needed

In Fausto’s case, physicians discovered the disease when it was in stage 2. While most people diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in that phase survive the disease, there are no guarantees, and the episode has been emotionally and physically stressful.

Fortunately, Fausto has a lot of support from her friends and family, including her 12- and 13-year-old kids.

“I couldn’t be more grateful,” she said. “God is great and he has sent me so many good people in my life and they are checking on me. And it helps, it really does.”

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Big slide south of county line cuts off Highway 1

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE rain letting up after weeks of wet winter weather, road crews are working on clearing Highway 1 in Big Sur from the north. But it could be awhile before the route is open all the way to Hearst Castle and Cambria.

A "significant" slide is covering both lanes of traffic near Ragged Point, a hamlet located just inside the San Luis Obispo county line.

"The highway is impassible at this location and is expected to be closed for several weeks to months," Caltrans reported.

The state roads agency warned pedestrians to keep their distance from the slide.

"It is not permissible or safe to go across the slide area on foot," the agency reported. "The public is asked to refrain from approaching the area surrounding this slide."

Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans told The Pine Cone that

clearing the slide at Ragged Point is a top priority for his agency, but they have to proceed with caution. The work will begin at the top of the slide, and a power pole will need to be removed first.

"We would like to be able to open it as soon as possible so crews and supplies can get in," Drabinski said. "But there's instability in the slide, and we always prioritize safety."

Stranded down the coast

Longtime Big Sur resident Peggy Horan, who lives south of the closure, told the newspaper that she and her family are unable to get essential items because they can't drive on Highway 1.

"We're running low on supplies like gasoline, propane, food and prescription medications," Horan said. "We're not starving and we're better off than others — there are people who are out of propane, so they can't cook or get



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Numerous recent slides like this one have made it difficult for Caltrans to reopen Highway 1 along Big Sur's South Coast.

heat. People are running out of everything. It's a really a bad situation."

On Monday, Highway 1 was closed from the elephant seal lookout in San Luis Obispo County to just south of Deetjen's — a distance of about 45 miles. But by Tuesday afternoon, after two slides were cleared, the northern end of the closure was moved to just south of Esalen, making another 11 miles of the road accessible, along with the popular workshop and hot springs retreat. Esalen reopened Tuesday after a two-week closure.

Caltrans announced it is still assessing whether it's feasible to bring a supply convoy to those who live along sections of the highway that are cut off.

"The road has sustained new damage in several areas which will need to be assessed to determine when a convoy will be viable," the agency said.

Wet weather closes trails

Also in Big Sur, nearly every hiking trail is closed. Earlier this week, the United States Forest Service closed all of its trails in Big Sur and elsewhere. "Officials today issued a 60-day closure order for four ranger districts in response to the extreme winter storm that delivered punishing rain and wind across the forest this week," the federal agency

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By Susana DeFatima Silva, MA, Co-Founder/Proprietor/Managing Partner Test of Tyme, LLC, #1022805
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Would you like to enjoy the kitchen of your dreams at your home? Here are some ideas to consider from Test of Tyme, a full service construction company that works with many Carmel and Pebble Beach homeowners. To create a more elegant room, why not add "surrounds" for your refrigerator and dishwasher made out of beautiful stained wood or another attractive material. Custom cabinetry can achieve wonders!

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entertain family and friends.

Lighting is important for the food prep but incorporate a few choices so you can create different lighting levels in your kitchen. There are many antique and colorful glass fixtures available, plus you may want to go all out with a crystal chandelier or two.

Enhance your kitchen from floor to ceiling. How about adding beautiful hardwood plank floors or special tiles? Don't forget about the ceilings. You may choose to install custom coffered ceilings, beams and crown moldings to create an eye-catching and elegant look. Unique custom windows and doors will be another great choice to consider maximizing both the light and

visual interest.

Add some great artwork that works with your decor such as a frieze or mural to create a fantastic kitchen where you'd like to spend more time surrounded by your favorite types of art. Bring the outdoors inside with an array of orchids or other flowers and plants, including potted herbs you'll use in meal preparation.

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residents, Buikema noted that no sewage was spilled, and once repairs are complete, the infrastructure will be more secure than it was before.

Several hundred yards of Scenic Road remain closed to motorists, bicyclists and walkers due to the dangerous conditions.

Bad memories of '08

The erosion undermining Scenic Road brings back memories of 2008, when the river migrated so close that it destroyed a portion of the Carmel River State Beach parking lot and its restrooms.

Many blamed the disaster on the National Marine Fisheries Service, which required the county to cut a northwesterly channel in the Carmel River Lagoon Sandbar to release floodwaters from the swelling lagoon. But the channel quickly moved toward the bluff and undermined the road.

County spokesperson Maia Carroll told The Pine Cone a complete assessment of the damage may take "several weeks." She said the assessment will examine "potential options and associated costs for FEMA funding requests."

"There are so many storm assessments being gathered right now," Carroll said.

A one-time Carmel resident who now lives in Monterey,



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Days after the recent storms had passed, trees were still coming down in neighborhoods throughout the Monterey Peninsula, including this one Sunday in Pacific Grove.

Charles Beren placed some of the blame for the troubles along Scenic Road on the county for not addressing the situation sooner. He said there's simply too much deferred maintenance of county roads.

"These things don't happen overnight," Beren said. "It's impossible to go anywhere in the county and not see the bad condition of our roads."

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announced.

Trails in state parks are also closed, at least for now.

"Big Sur state parks continue to be closed until further notice while staff works to clean up and repair storm damage," state parks posted on social media. "We are assessing conditions daily, and with more rain on the way, we will post updates as they are available."

How wet has Big Sur been of late? According to National Weather Service forecaster Alexis Clouser, 42.94 inches of rain was recorded from Dec. 26 through Jan. 18 on Three Peaks, a remote peak in the Santa Lucia Mountains. At another distant site, Chalk Peak, just under 38 inches of moisture was recorded over the span.

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three hard-hit counties — Sacramento, Merced and Santa Cruz — last week, and followed up by adding Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties late Tuesday. Now, those counties can seek money and help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“The declaration will open federal assistance to people and businesses in Monterey County affected by the county’s 2023 winter storms,” county communications coordinator Maia Carroll said. “Storm victims can apply for assistance if their home or business sustained storm-related damage. Assistance includes grants, low-cost loans or other programs.”

Property damage can be reported through the county’s damage assessment survey at arcg.is/1Pefe11.

City damages

“Our expectation is that damages in the city will exceed \$1.5 million,” Rerig said last week. Major items that need repair include damaged streets, broken stairways and boardwalks at the beach, rutted pathways, and parks full of downed trees and blocked paths, not to mention leaky city buildings and other infrastructure issues.

“The genesis of this item is so we can apply for reimbursement of some of our expenditures,” he said, including the copious amounts of overtime worked by police officers and public works employees during the storms, which kicked off on New Year’s Eve and were fairly unrelenting in the 15 days that followed, bringing numerous systems with high winds and more than 10 inches of rain.

When Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew predicted last week that the Monterey Peninsula would become an “island” for several days because of

flooding along the Salinas River, interim Police Chief Jeff Watkins booked six rooms at the Hofsas House hotel for workers who might not be able to make it home.

“We only had to pay if we used them,” Rerig said. “But with the potential last week of the Peninsula becoming an island, we wanted to make sure our staff had somewhere safe and warm and secure to stay.”

Rerig called the storms “a historic event” and noted it’s been a quarter-century “since we sustained something this significant.” He said he was pleased no one was hurt in the most recent storms, and praised residents and city employees who worked together to make it through.

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito wanted the proclamation to mention damage in Mission Trail park, where fallen trees and swollen streams have blocked and damaged trails, but city attorney Brian Pierik said the document is intentionally broad.

“This resolution is broad enough to encompass any damage that this storm or storms that come after this cause the city,” he said.

Mayor Dave Potter suggested the county and the city join forces to fix a badly damaged stretch of Scenic Road above River Beach, since city residents and tourists frequently use the road, even though it’s located in the county, and Pierik said city officials could pursue that if they wanted to.

The council unanimously voted to adopt the resolution. It will have to revisit the issue every 30 days to determine whether the emergency still exists, according to Pierik.

Tree tally

At last Thursday’s forest and beach commission meeting, city forester Sara Davis said crews responded to 88 sites for fallen trees and other problems during the storms.

Her tally included 38 public trees down and three dozen “branch incidents” involving city trees.

“I have record of 14 private tree problems, but I don’t

hear about those all of the time,” she said.

Davis said she was aware of seven structures that were hit by trees, along with one car — the dramatically crushed vehicle at Junipero and Seventh.

“Of all of our cases that we worked on, in 24 of those, PG&E was involved,” she added.

The “hot spot” in town that saw the most destruction stretched from First to Fourth avenue between Torres and Guadalupe, according to Davis. “That’s where the largest number of trees came down,” she said, and many residents were without power for several days as a result.

She said city crews and tree contractors focused on clearing designated evacuation routes out of town first and then getting to work on the rest of the problems.

“I think we’ve done a pretty good job,” she said.

This week, some streets were closed in anticipation of dangerous trees being taken down, and many of the streets were lined with tree debris, cut branches and trunks, and yellow caution tape.

DIVERSITY

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some called hypocritical considering the task force promotes “diversity and inclusion.”

Resident Janet Cohen acknowledged Rau’s social media post, but was dismayed that she was not “given the chance to continue with the panel.” Cohen also called Peake’s initial decision to not reappoint Bui a “sad, disheartening act of injustice.”

The DEI task force is perhaps best known for getting Pacific Grove’s longstanding Feast of Lanterns festival canceled over claims by some residents — including several who had proudly participated in the event — that it was racist.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222546
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ICE CREAM BOX, 3350 Del Monte Blvd, Apt. 18, Marina, CA 93933.**

Registered Owner(s): CHARLIE DAVID WALKER III, 3350 Del Monte Blvd., Apt. 18, Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 30, 2022.

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S/Charlie David Walker III
Date signed: Dec. 30, 2022.

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Publication Dates: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023. (PC 108)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230011
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **APG TILE & STONE FABRICATION, 698 Ortiz Ave., Sand City, California 93955-3525.**

Mailing address: 45 Ralston Drive, Monterey, California 93940
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ANG TILE AND STONE LLC, 698 Ortiz Ave., Sand City, California 93955-3525. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 12, 2023.

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S/Albert Giustiniani, CEO
Date: Jan. 4, 2023.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CV004039
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, AHNA RUBY MILLER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, AHNA RUBY MILLER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

TRUE AND CORRECT.

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Publication dates: Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 2023. (PC 117)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230063
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VALLEY PRO SHINE, 24670 Avenida Principal, Salinas, CA 93908.**

Registered Owner(s): KIRK BERNARD WILSON, 24670 Avenida Principal, Salinas, CA 93908. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 10, 2023.

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S/Kirk Bernard Wilson
Date signed: Jan. 10, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230067
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CARTER CONSTRUCTION, 1891 Lancashire Dr., Salinas, CA 93906.**

Registered Owner(s): RUSSELL FRED CARTER, 1891 Lancashire Dr., Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 12, 2011.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Russell Carter
Date signed: Jan. 10, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230072
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY TRUST MANAGEMENT, 26435 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Ste. 100, Carmel, CA 93923.**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 22320, Carmel, CA 93922.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: LHW ENTERPRISES, INC. 26435 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Ste. 100, Carmel, CA 93923. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA.
This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 25, 2017.

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S/Liza Denise Horvath, President
Date: Jan. 10, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230104
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EL RODEO MEXICAN FOOD AND BAKERY, 303 Front St., Suite 101, Salinas, CA 93901.**

Registered Owner(s): MARIA DEL PILAR TAPIA TORRALBA, 303 Front St., Suite 101, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2023.

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S/Maria Del Pilar Tapia Torralba
Date signed: Jan. 13, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ON BASE LEADERSHIP TRAINING, 408 Calle Principal, Monterey, CA 93940.**

Registered Owner(s): EDWIN DALE SMITH, 1231 Pacific St., Monterey, CA 93940.
SHARRON ELAINE SMITH, 1231 Pacific St., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by a married couple.

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S/Edwin D. Smith
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APN: 169-261-017-000 TS No.: 22-03644CA TSG Order No.: 220442667-CA-VOI
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded March 1, 2006 as Document No.: 2006018817 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by: Kimberly A. Briggs and Chandler C. Briggs, who are married to each other, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier’s check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: February 14, 2023 Sale Time: 10:00 AM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. File No.: 22-03644CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 25871 Elinore Pl, Carmel, CA 93923. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an “AS IS” condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$94,045.28 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these

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highly recommended as a temporary replacement, according to Knight. "Joe is a highly experienced retired administrator" who started out as a math and science teacher in Duarte and went on to serve in various districts as vice principal, principal, staff development director, assistant superintendent and superintendent.

"In his retirement, he is serving as a management consultant and coach and has served interim principal positions in high school and elementary school," Knight said. His education and training include a doctorate in educational management from the University of Laverne, a master's degree in school administration from CSU Fullerton, and a bachelor's degree in psychology and biology with a minor in

chemistry from CSU Los Angeles.

Short-timer

Rudnicki was on campus this week, touring the grounds and meeting staff and students, according to Knight. The school's two vice principals, Craig Tuana and Debbi Puente, have been overseeing CHS since Lyons' departure and will "still continue to do more than their fair share, I'm sure," Knight said.

Knight said Rudnicki was on a list of eligible interims and is ideal, since the district is not looking for a long-term solution at this point.

"In a situation like this, you want somebody who's retired," he said, because "you're not going to expect someone who's in a vice principal job to leave and take a job when they might not be here in a week."

Retirees with state pensions are limited to working no more than 960 hours per

year, and in the principal's job, the time can rack up quickly.

"He'll work as long as we need him or until he maxes out," Knight said. Rudnicki is being paid \$18,279 per month. According to the state, he is also collecting annual retirement. In 2021, he received \$162,342 from the California Teachers Retirement System.

"Right now, we're just putting someone in who we know can support us over the next couple of months, and we'll see where we end up with this leave," Knight said. "We're really excited to have someone of his caliber here. He's hopping right in to make sure everyone feels safe and supported."

At Wednesday night's Carmel Unified School District Board of Education meeting, trustee Anne Marie Rosen mentioned meeting Rudnicki during a visit to the high school earlier in the day.

"It's amazing: He was shell shocked

and still was able to handle himself with composure," she said. "I don't know how he did it."

No one else at the meeting mentioned Rudnicki or Lyons.

It's unknown if or when Lyons, who was hired as principal in July 2019, will return. He began teaching high school in 1997 and held jobs as assistant principal and principal at several Southern California high schools before coming to Carmel High. Before coming to Carmel, he was assistant principal at La Cañada High School. Lyons has a master's degree in educational leadership, a B.A. in communications, and teaching credentials in social science and English.

He replaced outgoing principal Rick Lopez at CHS and took the reins with an annual salary of \$170,189, plus health insurance and other benefits. In 2021, he received \$200,027 in total pay and \$51,596 in benefits.

BIRDS

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It's unclear why the numerous storms are causing the birds to become ill, but the SPCA has a few theories.

"We don't know for sure, but a sudden issue like this during severe winter storms can be caused by a few things," Brookhouser said. "It could be their feeding method. Phalaropes create small vortexes by spinning in circles and pecking at prey on or at the surface of the water."

It's also possible, she said, that the storms have made it too difficult for the birds to execute their feeding method or that their prey is not available because of the extreme weather. The birds eat plankton, small insects and aquatic invertebrates,

according to the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

"Or, it could be too windy for them," Brookhouser explained. "The high winds could be knocking them off course when they try to fly and they get lost or in a location not suitable for them. For example, one was found in Cachagua and others were found in people's backyards instead of along the shoreline."

Whatever the reason for their poor health, SPCA Wildlife Center staff is treating the small birds so they can be released back into the wild.

The SPCA has also treated a few other types of seabirds, such as cormorants, murrelets, scoters, turnstones, and grebes that Brookhouser said "were likely impacted by the storm, but not quite as many as the phalaropes."

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SLIDE

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to do that.

“Our plan is to get a geotechnical engineer out there to assess it and see what we can do to prevent it sliding any further,” Harty told The Pine Cone Thursday afternoon.

However, after the initial slide, he said the ground was still shifting, and that officials would have to wait until it’s stopped before they can perform an assessment.

“Right now, a big piece of land is sliding away from those homes,” Harty said. “They are uphill from the slide. We want to stop it from creeping up” toward the houses.

A large blue home on Dry Creek Road that’s less than 100 feet from the top of the slide area looked particularly at risk for potential damage if more ground gives way.

Skyline Forest resident Michael Troutman — a photographer for The Pine Cone — said the landslide and other damage to Skyline Forest due to this year’s storms are astounding.

“I was absolutely flabbergasted by the magnitude of this geologic slump in Skyline Forest,” Troutman said Thursday. “I’ve lived here since 1968 and never seen anything like that up here before. We are used to playing pine tree roulette during the big winter storms, but this has taken things to a whole new level.”

Skyline Forest has often taken painful hits from powerful storms. During previous storms, trees have fallen onto Troutman’s house and a neighbor’s house, and a woman was killed in January 2017 when she drove into a downed tree on Skyline Drive not far from where this week’s slide occurred.

Troutman said there are multiple trees at the slide area that are “on the brink of falling,” including some pines

that are precariously teetering against standing pines, and photos of the area depict that.

The blue house worried Troutman, who said “if we have more major storms this winter,” it could “really be in jeopardy.”

Another landslide occurred Jan. 14 on Highway 68 north of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Crews removed the ground and debris.

More outages

The dry and sunny weather for much of this week on the Peninsula gave some residents the idea that no more power outages were on the immediate horizon. But on Wednesday, PG&E reported that many customers in Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach and Monterey were without power.

One of them was former P.G. Mayor Carmelita Garcia, who told city council members during their meeting Wednesday night that she was without power and didn’t know why, although she noted that a tree had fallen near her home.

“I would really like to know what’s going on, because I’m really fed up,” Garcia said. She decided to come to the council meeting because her internet was out.

The power was restored to most of the affected areas on the Peninsula by Thursday morning.

Pacific Grove administrative services director Tori Hannah told council members that the city incurred about \$300,000 in damages to city property. Officials from the state’s Office of Emergency Services, FEMA and the city were expected to meet to go over the damage Thursday before noon. The city had about \$30,000 in overtime for workers because of the storm.

Monterey County officials have estimated there has been about \$30 million in public infrastructure damage, including to roads, buildings, bridges and other facilities.

Meanwhile, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that the White House had included Monterey County in its Presidential Major Disaster declaration, which originally only included the counties of Santa Cruz, Merced and Sacramento. The designation makes federal funding available for Monterey County residents impacted by storm damage.

“Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster,” according to the White House.

U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta accompanied President Joe Biden Thursday during an assessment of the storm damage in Santa Cruz county.

BAN

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Association of Realtors, Adam Pinterits, said the ordinance would violate private property rights.

“If people choose to co-own a home, and let’s say they’re family members and then text each other” to discuss taking turns using the house, “under this ordinance, doesn’t that constitute them doing something illegal?” he asked. “And even if it wouldn’t be enforced upon them, does that not become an ambiguous and vague and discretionary application of the law?”

Denver, Colo., resident Mike Coughlin and his wife, Anne, have been visiting Carmel since they were married here 29 years ago and own a quarter of the Dolores Street Pacaso house that sparked the discussion and legal sparring between the company and the city. He said he and his wife spend a few months in Carmel each year, usually a month at a time, and he implored the council to meet with co-owners before adopting an ordinance “that would effectively criminalize the shared ownership of homes in Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

“There are hundreds of us who co-own a share of a home in Carmel,” he said. “We are passionate about Carmel, we’re defenders of Carmel’s character, and we look forward to having a discussion with you in the month that’s created by this extension.”

LAWSUIT

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from law enforcement, and took no action to prevent further ongoing abuse of Bell while she was enrolled as a student.”

The lawsuit goes on to say that the “ongoing sexual relationship between the perpetrator teacher and Bell was common knowledge” among York School officials and the administration.

Bell recounts in her civil complaint an instance when the teacher invited her to stay in his on-campus house and she “woke up in the middle of the night with the perpetrator teacher on top of her.”

York school officials did not respond to questions from The Pine Cone.

‘Humiliation’

The abuse left Bell with ongoing emotional distress, disgrace, humiliation, loss of enjoyment of life, and she will “continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining full enjoyment of life,” according to the complaint filed for her by her San Francisco attorneys.

Besides sexual abuse and battery of a minor, Bell alleges negligent hiring and supervision, false imprisonment, negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress. She’s seeking an unspecified amount in monetary damages exceeding \$25,000, including punitive damages.

Although the alleged sexual abuse against Bell occurred about five decades ago, California in 2020 expanded the statute of limitations for sexual assault victims, allowing them to file claims for damages in such cases.

SENTENCED

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maximum of 45 years in prison.

Kennison’s lawyers blamed Turner for Burchard’s murder, calling her a “master manipulator he could not rebuff.”

Former Caesars Palace bartender Diana Pena in June 2019 pleaded guilty to being an accessory to Burchard’s murder. Pena testified to a grand jury that she witnessed Kennison hit Burchard with the baseball bat in the Las Vegas home she shared with Kennison and Turner. Instead of taking Burchard to a hospital, Pena said Turner — who was angry about images and messages she found on Burchard’s phone — told Kennison to hit the doctor again.

Turner, who appeared in Playboy Italia and Maxim magazine and worked at the former Cooper’s Pub & Restaurant on Cannery Row, was in a sexual relationship with Burchard, who was paying her rent. The physician, who lived off Laureles Grade, went to Las Vegas to tell Turner he would no longer be funding her lifestyle when he was murdered, according to police.

Susan ‘Susie’ Frier Nichols

Susan ‘Susie’ Frier Nichols, 63, passed from this life on January 7, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer over the past 18 months. She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Chuck Nichols; daughter, Brittney (Anthony) Verdugo; sons, James (Mary-Alice) Nichols and Jeffrey (Kelsey) Nichols; grandchildren, Isabella, Royce, Penelope and a baby girl on the way. She is also survived by her father, Don Frier (Barbara); brothers, Jim (Sue) Frier and Ricky (Caroline) Frier; nieces, Erin (Neal) Ohlendorf, Virginia Zech; nephews, Pete (Wendy) Frier, Jack (Lucy) Zech and Bob Zech; mother-in-law Virginia Nichols, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She is predeceased in death by her mother, Dorothy Cooke Frier, and father-in-law Graydon Nichols.

Susan was born on July 21, 1959, in Alexandria, Virginia, to Donald Adams Frier and Dorothy Cooke Frier while her father was finishing dental school at Georgetown University. They moved the family to San Rafael, CA when Susie was 2 years old. On a whim, Susie’s father purchased a family cabin at South Lake Tahoe and it wasn’t long before the family relocated there permanently.

Susie began snow skiing when very young. She was very active on ski teams and earned the nickname “Susie Perfect” during her years on the high school ski team. Early in life, she fell in love with horses and competed in western riding competitions throughout her youth.

Susie was a natural leader and a friend to everyone from an early age. From orchestrating the beginnings of cheerleading squads to homecoming queen to honor roll, she was truly a woman of many talents, and led with a smile – the kind you never forget.

She attended UC Davis where she met her husband of 40 years, Chuck Nichols. Susie graduated with a degree in agricultural economics and a minor in graphic design. While at UC Davis, Susie worked as a lifeguard and played water polo her senior year.

After college, Susie and Chuck traveled to Europe together. They both settled in Sacramento. Susie worked as a graphic designer for the Sacramento Bee, and they were married in July, 1982. In 1984 they moved to Visalia where they raised their family. Chuck and Susie worked together at Nichols Farms for 35 years.

Susie was a giver by nature and truly believed in giving back to her community. She was active in Food Link, Farm Bureau, Las Madrinas Guild, Kaweah Delta Hospital Foundation Board, Redwood High School Boosters and St. Paul’s School. Perhaps her proudest achievement was the scholarship program she started and nurtured at Nichols Farms.

In addition to Susie’s philanthropic efforts, Susie inherited her family’s love for flying and earned her pilot’s license in 2012. She loved flying and would often co-pilot alongside Chuck.

In 2010, Susie and Chuck purchased a second home in Pebble Beach, where they enjoyed spending time together at the beach, playing tennis, golfing and sharing time with family and friends. It became their home base during her 18-month battle with cancer and a true place of harmony and joy as they enjoyed sunset walks and time together.

To know Susie was to love Susie. She had the gift of making people feel special and gave her undivided attention to them. Susie’s smile was contagious and she possessed a zest for life. She was happiest around her family and especially her three grandchildren (with one on the way). Susie was kind, generous and unassuming. Susie will best be remembered by her unselfish nature and putting everyone she met before herself.

The family will have a private graveside service at the Visalia Cemetery. A celebration of Susie’s life will be held on Saturday, February 25th at the Nichols’ childhood home in Hanford; the present location of Nichols Farms. In lieu of flowers, the Nichols family asks that you kindly consider a donation to the Central California Blood Center at <https://www.donateblood.org/>



'Migrations' opens at museum, Sand City gallery celebrates 'The Old West'

NEW AT the Monterey Museum of Art is "Migrations," an exhibit that captures painter Jane Kim's passion for the natural world.

Kim is a muralist and a scientific illustrator who uses

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

her creativity to explore the "interconnected relationship between humans and nature." She has created several large-scale public art installations, including the Wall of Birds at The Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

"Art is a powerful tool for communication," said the artist, who lives in San Francisco. "It has the ability to touch an individual from all angles — intellectual, visceral, or both. Nature does the same thing."

The show continues through March 26. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.

Also new at the Monterey Museum of Art is the show, "Constructing the Photograph." In it, Diane Pierce and Susan Hyde Greene "manipulate and reimagine the photographic medium." The exhibit will be on display through April 16.

Wake up and paint

Monterey Peninsula plein air painter Laura Lindem, whose latest work can be found at the Nancy Dodds Gallery, uses her brush and easel to capture colorful local scenes. Her favorite subjects include Point Lobos State Reserve and San Juan Bautista.

"I pretty much do all my paintings on the spot," Lindem explained. "I want my paintings to be a record of what I saw on that day."

Lindem said she works quickly when she finds a scene she likes. "When the light changes, you have another

painting, so you have to be quick about it," she said. "It's a challenge, but a fun one." And if a person steps into view, Lindem adds them to the painting. "I leave quite a bit of room in the foreground in case the right person shows up," she explained. "There's something very exciting about painting people in motion."

After living part-time out of state, Lindem recently became a full-time local, giving her even more time to explore the Peninsula's vistas.

"I want to wake up every morning and paint," she added.

Nancy Dodds Gallery is located at San Carlos and Seventh. lauralindem.com

Panels at P.G. Art Center

The Pacific Grove Art Center will be the site of two panel discussions Saturday that delve into fine art photography.

Helaine Glick moderates a talk with photographers Monica Denevan, Richard Murai and Manuello Paganelli at 1 p.m., while Nancy Sevier does the same with photographers Bryant Austin, Chuck Davis, Robin V. Robinson and others at 2 p.m.

Five photography shows are on display at the art center, including "Up Close and Personal," which showcases the work of Denevan, Murai and Paganelli, and "Oceana: Deep Reverence," which includes images by Austin, Davis, Robinson, etc.

The talks are free. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

Cowboys and creativity

Six photographers offer different perspectives on "The Old West" in a show that opens Saturday at the Sylvan Gallery in Sand City. Participants include Barbara Moon, Fernando Bastista, Terrence Farrell — who's also a noted guitarist — Juanita Griffin, Martha Hogan and Sylvia

Gardner. Their images include landscapes, architectural studies, portraits and still lifes.

"The Old West evokes nostalgic images of wide vistas, cowboys, cattle drives and the muscular American expansion," Moon said. "These six photographers were inspired by the ideas of the Old West and present their own unique interpretations."

Located at 613 Ortiz Ave., Unit A, the gallery hosts a reception at 2 p.m. It's open Saturdays and by appointment. For more details, visit sylvan.gallery.



JOHN B. ODELLO

1943 ♦ 2023

John B. Odello passed away peacefully on January 13th with his family by his side.

John was born on January 10, 1943, to Isabella and Bruno Odello. Raised in Carmel, John attended Junipero Serra Grammar School, Carmel High School and then went on to attend Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. After graduating from Cal Poly, John returned to Carmel and began working on the family ranch. He farmed through the floods of 1995 and 1997. After the two devastating floods, the family farming operation ceased. John continued working the artichoke processing plant in Salinas, until his retirement in 2000.

Two Italian families came together when John married Marie Giannini. John and Marie loved to travel, especially to Lake Tahoe and Italy. They also went on numerous cruises. John was a devoted husband, father, bother, uncle, friend and grandfather. John coached basketball, baseball and soccer at local Carmel schools. John loved the 49ers, Golden State Warriors and Pittsburgh Steelers. He loved nothing more than a dinner together with family, especially with his grandchildren, who were his pride and joy! He loved going for Oreo shakes and root beer floats at RG Burgers with his grandchildren.

John is survived by Marie, his wife of 52 years; sons, Peter (Lina) and Brian (Erica); grandchildren, Alexandra, Madison, John David, Mya, Ally and Kalise; his sister, Claire Berry; his brother, Michael (Victoria) Odello; brother-in-law, Ron (Cathy) Giannini; nephews, Jake Odello, Michael and Kevin Giannini; nieces, Kim Chiewpanich and Josie (Justin) Irby; great nieces, Dillan and Jordan Chiewpanich.

The family would like to express their thanks and gratitude to Dr. Michael Plainse for his exceptional care of John over the years.

Funeral Services will begin at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023,

at Santa Rosalia Chapel

at San Carlos Cemetery, 792 Fremont St., Monterey, CA 93940.

Entombment to follow at San Carlos Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in John's memory to Monterey County Ag Education, P.O. Box 7461, Spreckels, CA 93962 or to the donor's favorite charity.

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Laverne G. Seeman

Laverne was born in San Jose, Ca on August 22, 1930, the only child of Gertrude Rudolph Seeman and Charles Seeman. She graduated from Salinas High School and Hartnell College. She studied bookkeeping and made that her career throughout her professional life.



Besides her passion for bookkeeping she was a major "player" at California's First Theatre in Monterey. She began that volunteer career as an usher in 1952, during the time when founders Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous were still active in productions. Shortly after that she began acting and then directing. In 1967 she acquired the concession to produce melodramas and became the producer and managing director. She became the driving force behind "The Troupers of the Gold Coast." Laverne gave many Peninsula actors their first stage experience and her tutelage and support remain an influence on hundreds of actors. "Once a Troupers, always

a Troupers." Laverne was blessed to visit friends in Australia many times and during one visit she directed a melodrama there starring one of Australia's soap opera stars and then that star came here to play the villainess in "A Fatal Wedding." Fun for all. Laverne lived in Pacific Grove most of her life and was active in the community through volunteering with the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. She served several years on the board of directors, including two years as president. She was also a founding board member of the Monterey County Theatre Alliance.

Many years ago Laverne was diagnosed with macular degeneration and eventually became blind and was unable to live alone. After that she was cared for in the home of a long-time friend. Her days were spent doing what she loved to do, "watch"



(listen to) TV. She especially loved the old reruns as she could recognize the voices of the actors. In August 2022 she was diagnosed with cancer and was cared for by the amazing staff and caregivers at Carmel Hills Care Center until her death. She also received care from the loving caregivers from Hospice of the Central Coast. She enjoyed 92 beautiful and blessed years with four not so good months at the end of her life. Her family is very grateful (as was she) for such wonderful and loving care for those four months. And for the regular visitors who came to see her (and bring her goodies) at Carmel Hills.

She was predeceased by her parents and many aunts and uncles and cousins. She is also predeceased by members of the Rush family (friends for 60 years), Kay (Rush) Davis, Bob Rush and Jay Rush. When she first met the Rushes she had a hard time calling them by their first names so Kay suggested she choose two other names to substitute for Mr. and Mrs. Rush. From then on she called them Josephine and Elmer. She is also predeceased

by hundreds of Troupers.

She is survived by many first and second cousins and Rush family members Janell (Rush) and Jim Roseman, Michelle (Veber) Rush and Marabee (Rush) Boone and "Troupers of the Gold Coast" all over the world.

A celebration of a life well lived will be held at 1 p.m. February 11, 2023 at First United Methodist Church - 915 Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove.

Because Laverne was an animal lover: Memorial contributions may be made to SPCA Monterey County (P.O. Box 3058 Monterey, 93942-3058) or the donor's chosen charity.



Championship aspirations are more than a dream — they're a goal

SANTA CATALINA and Stevenson missed the Central Coast Section playoffs a year ago despite impressive overall records, and Carmel also stayed home after battling tougher competition in a higher league.

But all three schools are harboring realistic postseason hopes this season, with rosters loaded with solid returning players and talented underclassmen.

Carmel will once again play in the Mission Division — considered the Pacific Coast Athletic League's sec-

More experience comes from senior wing Sophia Bone (2 goals, 1 assist) and a strong group of returning juniors including striker Morgan Mayer (3 goals, 3 assists), midfielder/wing Fiona Hirschfield and defenders Julia Blakely, Olivia Bartle, Abby Paschal and Ella Gallagher.

Talented defenders

The defense is strengthened by multiple first-year players. Senior Emma Heiser, the PCAL's Goalie of the Year in field hockey, was recruited to play the same position in soccer and ranks second in the league with 36 saves. Heiser is backed by last year's starter, senior Betsy Paz, who made 57 saves last season.

Senior Peyton Kelly, a water polo goalie and three-year basketball veteran, earned the starting job at left defender, where she'll often be matched against the opposing team's top scoring threat. Julia Jackson, a sophomore, is competing for playing time at right defender.

An exceptional crop of freshmen includes fleet and petite Ava Staehle (3 goals, 1 assist) and Zana Balaban at the wing, central midfielder Ryan Lott (2 goals, 3 assists), and reserve goalie Adi Clark.

"This squad has a lot of depth — something we haven't had in recent years — with a lot of good players I can plug in at multiple positions," said first-year head coach Steven Russell, who has 27 players on his varsity team. "In terms of skill, I expect to be able to compete with anybody in our league, but we're still figuring out how to work together."

Carmel expects to contend with Soledad, Rancho San Juan, Pajaro and Monte Vista Christian for the title in the Mission Division, which also includes North County and Pacific Collegiate.

Neither Santa Catalina nor Stevenson made the postseason playoffs a year ago, despite winning seasons in the Santa Lucia Division, where the Cougars were 7-4, and 10-4-1 overall, and the Pirates went 7-3-2 and 11-5-3.

Both hope to rectify that shortcoming this season after being promoted to the Cypress Division, where the competition will come from Seaside, King City, Notre Dame, St. Francis and York.

Fast start for Catalina

Fourth-year head coach Julian Salas has eight varsity veterans and some exceptional underclassmen at Catalina (4-0-1 at the beginning of the week), a team captained by a sophomore, central midfielder Olivia Da Silva.

"When Olivia is there, you can feel her presence. When she's not, it changes the team's mentality," he said of Da



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Freshmen Federica Hernandez, left, and Delilah Fujita, center, are leading scorers for a young Catalina team led by sophomore co-captain Olivia Da Silva, right.

Silva's leadership. "She produces a lot of our offense (2 goals, 4 assists) and also drops back to defend."

The other captain, senior Elle Leatherberry, is a fourth-year starter at defensive midfielder — a player Salas credits as a strong communicator who provides a buffer between the coaches and her teammates.

Pedroni was all-division

Liliana Pedroni, who earned All-Santa Lucia recognition as a junior, returns to the starting lineup as a defender, where her aggression and competitiveness make her a standout.

The Cougars' strong defense is also bolstered by junior Megan Barry-Schoen, a physical and technical midfielder, sophomore Sofia McHugh, who plays on the right side of the backfield, and senior Evie Andrews, a skilled midfielder who can also play defense.

Junior Gaby Salazar typically draws the toughest defensive assignment, contending with the opposing team's top scoring threat, and also steps up to the forward position when needed.

And junior Romina Leal has been a stalwart at center back, and a major factor in Catalina's defense, which has surrendered just five goals this season, despite fielding a

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ond-toughest — with 15 players who were on last year's varsity roster.

That list is topped by senior Nikki Benak, a tenacious four-year starter who earned first-team all-division honors during the 2021-2022 season. Benak, who moves between the striker and central attacking midfielder positions, has a team-high seven goals plus five assists for the Padres, who are off to a 2-2-1 start.

Benak is also a first-year team captain, a role she shares with another fourth-year starter, Maddie Gallagher, who leads the team with seven assists and has scored three times as a central midfielder.



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Senior Peyton Kelly, left, plays Carmel's crucial left-side defender position, and midfielder Taylor Farahmand, right, leads Stevenson in scoring as a freshman.

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first-year goalie.

The Cougars' goalkeeper, senior Tam Reilly (who also plays rugby), has exhibited toughness and athleticism between the posts, stopping 75 percent of shots on goal.

Three exceptional freshmen

A strong offense had been galvanized by a trio of stand-out freshmen. Federica Hernandez, who plays forward and midfielder, leads the team with eight goals, midfielder Delilah Fujita has scored five, second-best on the squad, and center midfielder Manuela Hirschfield, a standout passer, has scored once and assisted on two other goals.

Senior midfielder Harriet Meyer, a first-year varsity player, has three goals and Da Silva, the sophomore co-captain, has two, with four assists.

Other notable contributors include sophomores Regina Ortega (midfielder), Sawyer Vogel (center back) and Piper Butler (forward and midfielder).

"The Cypress Division looks pretty good, but our goals are to win the league and make the playoffs, and I think they're realistic," Salas said.

Stevenson, 4-3-1 when this week began, has 11 players this season who were also on the varsity roster a year ago, when the Pirates went 11-5-2 overall but narrowly missed qualifying for CCS.

Notables on that list include 2022-2023 co-captains Amber Voluntad (a senior) and Chloe Vogel (a junior), plus junior Mack Bellomo (5 goals, 5 assists in 10 games a year ago) — all midfielders — and senior Harmony Jones (3 goals, 1 assists last season).

Jones plays forward for the soccer team, despite being

honored as Defensive Player of the Year in field hockey after amassing a PCAL-best 55 saves during the regular season. Ten of her field hockey teammates also play soccer, including the Pirates' top three scorers this winter.

Stevenson's top offensive force so far is midfielder Taylor Farahmand — a freshman — who has found the net four times and dealt two assists.

Forwards Nini Stewart, a junior, and Evie Moore (a second-team All-PCAL defender in field hockey), a senior, have scored three goals each.

Sadie Marinerstein has tallied twice and Misha Lauer and Beckett Judd-Wade have one goal each.

Lena Maderer, a senior, earned first-team All-PCAL honors as a midfielder in field hockey and plays the same position in soccer, and Georgia Bonifas is the full-time goalkeeper for the Pirates as a freshman.

Other returning varsity players for Phillip Koshi (head coach since the 2019-2020 season) are midfielder Mia Schlenker and defenders Molly McConville, Katrina Bauer and Siena Barsotti.



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Editorial

Answers, please

THE BIG storms of January 2023 have moved on but are still very fresh in everyone's mind, which makes this the perfect time to do a postmortem — not only on what happened, but what didn't happen. As they say on the TV news, the storm door may have closed, but the damage remains and so do the questions.

Before we get to the questions, it behooves us to recognize the tremendous efforts of everyone at the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, the office of emergency services and the county public works department. Same thing at the city halls, fire stations and police departments in Carmel and the other Peninsula cities, not to mention at PG&E and the other companies whose wires are strung on poles. All of these people did a great job and put in very long hours under trying circumstances, and they deserve the public's thanks.

There were a few problems with the storm response that warrant some analysis, however. As you can probably tell from the paragraph just above, we raise these questions reluctantly, not only because most people who responded to the storm emergency did so very competently, but because these days, it's considered bad manners — even for a newspaper — to cast doubt on what the government does. "How dare you?" is the response we're expecting from some people to this editorial.

Nevertheless, it must be said that ordering people to leave their homes should only be done for a very good reason. Same thing with keeping them out. Making a public announcement that a disaster is about to occur is another thing that should only be done for a very good reason.

Unfortunately, during the recent storms, there were occasions when evacuation orders were issued and dire warnings uttered in a way that seemed almost cavalier — as if high-level officials were acting without really thinking.

For example, during the storm of Jan. 9, when more than 3 inches of rain fell, evacuation orders were issued for the Carmel River stretching from Robles del Rio all the way to Rio Road and the Carmel River Lagoon. In the short term, these orders proved to be warranted, as some flooding did occur in Carmel Valley Village. None occurred down river, however. And even after the storm abated and the river receded, the evacuation orders were kept in place for two days. Why? In areas where no flooding occurred, and with no more heavy rain in the immediate forecast, the orders should have been rescinded as soon as the river started to go down.

Similarly, on Jan. 14, when about 2 inches of rain fell on the Peninsula, evacuation orders were again issued for the Carmel River from the Village to the lagoon, yet for anybody who kept a close eye on the stream gauges and the weather forecast, it had to be obvious at the time that there was no realistic chance the river would flood any homes or businesses. Why were these Jan. 14 evacuation orders issued?

And finally, it must be pointed out that District 4 Supervisor Wendy Root Askew committed a major error when she sent a frightening email to her constituents in the early hours of Jan. 12, warning of a "high probability" that all roads connecting the Peninsula to the outside world would be closed within hours because of flooding, and would probably stay closed for several days. Making a statement like that causes a lot of disruption. Why did she do it? Not only did none of the roads she warned about end up being closed, but they stayed well below the inundation stage. And it wasn't raining.

People in high-level government positions have a lot of power, and with that power comes an obligation to be willing to be held responsible to the public for what they do. Does anyone disagree with this statement? We hope not, and we look forward to getting specific and meaningful answers from Sheriff Tina Nieto, County Administrator Officer Sonia de la Rosa and supervisor Wendy Root Askew to the questions we have just posed.

BEST of BATES



"Well ... time for the Crosby."

Letters to the Editor

Anxiety vs. skepticism

Dear Editor,

I recently came across the following quote while reading an unrelated blog: "Inadvertently overstating risk can make the anxious more anxious and the skeptical more skeptical."

Very appropriate for recent evacuation events.

James Nazzium, Carmel Valley

Sewer line update

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your article "Erosion threatens Scenic Road" in the Jan. 13 edition. It accurately describes the situation as regards sewer service on this section of Scenic Road. I would like to update you on our actions: As of Jan. 17, we have a contractor on Scenic that is moving the sewer line away from the outer edge of Scenic into the middle. There are already gas and water lines in the street, however, we are tucking our line in as close as we can and still meet building codes, and we expect the work to be completed very soon.

Our thanks to all the residents of Scenic who worked with us and to our own employees who really stepped up to make sure these homeowners had their service back safely.

Barbara Buikema, General Manager, Carmel Area Wastewater District

Give up on highway

Dear Editor,

After five years of incessant fires, mudslides, road closures and collapses, I left the Big Sur area in 2020.

While I was there, I was fortunate enough to reside nearly 1,000 feet above Highway 1, and I had commanding views that often seemed created through a virtual reality computer program. In a word, the scenery was stunning. But using another word, my interpretation of living along Highway 1 was this: absurd.

Anybody who advocates the viability of living along a 20-foot artery that has an actively moving mountain on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other side is quite mad. The same can be said of those who feel justified in using an obscene amount of tax dollars to continually repair a roadway that is determined to reside on the ocean floor. It's a losing battle, folks.

The Native Americans were right and we were wrong. You access the Pacific from the east, not the north or south.

Clearly, Nacimiento-Fergusson Road is not a viable solution for all motor traffic to the Big Sur area; it's more suitable for horses and goats than cars. But the time has come to seriously investigate a highway traveling over — rather than parallel to — Los Padres National Forest.

As for the acquisition of funds, well, I think it's high time we turned California's No. 1 cash crop into a new California No. 1 highway.

Jordan Garrick, Stanley, N.M.

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Wah Ming Chang was neglected at the Oscars, but not here

IN A narrative Hank Ketcham wrote for the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula in 1996, he revealed that while a patient in 1978, he first considered a statue of his Dennis the Menace character. He drew some rough concepts while recovering from surgery. He later took them to Carmel Valley artist Wah Ming Chang, who was “spending full time sculpting animals for private clients and

sought censorship. In 1930, the Sloans moved from San Francisco to less restrictive Los Angeles, where Chang continued to develop his art, including carving wooden puppets. He apprenticed under Sloan in theater arts on the small stage of the puppets and the large stage of the Hollywood Bowl.

Sloan’s staged the “Victory Ball” ballet at the Bowl in July 1935 and was then hired to design the elaborate settings for the Cavalcade of Texas — an elaborate pageant created for the state’s 1936 centennial. Chang was 19 and served as Sloan’s art director. During the Cavalcade’s six-month run, Chang met Glenella Taylor, a 17-year-old artist from Denton, Texas. They corresponded after Chang returned to California and saw where his career would lead.

Making Pinocchio

In 1937, Chang traveled to Honolulu, the place of his birth. Under a WPA program, Chang became a director of the city parks. He taught art to the city’s youth and judged art competitions. His own work was exhibited at the Honolulu Academy of Art. In 1939, Chang returned to Los Angeles and was hired by Disney’s model department. His puppet experience made him the ideal candidate to create the wooden version of Pinocchio used as a model by the illustrators of the feature-length cartoon released in 1940. Chang also designed a poseable deer for “Bambi” and a series of maquettes for the characters in “Fantasia.” There were no screen credits in those days for his background work.

Chang fell victim to polio and spent a year confined to a sanitarium. He was fitted for braces and released in late 1941. Chang was hired by George Pal’s Puppetoons studio in early 1942, and in March, married Glenella at the Texas home of Sloan’s mother. California still prohibited marriage between Chinese and Caucasians. The Changs nevertheless made their home in Altadena.

Chang left the Puppetoons studio in 1945 and teamed up again with Sloan to create their own film studio. Most of their

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

museums.”

Ketcham continued, “Wah worked out his rough draft with cardboard, plastic and clay. Wah had never drawn Dennis, and I had no idea what the little fellow looked like from the rear, how his ears were attached and how we should handle his unruly hair in metal. After about three months, Wah had a plasticine model ready for the mold-making process and the eventual pouring of molten bronze.” Ketcham’s narrative provides a brief description of the process used by Chang in creating his bronzes through the lost-wax method.

Protruding big toe

Although two of Chang’s depictions of Dennis have been stolen from the Dennis the Menace playground — in 2006 and 2022 — one remains on public display at the Community Hospital, his protruding big toe shiny from years of being rubbed for good luck. Chang moved with his wife, Glenella, from his home-studio in Altadena to Carmel Valley in 1970. He was 53 years old and had spent his life in the creative arts. By age 10, he was already featured in galleries in California and New York with drawings, etchings, block cuts drawings, watercolors and oils. That same year, Chang’s mother died. He was raised by his mentor, Blanding Sloan, an accomplished San Francisco artist and instructor who led Chang into a variety of arts, including puppetry and theater design.

Sloan’s 1929 puppet enactment of Charles Erskine Scott Wood’s satirical “Heavenly Discourse” was a sensation acclaimed by reviewers even as authorities



Blanding Sloan (left) with Wah and Glenella Chang at the 1947 premier of their film “The Way of Peace.” The restored film can be viewed at www.cinema.ucla.edu/blogs/archive-blog/2017/06/07/the-way-of-peace.

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SHE BEGAN BY PAINTING PICTURES ON HER CLIENTS’ FINGERNAILS

A BLANK canvas will look like a meaningless void to some, but that’s where Stephanie Baptista found a portal.

Three years ago, while enduring long days as a caregiver for her ailing grandfather, Baptista bought herself some cheap art supplies, started applying paint to an

actually want to buy it?” I honestly had no real plan to sell anything, ever. It was a huge surprise and a very big moment for me.”

More amazing is that those moments keep coming. Baptista, a self-taught artist, has sold most of her best work to strangers who have found her online, to friends, acquaintances, family and nail clients (many of whom are also artists). Six of her paintings are on display at Mee Memorial Hospital in King City.

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

empty canvas, and discovered a brand-new world of possibilities.

She painted to combat boredom, to relieve stress and anxiety, and to develop a creative hobby. And then, something unforeseen happened. Almost immediately, she began to make money from her art.

“I posted that first painting on my Instagram page and almost right away, somebody messaged me and asked, ‘Can I buy that?’” recounted the wife, mom and self-employed nail technician/nail artist. “I was absolutely amazed — ‘Really? You

She created a line of Christmas cards that sold out in two days at Spencer’s Stationery in the Crossroads shopping center. Several of her pieces were purchased from an art show at El Vaquero Winery in Corralitos, which has added some of her paintings to its décor. Baptista recently painted outdoors for the first time on Laguna Beach and sold that seascape straight off her easel to a man who asked for more. She regularly gets requests for commissions.

Cathartic pastime

“What’s exciting is that I’ve never had an art class, I haven’t taken any workshops and I’m still just learning how. I learn something new every day,” she said.

“The pandemic was absolutely awful for a lot of people, but for me, it was my chance to paint all day, every day and that was just fun,” Baptista said. “I’ve always suffered from anxiety and it was stressful that I couldn’t work, but painting became my stress-reliever.”

Her cathartic pastime has since evolved into a full-time obsession. Baptista paints nearly every evening, after an eight-hour workday at Nails by Stephanie Baptista in Carmel Rancho. She sometimes works until 2 a.m. or later in the living room of the small Marina apartment that she shares with her

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Stephanie Baptista, a Marina artist and Carmel-based nail technician, is a self-taught painter whose artwork has sold briskly over the past three years.



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work is undocumented, but their master work, “The Way of Peace,” was restored by the UCLA Film and Television Archive in 2017. Originally created with the American Lutheran Church, it premiered at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. on April 23, 1947. The 18-minute film is “an ominous portrayal of the fate of mankind if hatred continues to make atomic warfare certain.”

The production costs far exceeded the payment by the church, and Chang and Sloan soon closed their studio.

Suprising omission

After several years of producing three-dimensional utilitarian art, such as a decorative bronze ashtray that in 1950, retailed for \$18.50, Chang was drawn back into the theater arts when costume designer Irene Sharaff needed detailed Siamese masks for filming the “Uncle Tom” ballet sequence of “The King and I” (1956). Chang was paid for his work on the masks. Sharaff won an Oscar for Best Costume Design.

Chang and Gene Warren, a former associate at Puppertoons, formed Projects Unlimited. One of their first projects was creating effects for their old boss, George Pal, who was making the live-action film, “Tom Thumb” (1958). As they worked — largely uncredited — on myriad films, they built a reputation for being able to create



PHOTOS (LEFT) COURTESY MONTAGE HEALTH, (ABOVE) NEAL HOTELLING

Wah Ming Chang’s 1987 sculpture of Dennis the Menace (left), created for Hank Ketcham’s studio, was moved in 1996 to the Family Birth Center at CHOMP. (Above) The writer of History Beat had the pleasure of meeting Wah Chang at a Carmel Art Association show and proudly owns the artist’s “Sleepy Baby Dragon” (1986).

the seemingly impossible on a very tight budget. Some were low-budget B-movies, like Vincent Price’s “Master of the Universe” (1961). Others were Oscar winners, like “The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm” (1962) and “Cleopatra” (1963). Chang created the elaborate head-dresses worn by Elizabeth Taylor, and again, Sharaff won an Oscar for Best Costume Design.

For “The Time Machine” (1960), Chang was very involved. He built the time machine and the futuristic sphinx, and created many of the effects of earth’s evolution as the machine moved through time. Appropriately, Warren and Chang were credited on screen.

However, when the movie was awarded the Oscar for Best Achievement in Special Effects, Warren and another partner, Tim Barr, received the statuettes. Warren was visibly confused that Chang, who was in attendance, was not mentioned. His only remark from the stage was: “It’s an honor to share this with our associate, Wah Chang.”

Baby dragons

Desilu Studios called on Projects Unlimited to design many of its props and creatures for its production of the TV show, “The Outer Limits” (1963-1965). Chang took the lead in late 1964, as Desilu prepared its next sci-fi series, “Star Trek” (1965-1969). He created props for the pilot including the flip-style communicator and tricorder. As the series progressed, Desilu continued to call on Chang. He created many of the creatures for “Star Trek,” from

the horrific Gorn to the cuddly tribble. While he received no screen credit, research shows he also designed Spock’s Vulcan Lyre and Romulan Bird of Prey spaceship.

In 1966, union artists at Desilu objected to the use of Chang, who was not in the union. When Chang tried to join, his membership was denied. He was essentially black-balled from television production. Before leaving Hollywood, he created special props for two movies released in 1968 — uncredited for “Planet of the Apes” and credited for “Voyage to the Planet of Prehistoric Women.”

Upon settling in Carmel Valley, Chang joined the Carmel Art Association and began producing bronzes of endangered species. His bronze repertoire expanded to include his popular dragons. Chang also returned to film production with nature documentaries.

The only one I can nail down was his “Clowns of the Sea,” about sea otters. It debuted at the Berkeley Film Festival in June 1974.

The Changs enjoyed their years in Carmel Valley. Even as Chang’s body failed to the point he could no longer walk, he continued to sculpt. Glenella died in 1997 and Wah in 2003. Chang’s molds were destroyed per his will, and his existing bronzes donated to the Carmel Art Association and sold for its benefit.

Chang’s legacy lives on in the ageless body of his work, both on film and in his sculpture — which, on the Monterey Peninsula, includes his depiction of Dennis the Menace.

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LETTERS

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Learn anything?

Dear Editor,

Your editorial last week was entitled, "The lessons of 1995," but usually, "lessons" mean we learned something. Well, the river flooded in all the familiar places. Homes were inundated, and many of our residents suffered immeasurable damage again as a result of not learning from past events.

Maybe a well-maintained dam on the river could control the water flow, and as a byproduct provide water storage that we could dearly use for newly mandated housing and for home remodeling. Oh, and why not add a hydroelectric generator in times of excess water flows — creating power that is more environmentally beneficial than burning fossil fuels we consume every day.

Also, it could replace the fossil fuel generation necessary for any desal plant that might get built, alternately eliminating the desal altogether.

Buck Jones,
Carmel Valley

The price of online shopping

Dear Editor,

Anyone who shopped online during the holidays could easily see the impact it has on our environment. Online shopping may

save a walk through a large store. It might even save some gas. However, we must ask ourselves about packaging and shipping.

I spent 40 years manufacturing packaging materials. Uninformed consumers think that because corrugated boxes are recyclable they do no damage to our environment.

When a product comes in a small box from a manufacturer, it's ready to be shipped and could be headed to a local shop. But when you order online, they place small boxes inside larger ones cushioned with polyethylene air pillows and with some kraft paper.

The energy required to pick up the boxes, sort them, send them a recycler, have them processed into new liner board, have that liner board processed into corrugated board, produced into new boxes and then shipped to places like Amazon to be reused again makes little environmental sense. The polyethylene, although recyclable, is not set up in any local system to easily recycle.

Buy local. Don't ask for bags when something is already in a bag or box. Put a few items in your hands and carry them to your car.

I bought a newspaper a few days ago and was asked if I wanted a bag! Use common sense. Buy locally and pat yourself on the back when you carry your item to your electric car (and that's another story) telling yourself that you are environmentally conscious.

John Comer,
Carmel

ARTIST

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spouse and two kids.

Other times, she'll rise at 5 in the morning, eager to dab at a painting before leaving for her job.

"I like painting when everybody else is asleep," she said with a laugh. "I love being a wife and mom, but that's my time to relax. I enjoy the quiet."

The Watsonville native said she was a mediocre student through most of her school years, partly because she was a relentless doodler and distracted listener in class.

She aspired to become a writer of young-adult fiction but had no thoughts of creating fine art.

"But I was creative and always knew that I wanted to be in the beauty industry, so I went straight to cosmetology school right out of Watsonville High," she said. "I've always loved doing nail art — painting pictures on people's nails — and I knew whatever I wound up doing had to involve color."

'Improvisational' work

Baptista's colorful portfolio of work is largely seascapes, landscapes, still lifes and splashy, whimsical pieces.

She paints with acrylics and gouache, using both brushes and palette knives, and all her artwork is improvisational — Baptista never draws or plans a painting in advance, she said.

And she's never short of inspiration.

"I didn't appreciate the beauty of our area when I was younger but now I want to paint everything I see," she said. "Sometimes in the morning, if I'm a little early for work, I'll just drive around for a little bit, taking pictures of things I want to paint later."

Baptista said she saves most of the income from her art sales, hoping to someday paint in Italy, Portugal and other picturesque locales.

"My dream is to travel and paint. I want to keep painting for the rest of my life, and I literally want to do it every day," she said. "It makes me feel sad when I don't get to do that."

Valentines at Spencer's

Baptista and her husband, Jaime Pinedo, who works at the Monterey County Superior Court, are parents of a 14-year-old son, Jacob, who helped create her new website, and a 7-year-old daughter, Anicia, who draws, paints, and makes charm bracelets.

"She's actually really good at it. She'll be an artist, for sure," her mom said.

Baptista's current project is creating a new line of Valentine's Day cards for Spencer's.

Other goals for 2023 are to find more outlets for her art sales and more venues to carry her cards. She also hopes to interest a gallery in her work.

Images of Baptista's art and contact information can be found on her website (stephaniebaptistaart.com) and on her Instagram page (@stephaniebaptistaart).

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San Carlos Median Island Landscaping Project • Public Workshop

The City of Carmel Public Works Department will be giving a presentation on the history of the San Carlos Median Islands. They will review comments from the first Public Workshop held in January of 2020, and from the Forest and Beach Commission meeting in November of 2022, as well as discuss the current project status.

The Public Works Department is asking for your feedback on the following: Two longer medians, four shorter medians, or preference for no medians along San Carlos between Tenth and Thirteenth Avenues, as well as optional landscaping themes, upon approval by the City Council. There will be an opportunity to ask the Project Team questions.

Residents interested in this presentation are invited to attend the meeting in person.

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HEALTHY

Lifestyles

A tiny implant that can prevent a stroke

By ELAINE HESSER

IT'S ONE of those ideas that seems so simple and ingenious in hindsight, you might imagine scientists slapping themselves on the foreheads, asking, "Why didn't I think of that?"

That's what Dr. Harlan Grogin said as he explained the science behind the Watchman implant, a small parachute-like device placed in the heart to prevent strokes. Grogin, a specialist in cardiac electrophysiology (which focuses on electrical activity in the heart) with Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, has been implanting the devices for about three years.

According to Karina Rusk, spokesperson for SVMH, the procedure has been performed there nearly 180 times, on patients ranging in age from 45 to 102.

Grogin said that the Watchman device is designed to help people who have atrial fibrillation, a kind of abnormal heart rhythm. A 2015 study published on the National Institutes of Health website estimated that AFib, as atrial fibrillation is known, affected 2.3 million people in the United States, and that number was expected to grow to 5.6 million by 2050. It becomes more prevalent as people get older and can quintuple the risk of stroke, "with an exponential increase with advancing age." (More on that in a bit.)

While some people with AFib might not have any symptoms, Grogin said others ex-

perience dizziness, lightheadedness, have a sensation of "butterflies in the chest," or simply feel anxious. Over years or just months, episodes of AFib can worsen, last longer and become persistent, then chronic.

Grogin noted that with the proliferation of wearable smart technology and phones that can take EKGs — many alert users if they have symptoms of AFib — more people are becoming aware of the condition.

Cul-de-sac

The "atrial" in AFib refers to location. The heart has four chambers — the lower ventricles, which push blood out into the lungs and body, and the left and right atriums (or atria, if you prefer) on top, which receive the blood as it returns to the heart.

As the name implies, during AFib the top chambers' rhythm is irregular and chaotic. In the left atrium, there's a small pouch Grogin said was "like a cul-de-sac." It's called the left atrial appendage, and the Cleveland Clinic says its function is unknown, although other medical websites suggest that it acts as a "decompression chamber" if pressure in the left atrium becomes excessive.

What is known is that in someone with AFib, the irregular heartbeat can allow blood to pool there and form a clot, which could end up in the brain, causing a stroke.



Dr. Harlan Grogin (left) implants a Watchman device in a patient's heart.

Grogin said that that's why, after assessing a patient's other risk factors (history of heart failure, age over 65, diabetes, heart valve issues and so on), a doctor might put someone with AFib on blood thinners (like warfarin) to keep clots from forming.

However, not everyone does well on those meds. For example, Grogin said that some people get frequent nosebleeds or

gastrointestinal bleeding if they take them. People who are at a higher risk of falling, including those using walkers and wheelchairs, are also not good candidates, as a blow to the head could cause dangerous bleeding into the brain. For the same reason, those who enjoy skiing, bicycling or

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To-do list for a healthier heart

By CLAY SHANNON

JAYME ROCK, a cardiologist with Montage Medical Group, describes herself as having grown up in a hospital. That's because her mother was a cardiac nurse at the hospital in the small town in eastern Ohio, where Rock was born and raised. Her father would drop her off there on the way to his afternoon shift at the steel mill. In those less complicated days, she would, as she put it, "walk around like I owned the place. Everyone knew me, and I had free rein."

Being familiar with and comfortable in such a setting from a young age, it's not surprising that she chose the same profession as her mother, although she clearly took it to the next level. Rock graduated from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency in internal medicine at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, as well as a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at University of Toledo Medical Center — also in Ohio.

When it comes to her specialty — heart health — she said there's good news and bad:

- Heart disease is the nation's — and the world's — leading killer. In the United States, it takes the life of 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men. While heart attacks occur with equal frequency in both sexes, women are more likely to die from them.

- The three main risk factors for heart disease are high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking. According to the CDC, almost half (47 percent) of all Americans have at least one of those.

- Some warning signs of possible heart problems include chest pain, pain that spreads to the arm (the left more often than the right), throat or jaw pain, worsening shortness of breath, swelling of the legs or

ankles and an irregular heartbeat.

- The percentage of those with heart disease has been dropping, largely because of improvements in medical care and reduction of risk factors associated with heart disease, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking and obesity.

Rock offered specific suggestions to help everyone keep their hearts healthy. After reminding her patients that they can't choose their parents, age or sex, she lets them know that the three main risk factors are modifiable.

Control what you can

The benefits of quitting smoking and the risks of using apply to other forms of tobacco as well as cigarettes. Stopping is difficult, but there are a number of aids available, from patches to support groups.

When it comes to blood pressure, the American Heart Association has helpful guidelines, which you can find at heart.org/en/health-topics/high-blood-pressure.

Rock said, "High blood pressure and high cholesterol are two modifiable risk factors. Having these diagnoses increases the risk of having heart disease."

Blood pressure can often be reduced without medication, as recommended by the Mayo Clinic. Quitting tobacco, weight loss, regular exercise, a healthy diet (with

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It's about lives — and limbs

By ELAINE HESSER

THE HUMAN cardiovascular system should leave you gobsmacked. The Cleveland Clinic's website is one of many that explains that in an average person, the heart beats about 2.5 billion times over a lifetime, circulating about 1.5 gallons of blood through more than 60,000 miles of blood vessels.

In addition to bringing necessary oxygen to muscles and organs, the blood also picks up and helps to dispose of waste products, and it does so without most of us giving it a thought — until something goes wrong.

While heart attacks and strokes rightfully receive a lot of attention, Dr. James Joye

of Golden State Heart and Vascular practice in Ryan Ranch said, "The cardiovascular problem that never gets adequate coverage, but nonetheless is highly prevalent and hugely impactful in our community, is peripheral arterial disease and its more advanced form, critical limb ischemia."

Before looking at those two conditions, a brief review of the cardiovascular system might be helpful. Arteries are vessels that generally carry oxygen-rich blood away from the heart, to organs and muscles that need it to make energy and function. Deoxygenated blood returns to the heart through

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Dr. James Joye explains peripheral artery disease, a problem he says doesn't get enough attention.



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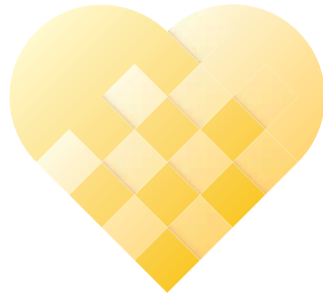
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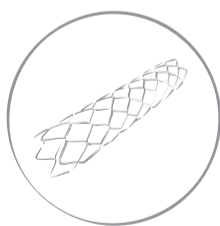
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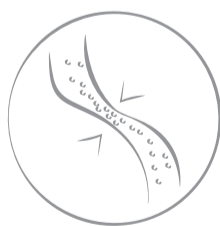
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THE KITCHEN

HAMACHI CEVICHE

Fabian di Paolo, Executive Chef, Shearwater Tavern at Carmel Mission Inn

CHEF FABIAN Di Paolo's cherished Ducati motorcycle hadn't even arrived when he prepared this ceviche recipe for Healthy Lifestyles. The new chef at Shearwater Tavern in the Carmel Mission Inn enjoys using a wide variety of ingredients from his travels (see bio) to bring big flavors to his meals.

Ceviche is popular in Peruvian and other Latin cuisines. Raw fish — in this case, hamachi (yellowtail) — is cured with acid, usually lime or lemon juice, and combined with some finely chopped crunchy veggies, chiles and/or avocado cubes. You can eat it with a spoon or scoop it up with chips.

In this recipe, amounts shown in ounces are measured by weight, not volume. If you don't have a kitchen scale, you might want to consider investing in one — you can find them for less than \$60. A good scale is a baker's best friend, and is essential if you're tackling portion control for the first time. (Spoiler alert: an ounce of cheese probably isn't as much as you think it is.)

Di Paolo's recipe calls for a Peruvian chile known as aji limo. It's significantly hotter than a jalapeno, but not as sweat-inducing as a Thai chile or Scotch bonnet. You can substitute something that suits your own heat tolerance — a serrano's not a bad choice if you want to stay close to the aji limo. The chef also said you could use half a habanero, or a chile paste called aji amarillo that may be easier to find.

There are two types of Peruvian corn in the garnish, but if you can't find them, you can omit them.

Leche de tigre — the "tiger's milk" in the marinade — uses 6 ounces of white fish, and di Paolo noted that in the restaurant, they repurpose fish scraps to make it. You might find the cilantro stems an odd addition, but they're quite flavorful and since they're going to be blended, there's no point using pretty leaves.

Although the fish in ceviche becomes opaque and firms up as it marinates, it's still uncooked, so this dish isn't a good choice for pregnant women, children, the elderly or anyone with a compromised immune system. For everyone else, it's a low-fat flavor bomb and a satisfying, palate-pleasing appetizer.

Ingredients

Serves one

Ceviche

5-6 ounces uncooked hamachi (Pacific yellowtail)
3 limes, juiced
2 1/4 teaspoons olive oil

1/4 cup coconut leche de tigre (recipe follows)

3/4 ounce red onions, julienne

1/3 ounce cilantro, chopped

Ají limo or other hot pepper, minced

1 ounce avocado, cut in cubes

Salt and pepper to taste (the chef recommends grey sea salt if available)

Leche de tigre

Leche de tigre, or tiger's milk, is the Peruvian term for the citrus-based marinade that cures the seafood in a ceviche.

2 cups fresh lime juice

5 ounces firm white fish, such as sea-bass, flounder or sole

1/2 cup fish stock

1/2 cup coconut milk

1/2 large yellow onion, sliced (1 cup)

2 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced

2 celery ribs, coarsely chopped

2 tablespoons finely grated fresh peeled ginger

2 teaspoon finely chopped cilantro stems

1 teaspoon ají limo paste

2/3 cup cold water

2 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt

1/3 cup ice cubes

In a high-powered blender, combine the lime juice, fish, fish stock, coconut milk, onion, garlic, celery, ginger, cilantro stems, ají limo paste, and 2/3 cup cold water. Blend until the mixture is completely liquefied, about 5 minutes. Add the salt and ice cubes. Blend till well combined, 30-60 seconds more.

Strain through a sieve, reserving the liquid and discarding any solids. Cover and refrigerate the liquids until ready to use — up to one day. It can be frozen for as long as one month. Thaw completely and chill before using.

Garnish (optional)

Maiz cancha (Peruvian dried yellow corn used for popping. Fry maiz cancha in a little butter or oil.)

Maiz choclo (A large-kernel variety of field corn from the Andes. It is consumed in parts of Central America and South America.)

Cooked sweet potatoes, diced small
Micro or regular cilantro

For each serving:

Slice the hamachi into 1/4-inch-thick slices and refrigerate.

Wearing a latex glove, combine the red onions, ají limo, cilantro and avocado. Add a pinch of grey salt, and the lime juice, olive oil and coconut leche de tigre and let sit for 10 minutes to combine.



Fifteen minutes before you are ready to serve the ceviche, rub a serrano chili around a serving bowl and discard the chili. Immerse the hamachi into the marinade, toss very well and let rest for two minutes. Transfer to the serving bowl.

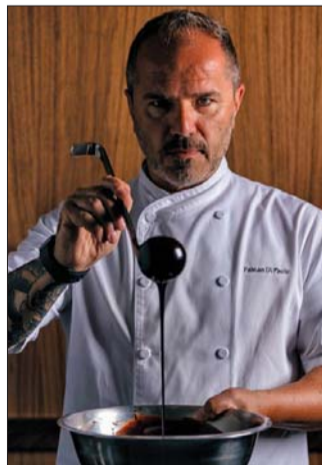
Drizzle extra coconut leche de tigre

over and around the hamachi.

Add four or five pieces of avocado to the bowl.

Sprinkle some maiz cancha and choclo over top of the ceviche, along with cubes of sweet potato and micro or regular cilantro.

Chef Bio

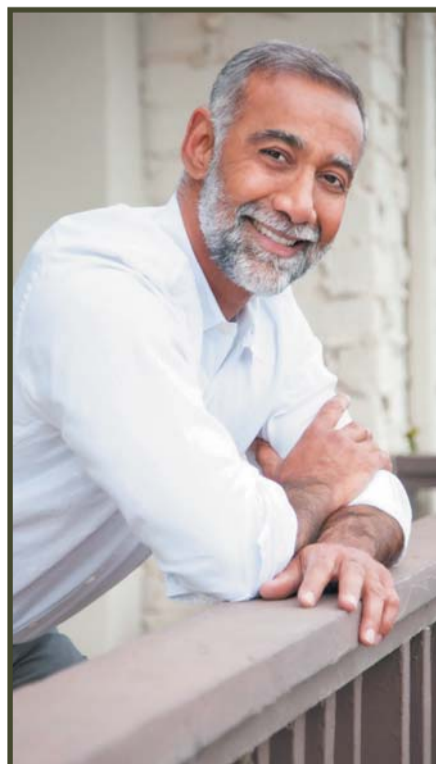


BORN TO an Italian family and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Chef Fabian di Paolo remembers helping his family in the kitchen at age 8, getting things ready for Sunday family gatherings. He went to culinary school and was hired at the legendary l'Atelier de Joël Robuchon — Saint-Germain.

He's also worked in luxury hotels and at Daniel Bouloud's namesake café in New York City. After his first winter in the Big Apple, however, di Paolo moved to Miami, where he was one of the opening chefs at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa. He went to Washington, D.C., for an opportunity to open Chef Jean-Georges' J&G Steak House, where he became executive pastry chef, and later, chef de cuisine.

After returning to Miami for stints at several other hotels — including a South Beach property owned by Gloria and Emilio Estefan — and creating a popular food truck, di Paolo decided to come west and took over as executive chef at Shearwater Tavern at the Carmel Mission Inn.

When he's not working, di Paolo enjoys riding his Ducati and looks forward to exploring the Peninsula and Big Sur Coast.



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reduced sodium), limited alcohol consumption, sufficient sleep, stress reduction, regular blood pressure checks and support from others can all help you achieve your health goals.

According to Johns Hopkins Medicine, which offers general cholesterol guidelines, adult ranges, as measured in blood tests, go from normal (less than 200) to borderline high (between 200 and 239) to high (240 and up).

Guidance for managing cholesterol is similar to that for managing high blood pressure — improved diet, exercise and possibly medications. It's also important to work toward attaining your target body weight. Obesity increases the risk of cardiovascular disease by 46 percent in men and 64 percent in women.

Waist circumference is another indicator of potential problems, as carrying weight around the abdomen — the so-called “apple shape” — is associated with higher risk for heart disease. For women, that measurement should be less than 35 inches and for men, less than 40 inches.

Work up a sweat

Rock recommended two heart-healthy diets — the DASH diet (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) and the Mediterranean diet, for which many online and print resources are available. Increased physical activity is also important. Aim for 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise each week. Rock defined that as working up a sweat but still being able to hold a conversation.

Most people have only limited control over stress. It can be debilitating because it increases inflammation, which is associated with risk factors for heart disease, like high blood pressure. Increased stress can also lead getting less sleep, being less likely to exercise, making poor food choices or failing to monitor your weight. Also, in-

creased cortisol (a stress-related hormone) can cause more fat around the abdomen, which, of course, equals larger waist circumference.

Physicians regularly decry a sedentary lifestyle, which can start early. Inactivity at a young age can increase risk factors such as obesity and lead to long-term elevated risk for diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease.

Rock had this to say: “Moving is important. I tell my patients who are inactive or functionally limited that any form of movement is better than sitting and doing nothing. Swimming, walking in the pool or riding a bike, or even using a cycle ergometer (stationary bike that measures the user’s effort) all provide benefits. The cycle ergometer can be used when watching television and you can adjust the resistance. Even trying to walk through their home, doing several laps a day, is helpful. If you don’t have access to a gym or fitness center, you can lift soup cans or purchase resistance bands to help with strength and conditioning.”

In summary, she said, doing what you can to eliminate or reduce risk factors for heart disease can greatly increase your chances of improving heart health.



Dr. Rock (center), with husband Steve, and daughters, Charlie (left) and Maddie.



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similar sports, also shouldn't take them.

That's where the Watchman implant comes in. It's meant for patients with AFib who can't be put on blood thinners. The implant is inserted into the left atrial appendage, where it expands like a little umbrella and closes the chamber off, eliminating the risk of a clot forming and being pumped to the brain.

'Ridiculously simple'

Grogin explained the procedure, which he said takes about 30 to 60 minutes under general anesthesia. A catheter with the Watchman implant is inserted through the groin into the right femoral vein. Progress is monitored via ultrasound images relayed by a device placed in the esophagus, behind the heart. There is no direct route to the left atrium for the catheter, so it's threaded into the right atrium and a small hole is created between the chambers. Once that's done, the Watchman is positioned and expands into the left atrial appendage, closing it off.

"It's ridiculously simple," said Grogin. "There's great engineering behind it and the materials it's made from, to make it safe."

"I couldn't do it alone, though," said Grogin, explaining that the procedure requires a two-person team. One manages the imaging and uses the ultrasound to take measurements to select the right size Watchman. Grogin guides the catheter and performs the implantation. He explained that his work in cardiac electrophysiology frequently involves a similar procedure to do cardiac ablation — removing a faulty electrical pathway in the heart — by going through the right atrium to get to the left one, so he had already had significant practice in that area. He added that the company that makes the Watchman, Boston Scientific, provided training in the "nuances" of the procedure.

Once the procedure is complete and the opening in the groin is closed, the patient is kept overnight for observation, mainly to watch for signs bleeding around the groin or heart. The puncture between the right and left atriums heals on its own, and in time, tissue grows over the Watchman, essentially making it part of the heart.

Patients are cautioned not to do any squatting or heavy lifting until the groin heals. They go back on blood thinners for 45 days. Afterward, Grogin said, their doctor will confirm that the left atrial appendage is sealed off and stop the blood thinners. After three or four months, most patients will continue taking baby aspirin only, as an addi-

tional precaution.

Stanford Medicine notes that a small percentage of people who receive the implants experience complications including blood clots, strokes and fluid buildup around the heart, most of them occurring within 12 months of the procedure. So far, Grogin said he hasn't seen any problems in his patients, except for a couple of groin bleeds.

Results are impressive. "One patient did the Watchman in November and was skiing in January," Grogin commented. A report presented at the American College of Cardiology's 70th annual scientific session in 2021, said that based on an analysis of patients involved in 36,000 procedures from 2016 to 2018, "The rate of stroke was 77 percent lower than would be predicted," based on the patients' risk evaluations.

It's the kind of thing that makes you wonder, "What will they think of next?"



Dr. Harlan Grogin

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the veins.

When cholesterol builds up inside the arteries, it's called plaque, which can interfere with the oxygen in blood getting to muscles and organs.

As Joye — who is board-certified in both cardiovascular and interventional cardiology, as well as endovascular medicine and intervention — pointed out, one of those problems is peripheral artery disease, often referred to by its acronym, PAD.

Risk of amputation

Age is one of the main risk factors for PAD, and the National Institutes of Health estimates that nearly 1 in 20 people aged 50-59 have it, increasing to more than 10 percent of people ages 70 to 79. By age 80 or older, 25 percent of men and 20 percent of women deal with the condition.

According to Joye, risk factors are the same as for other coronary diseases — smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, sedentary lifestyle, poor diet and, in some cases, bad genes. Symptoms of PAD include cramp-like pains in the hip, thigh or calf when walking. "A person may not be able to walk a quarter-mile, one block, or even to the car," he said. "It comes on slowly over time," and is particularly dangerous because it interferes with exercise, which is critical to improving overall circulatory health.

Peripheral artery disease also usually indicates plaque buildup elsewhere. Joye explained that the blood vessels in the legs are fairly large, compared to ones in the heart and brain, and if the larger vessels are affected by plaque, the person is likely also at an increased risk of a heart attack or stroke.

He added that the disease's prevalence locally is related

to the age of the population, with many people living into their 80s, 90s and past the century mark, as well as a large Hispanic community with a high incidence of diabetes.

Joye noted that some primary care doctors are better than others at performing thorough examinations, including checking the circulation in a patient's foot, or noticing that a loss of hair on their legs below the knees because of poor circulation. And, he said, if leg pain wasn't what brought the person into the office, it may not be part of the doctor's focus.

If left untreated, Joye said that peripheral artery disease's "natural progression" is to critical limb ischemia (ischemia means reduced blood flow).

"It's not just people getting pain when they walk, but when they're at rest. They'll get up in the middle of the night, dangle their legs over the side of the bed, and walk around a bit before they can go back to sleep."

During the day, Joye said that gravity aids the flow of blood to the legs. They start hurting when the person lies down and the legs are no longer below the heart. The decreased blood flow starves the muscles and nerves of oxygen, which causes the pain. "Not only might they get up two or three times a night, they might have to sleep in a chair. That's not normal," Joye added.

As the condition advances, there can be ulcers that won't heal and, eventually, gangrene — dead tissue with discolored skin, severe pain and/or numbness, and foul-smelling discharge. When things get that bad, the affected area often must be amputated.

"In the absence of change and without proper treatment, it's a relentlessly progressive disease," said Joye. "There are repeat trips to the hospital, emergency room and doctor's office, but it doesn't have to be that way."

He said that not a lot of doctors treat critical limb isch-

emia, but for those who do, it's very rewarding.

"If you can save the leg, the person can walk again, be active, play with their grandkids — it's a huge win." Treatment usually involves blood pressure drugs, cholesterol-reducing medications, stopping smoking and making dietary changes. "The treatments that we have now are so much better than what we had 10 years ago," he said.

If plaque buildup is arrested early and the patient keeps it in check, Joye said that the arteries can eventually dilate — a 50 percent blockage might be reduced to a 20 or 30 percent blockage as the blood vessel expands. It's called "positive remodeling."

Lifelong commitment

In addition to lifestyle changes and meds, the arteries can be treated directly with in-office procedures that can be done without general anesthesia. According to Joye, a small needle is used to puncture the skin and insert a wire into an artery, which can be followed by the removal of plaque, angioplasty (widening the artery using a balloon), or inserting wire mesh stents to help hold an artery open.

"It's all done under the skin, and the hole in the artery is closed with a small suture, collagen plug or staple under the skin," Joye said.

He said he was glad for this opportunity to raise people's awareness of peripheral artery disease and critical limb ischemia. "Ninety percent of the amputations are preventable," he said. It's a matter of seeking help, getting the right diagnosis and finding a doctor who will treat these diseases.

Once a person finds the right treatment, Joye said, staying healthy requires a lifelong commitment to maintenance. But if that keeps them "in shoes and walking without a prosthesis," it's a pretty good deal, he said.

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Chamber folk duo shares new record, performs Thursday in Sand City

AN ACOUSTIC duo known for their chemistry and virtuosity, violinist **Alisa Rosa** and mandolinist **Tristan Scroggins** take the stage Jan. 26, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City.

“Mandolin and violin never sounded so good,” cellist and Sand Box founder **Michelle Djokic** told The Pine Cone.

Describing their sound as “chamber folk,” the duo will share music from their upcoming album, “Along/

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Together.” Inspired by “humanity’s many months of collective isolation and subsequent emergence” during the pandemic,” the record also explores the “sonic possibilities” of the violin and mandolin.

Scroggins was named Mandolin Player of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association’s for 2021. Both instrumentalists have earned nominations for Grammy Awards.

Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$25 for students and active military. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. sandboxsandcity.com

■ Singing a prayer

The founder of a Jewish women’s a cappella group, singer and guitarist **Linda Hirschorn** plays Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel Valley.

Hirschorn finds faith in writing and singing music, which she does in Hebrew, Yiddish and English. In 1988, she founded the a cappella ensemble, Vocolot, which has been billed as the first of its kind.



Singer Pamela Forman and guitarist Bruce Forman (left) play jazz Tuesday at Gusto in Seaside. The show, which starts at 5:30 p.m., is the latest in a series of Tuesday shows at the Italian restaurant. Singer and guitarist Sherita Perez performs Saturday at Puma Road Winery’s tasting room in Monterey. The music begins at 5 p.m.



“Writing songs is also one of the deepest ways that I connect with my own sense of spirituality,” she said. “It has been said that singing a prayer is like saying it twice. Perhaps writing the music for a prayer is like saying it four times. What a blessing I have been given to do so.”

Tickets are \$25. Congregation Beth Israel is located at 5716 Carmel Valley Road. For tickets, call (831) 624-2015.

■ Bluegrass from Canada

One of Canada’s premier bluegrass acts, **The Slocan Ramblers**, play Friday at the Monterey United Methodist Church. Showtime is 7 p.m.

The group’s lineup includes mandolinist **Adrian Gross**, banjo player **Frank Evans**, guitarist **Darryl Poulsen** and bassist **Alastair Whitehead**. Four years ago, the ensemble earned a Juno Award — Canada’s equivalent of a Grammy Award — for Best Traditional Roots Album.

Presented by the California Bluegrass Association and part of the “Otter Opry” music series, the concert will be preceded by a jam session at 4 p.m. and a dinner at 5:30 p.m. Concert tickets are \$35 and dinner tickets are \$15. The church is located at 1 Soledad Drive. For more details, visit otteropry.org.

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EcoFarm is back, Shearwater's new chef, Morgan cellar sale, and a party for pets

THE ECOLOGICAL Farming Association is hosting its 43rd annual conference at Asilomar this week, with workshops and other events running through Jan. 21. EcoFarm is the oldest and largest green farming conference in the West, bringing together farmers, ranchers, distributors, retailers, activists, researchers and educators who are focused on food and the future of agriculture. The conference features more than 60 workshops, several keynote speakers covering salient topics each day, and special events, such as mixers, music and the annual awards dinner. Many sessions are available in English and Spanish.

EcoFarm's gala Jan. 20 will feature the Sustie, Justice and Freshie awards, given, respectively, to those "who have been actively and critically involved in ecologically sustainable agriculture and have demonstrated their long-

term, significant contributions to the well-being of agriculture and the planet," and to "beginning and young farmers, as the next generation of leaders working to cultivate just and resilient food systems."

Online registration for EcoFarm is closed, since the conference is already underway, but space may be available for those who want to register in person at the Asilomar Conference Grounds. Visit eco-farm.org/conference for all the details.

from culinary school in Buenos Aires, he quickly found work alongside chef and mentor Patrick Terrien at Michelin-starred L'Atelier Saint Germain in Paris.

Later, Di Paolo moved to New York City to cook at Daniel Bouloud's Café Bouloud and then headed south to Florida to be part of the opening team at The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa, followed by the offer he couldn't refuse helping to open chef Jean Georges' famous J&G Steak House in Washington, D.C.

In 2020, he was hired as executive chef for Esmé Miami Beach, a boutique hotel. He has now taken over culinary operations at Shearwater and the Carmel Mission Inn from chef Wayne Brooks, who oversaw the launch of the overhauled tavern's new menu a year ago.

To find out what Di Paolo is up to, stop by the Shearwater in the inn at 3665 Rio Road. For more information, visit carmelmissioninn.com.



Mona Calis and Ken Donkersloot, owners of Coastal Roots Hospitality, were recently recognized for their philanthropic efforts. Beneficiaries of this year's campaign have been announced.

ish Bay in Pebble Beach Jan. 25. Panetta, who is also the chairman of the Panetta Institute for Public Policy, will open the event, which begins at 11:30 a.m., with "an informative and engaging presentation" on "investing in the next generation of leaders," according to organizers.

After his talk, chamber leadership will introduce this year's board of directors and honor the membership milestones of more than 600 businesses. Breaks during the luncheon will give attendees the opportunity to network with fellow members, potential customers and community leaders. The event will wrap up around 1:30 p.m.

The presentation and lunch are open to the public, and the menu is still "TBD," but the cost is \$60 for members

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Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

■ Morgan cellar sale

Morgan Winery is holding a cellar sale at its Crossroads tasting room Jan. 21, with great deals available for fans of the winery's pinots, chardonnays and other varietals.

"Our winemaking team needs cellar space, so we're dusting off a collection of oldies to bring to you at a major markdown," the team at Morgan announced. Customers are being urged to swing by the tasting room to "snag interesting vintages from our odd lots of chardonnay and pinot noir (and a few other surprises, too)" at impressive discounts, with bottle prices ranging from \$20 to \$30, and a 10 percent discount on a case or more.

Wine club members will get early access from 11 a.m. to noon, and the sale will be open to the public from noon to 5 p.m. — or while supplies last.

Regular tastings will be suspended for the day, but samples of a few of the cellar selections will be available. For more information, visit morganwinery.com/visit-us/events.

■ Panetta is chamber speaker

Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta will be the featured speaker at the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce's annual awards luncheon at the Inn at Span-

■ New Shearwater chef

Born in Buenos Aires but raised in a traditional Italian household, Fabian Di Paolo developed his culinary roots and his fondness for cooking early in life. "At the tender age of 8, my fondest memories involved cooking traditional Italian dishes with my father and setting up the fire to prepare 'asados' for our Sunday family gatherings," said Di Paolo, using his home country's word for a traditional barbecue feast.

Di Paolo, who recently took over the kitchen at the Shearwater Tavern in the Carmel Mission Inn, has covered a lot of ground in his culinary career. After graduating

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and \$80 for everyone else. For more information and to register, visit monterey-chamber.com or call (831) 648-5350.

Open house

The Great British Bake Shop will partner with Gold Leaf Spice & Teas, Inc. to host an open house Jan. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The bakery, opened by British expats Lesley Everett and Chris Swainson last summer at 8 W. Gabilan St. in Salinas, will provide samples of its popular meat pies and complimentary “cuppas” from Gold Leaf, which is located next door.

Long before establishing their brick-and-mortar spot, Everett and Swainson had missed the meat pies and sausage rolls that are staples of their home country and began baking and sharing them with their American friends, who went crazy for them, too. They soon began making their goodies at Sweet Reba’s in the Crossroads a couple of times a month and selling them there under the P.G. Pyes name.

One specialty, the ham and egg pie, is based on an original recipe from May Oxborough, Everett’s grandmother, who was born in Suffolk, England, in 1902, and baked the pies only once a year, just after Christmas. Now, at the Great British Bake Shop, they’re available all year long.

Those who drop by the open house will meet the couple and their team, and will have the opportunity to sample various sweet and savory treats along with the tea. For more information, visit thegreatbritishbakeshop.com or call (831) 356-0005.

CRH beneficiaries

Coastal Roots Hospitality announced the charities that will receive the proceeds from this year’s Pick It Up — Pay It Forward program. Through the initiative, CRH donates 10 percent of all proceeds from takeout orders from its three restaurants, Rio Grill in the Crossroads, Tarpy’s on Highway 68 and Montrio in downtown Monterey. Last year’s contributions totaled more than \$150,000, according to owners Ken Donkersloot and Mona Calis.



Farmers of all sorts are gathering at Asilomar Conference Grounds to learn, share and network during EcoFarm.

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The program began in the last quarter of 2020 in partnership with the Food Bank for Monterey County, which received more than \$50,000 for its mission to end hunger and promote good nutrition.

This year's recipients are CASA of Monterey for this month and next, Dorothy's Place in March and April, Loaves, Fishes and Computers in May and June, MY Museum in July and August, Monterey County Rape Crisis Center in September and October, and The Bridge Restoration Ministry in November and December.

For more information, visit coastalrootshospitality.com.

■ Gumbo!

Leonard Leon at Bon Ton L'Roy's Lighthouse Smokehouse boasts "the only authentic New Orleans gumbo in town," made with house-smoked andouille sausage and Tasso ham.

"I made my first Gumbo nearly 30 years ago at Zigzag restaurant, a Post Ranch project in Carmel," he said. At his restaurant in New Monterey, Leon offers two classic gumbos — one with chicken, sausage and ham, and a seafood version with crawfish, shrimp, catfish and crab (when

available).

Bon Ton L'Roy's also features other Nola classics like etouffee (Cajun stew), jambalaya, red beans and rice, and po'boys, as well as pecan pie, banana bread pudding and Bananas Foster. There's a lot of live music there, too.

The restaurant is located at 794 Lighthouse Ave. and is open daily. Call (831) 375-6958 for more information.

■ Taste through Italy

Il Fornaio in the Pine Inn at Monte Verde and Ocean is inviting guests to "taste your way through Italy" via a seasonal menu that's available for dining in and takeout through Feb. 2.

The menu showcases "authentic Italian dishes inspired by culinary traditions throughout the diverse regions of Italy."

The lineup includes baked pear salad with bitter greens and gorgonzola in pomegranate dressing, butternut squash tortelli with sage cream sauce and crispy sage leaves, roasted salmon with fresh vegetables and potatoes, and banana bread pudding with Nutella and gelato.

Those dishes can be ordered a la carte by guests who



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dine in or prepared as a five-course meal to go for two for \$85. For reservations or to order, visit ilfornaio.com.

■ Birch Bark gala

BirchBark is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a party at Carmel Valley Ranch Feb. 9 from 5 to 9 p.m. "Fall in Love with BirchBark" will honor the organization's "success in saving the lives of beloved animals whose lives would have been lost if not for our volunteers, our veterinary partners, and our supporters."

Guests will enjoy small plates, beer and wine, and an opportunity to bid on silent auction items while mingling with other devoted animal lovers.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available, and all monies raised from the event will support BirchBark's mission of ensuring "support is always available for those pets and families, who need it the most."

The gala will be held at Carmel Valley Ranch at 1 Old Ranch Road in Carmel Valley, and tickets are \$150 per person. Visit birchbarkfoundation.org to learn more and to purchase tickets.



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■ Sunset concert postponed

Due to wild and wet weather, last Saturday's concert by **The Brentano String Quartet** and soprano **Dawn Upshaw** at Sunset Center was postponed. A new date hasn't yet been determined.

"With the weather forecast predicting floods and the possibility of the Monterey Peninsula becoming an island over the weekend, we want to prioritize everyone's safety," **Alcide Guillory** of the Chamber Music Monterey Bay reported at the time.

The organization will reach out to ticket holders with details and the concert being rescheduled. Visit chambermusicmontereybay.org.

■ Live music Jan. 20-26

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeiffer** (Saturday at noon), pianist

Martan Mann (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Sunday at noon and Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.) and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** ('60s music, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Big Sur Vineyards tasting room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

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

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Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Forrest Day** (rock and hip-hop, Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folkale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** (Saturday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **John Vicino** (Sunday at 2 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Monday at 3 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Thursday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Pamela Forman** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (jazz Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — singer and guitarist **David Longstreth** of the indie rock band Dirty Projectors plays a solo show (Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thurs-

day at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Bill Spencer** and bassist **Pete Lips** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.) and **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist **Terrence Ferrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Band** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth.

The Links Club — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** and friends (Friday at 7:30 p.m.) and Open Mic Night (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevyn Pfeffer** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 5:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** ('60s folk, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer and bassist **Dennis Murphy** and guitarist **Paul Magpusao** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and keyboardist **Bobby Phillips** and percussionist



Grammy Award nominees, violinist Alisa Rosa and mandolinist Tristan Scroggins play Thursday at the Sand Box in Sand City.

Steve Robertson (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — multi-instrumentalist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), keyboardist **Peter Cor** (jazz, Sunday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Monday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer

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CALENDAR

Jan. 21 – Linda Hirschhorn in concert at Cong. Beth Israel! Internationally renowned singer and composer Linda Hirschhorn will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Cong. Beth Israel, 5716 Carmel Valley Road. Ms. Hirschhorn will also lead a vocals workshop at CBI that afternoon from 2:30-4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 (no one turned away for lack of funds) – one ticket admits you to both events. Contact Abby at CBI to purchase tickets: shalomcbi@aol.com or (831) 624-2015. Free parking. Supported by the Rachael Sammet Cantorial Music Fund.

Jan. 25 – Gung Hay Fat Choy! Lunar New Year Dinner ... To Go! Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. Dinner includes: Swimming Shrimp Dim-Sum, Ham Shred-Tofu Soup, Lemon Squab or Red-Cooked Pork, Lucky Noodles, Almond Cookies, Honey Oranges and tea. \$79 for 2. To reserve: (831) 659-0400. Baum & Blume Catering, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley.

Jan. 26 – Carmel Residents Association hosts "Monterey Bay Through the Eyes of Early California Artists." Gain new insights on how these painters were inspired by the nature that surrounds us and their local life and times. Free and open to the public, our doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a class of wine and our program starts at 7. Join us at the Carmel Woman's Club at Ninth and San Carlos. And for details visit www.carmelresidents.org.

Feb. 20 to March 27 – 6 week figure drawing with Warren Chang. Cost: \$550. Offered 6 to 9 p.m. Monday evenings, at the Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, Ca 93950. Please contact Warren at (831) 277-8474 for more information and to register.



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File No. 20222444
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Registered Owner(s):
Esteban Fraide, 16088 Sharon Lane, Salinas, CA 93908
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Esteban Fraide
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/09/2022.
1/6, 1/13, 1/20/23
CNS-3655341#
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Publication Dates: Dec. 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 13, 20, 2023. (PC 1247)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222482
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Victra, 17565 Vierra Canyon Road, Salinas, CA 93907, County of Monterey.
Registered Owner(s):
AKA Wireless, Inc., 8510 Colonnade Center Drive, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27615
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 12/19/2017.

S/ Gregory Rowe, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/16/2022.
1/6, 1/13, 1/20/23
CNS-3655503#
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Publication Dates: Dec. 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 13, 20, 2023. (PC 1249)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222515
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Eclipse Tint, 817 King Street, King City, CA 93930, County of Monterey.
Registered Owner(s):
Ngiman Silva, 817 King Street, King City, CA 93930
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Norman Silva
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/20/2022.
1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/23
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Publication Dates: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023. (PC 104)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222513
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Symmetry Medical Billing, 5 Country Club Gate, Pacific Grove, CA

93950, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Jeffery Vasalech, 5 Country Club Gate, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 09/22/2022
S/ Jeffery Vasalech
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/20/2022.
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Publication Dates: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023. (PC 105)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222514
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Wachtel Environmental Consulting, 3116 Lake Drive #26, Marina, CA 93933, County of Monterey.
Registered Owner(s):
Adam Wachtel, 3116 Lake Drive #26, Marina, CA 93933
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Adam Wachtel
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/20/2022.
1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/23
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Publication Dates: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023. (PC 106)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222540
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **POND DEROSA MOBILE HOME PARK, 17559 Pond Derosa Ln., Salinas, CA 93907**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: THE SHIRK FAMILY TRUST, 17559 Pond Derosa Ln, Salinas, CA 93907.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a trust.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 28, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/ Dena Marie Richwine
Date: Dec. 28, 2022.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 28, 2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023. (PC 107)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of PETER C. SANDERS Case Number 23PR000003

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PETER C. SANDERS.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TERESA CATALANO, aka THERESE MARIE CATALANO in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.
The Petition for Probate requests that TERESA CATALANO, aka THERESE MARIE CATALANO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: Feb. 22, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
ROBERT E. WILLIAMS
215 W. Franklin Street
Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 372-8053
This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Jan. 5, 2023.
Publication dates: Jan. 13, 20, 27, 2023. (PC114)

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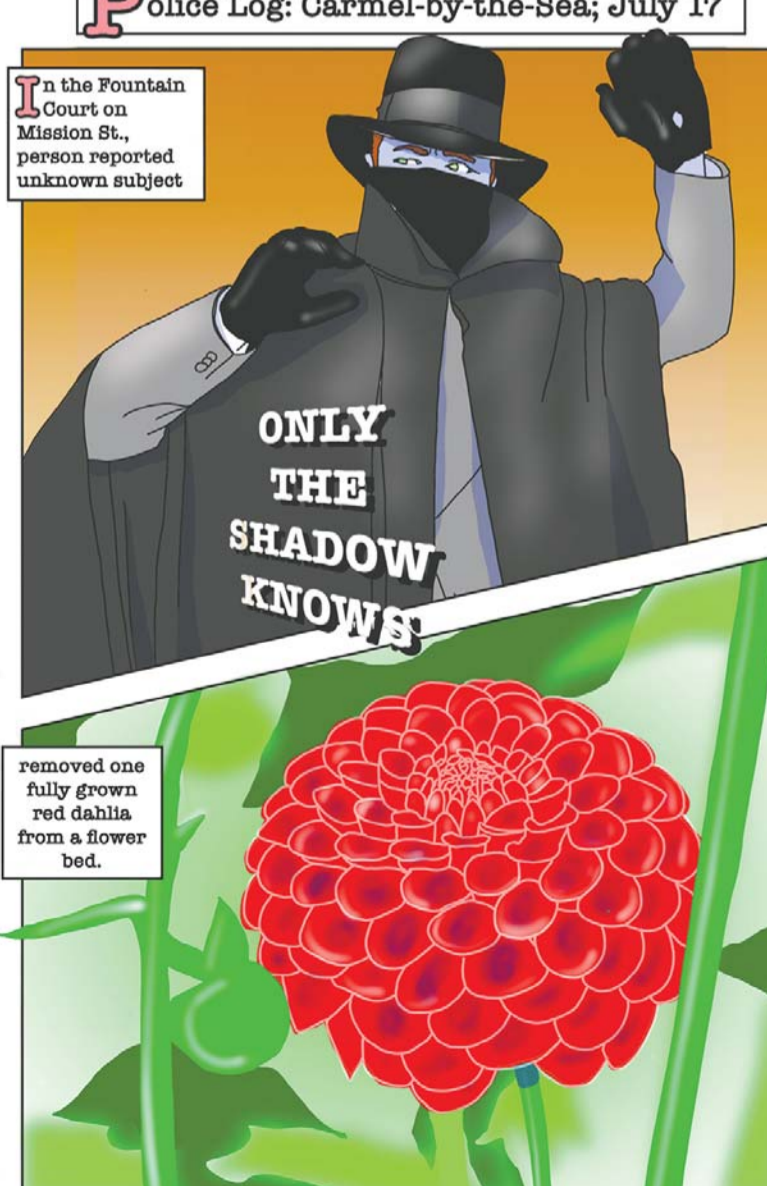


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The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The New Wave** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Thursday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **Retreauxspect** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Bridget Marie Band** (r&b and funk, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Rhythm Tribe West** (rock, Sunday at 9 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 9 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Tuesday at 9 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami** (rock, Wednesday) and **V & the Flipside** (r&b and funk, Thursday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** (rock and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** with pianist **Bob Phillips**, saxophonist **Paul Contos**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (Friday, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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AVERAGE DAYS TO SELL **27**

↓ 6.9% 2022 vs 2021

2022 AVERAGE SELLING PRICE **\$3,517,693**

↑ 7.7% 2022 vs 2021

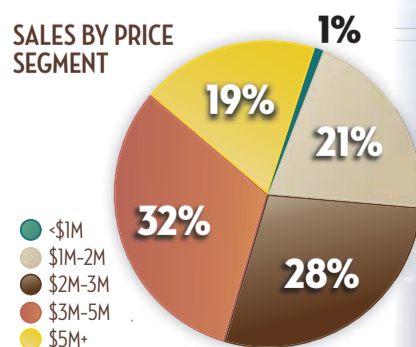
TOTAL SALES **117**

↓ 30.8% 2022 vs 2021

2022 MEDIAN SELLING PRICE **\$3,000,000**

↑ 9.1% 2022 vs 2021

SALES BY PRICE SEGMENT



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Ring in the New Year but keeping good things from the past

RECENTLY I read a nostalgic essay about reverting to some old things rather than concentrating on the new for the year 2023.

An example: wing vent windows — those small triangular windows helped remove stale air in cars before there was

(Take that, homophone maniacs!), and yes, I know it's graphite, not lead.

My first writing instrument in school was a straight pen, or dip pen, a torturous instrument consisting of a metal nib mounted on a wooden handle. Every classroom desk had a socket for small ceramic inkwells, which had to be filled on a daily basis, usually as a punishment inflicted on one of the pupils. It was easy to tell Johnny's or Susie's "inky fingers" from the rest of the kids. I think the nibs were first used during the Harding administration, since they were so dull they tore a hole in the paper after leaving behind a Rorschach inkblot.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

"climate control." The little glass flaps might have saved my life along with the lives of my mother and two older brothers. My mother didn't drive, so dad piloted our 1948 DeSoto everywhere. The secondhand fumes from his chain-smoked Camels filled the car's cabin. The wing vent windows gave us respite from the carcinogenic particulates swirling around us. When set at the proper angle they also helped defrost the windshield.

Dixon Ticonderoga

Another loss, maps! How I miss them. I would open those accordion-folded charts, spread them out on the hood of the car and see my whole trip before me. With one glance, I could see the best way to get from Detroit to Orlando. The maps provided geographical and cultural knowledge of a region, suggesting I should stop in Berea, the Folk Arts & Crafts Capital of Kentucky. Its Artisan Village features handmade jewelry, fabric stores, galleries, and glass studios.

Next, I would bring back pencils.

My young fingers were often wrapped around a yellow Dixon Ticonderoga No. 2 soft pencil. It didn't follow me to school each day like Mary's little lamb, but the lead followed wherever my hand led.

Burnt stick
Pencils to the rescue! A schoolboy's best friend. They made it easier to do the repetitive exercises in the Palmer Method of Handwriting book.

As a teenage stock boy at the A&P, I wore a white apron over a white shirt and khakis (no jeans allowed) and a pencil perched on my ear. On a piece of cardboard torn from a box, I would write down the items the store manager sent me to get from the stockroom.

A burnt stick may have been the first pencil. The marks left by today's pencils are not much different than those prehistoric smudges. Here are some pencil facts for you: Before erasers, people used bread to rub out their mistakes. There is enough lead in a pencil for 45,000 words. It would take several harpoons, or about four-and-a-half pencils, to finish off Melville's "Moby Dick."

I like the tactile sensation I get from a wooden pencil poised over the paper

See GERVASE page 8RE

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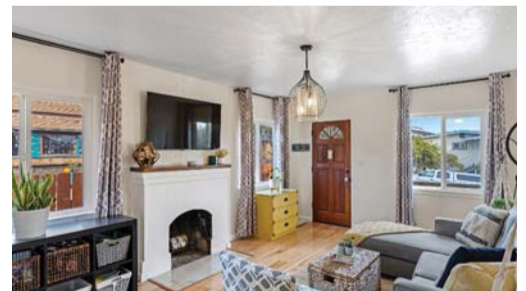
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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Pacific Grove: At about 1412 hours, an officer was dispatched to a downed stop sign

on Dennett. Public works notified and a work order was placed. Cause unknown.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog-vs.-dog bite on Dolores south of Fifth.

Pacific Grove: A 28-year-old male was arrested at Ocean View and Eardley for felony

probation violation and felony DUI causing injury.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to an attempted suicide in Pebble Beach.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Pacific Grove: At about 1534 hours, Monterey Fire, ambulance and P.G. police were dispatched to a fall on public property on Gibson. Subject was subsequently transported to CHOMP for his injuries.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found and arrangements made to have the wallet mailed back to the owner.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog bite on Maple Street.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle reported on Central.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle vs. tree non-injury accident on Mission Street.

Pacific Grove: Officer received a courtesy report from a police department in Arizona regarding theft from a building on Cedar Street.

Carmel Valley: Jewelry taken from a specialty store on Center Street.

Carmel Valley: Theft from an unlocked utility trailer on Colt Lane.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Documentation of city tree damage to private residences at Mission and First and Lobos and Third.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject warned about trespassing at a business at Lincoln and Ocean.

Pacific Grove: A cell phone was found at the Pacific Grove Middle School. Owner was contacted to come pick it up.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City tree damaged private home at Palou and Casanova.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Small dog found loose in the residential area of Dolores and 12th. Held dog until animal control responded and until the dog owner arrived. Dog returned to owner with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet turned in to the police department. An email for the owner notifying them to contact the department was sent. Wallet placed in safekeeping pending contact. Owner contacted a third party, and the wallet was sent back to owner.

Pacific Grove: As subject reported a city tree branch fell on her parked vehicle at Lighthouse and Grand. Information only.

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GERVASE

From page 5RE

waiting for the synapse to fire the spark from my mind to my fingers to the paper, where the vision in my brain takes shape in grey/black cursive characters. There is permanence to a pen. A pencil allows me to keep an open mind, to leave room for a crumbly new thought pushing itself onto the paper. A pencil shortens the distance between the paper and my thoughts before introducing them to a computer.

The ability to erase can be character building. Before you can eliminate a mistake you have to admit you made a mistake.

For a writer, that often means getting rid of your "darlings," those chosen

ego-flavored phrases no one other than you will admire.

I have read some pretentious treatises hyping a pencil as an analogy for life: the graphite not only leaves a mark, but it's what's inside that counts; sharpening is painful, like life's cuts and bruises; its life gets shorter as you use it, and it writes to the end. Oh, gimme a break!

A pencil is a thing, composed of wood, paint, rubber, a metal ferrule, and filled with a grey allotropic form of carbon. But it can be a small window into the soul of a poet who can describe hope as "the thing with feathers that perches in the soul," or a road map from a shaggy Neanderthal leaving a burnt stick blotch of history on the wall of his cave.

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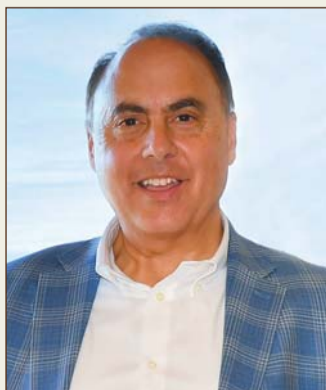
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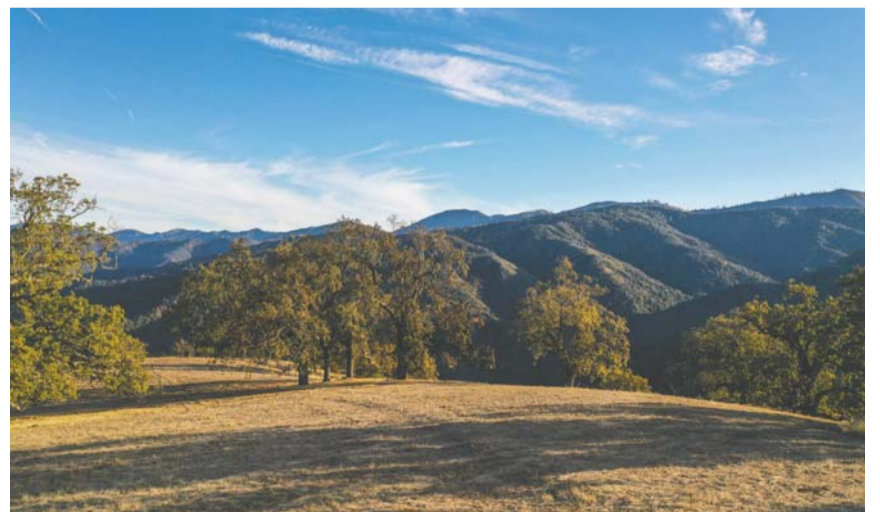


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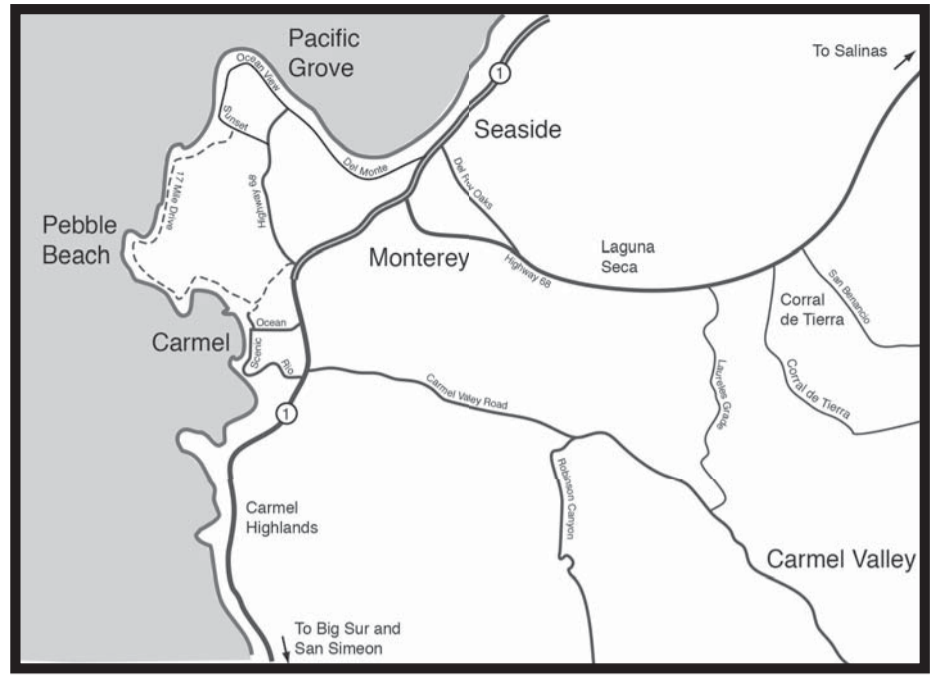
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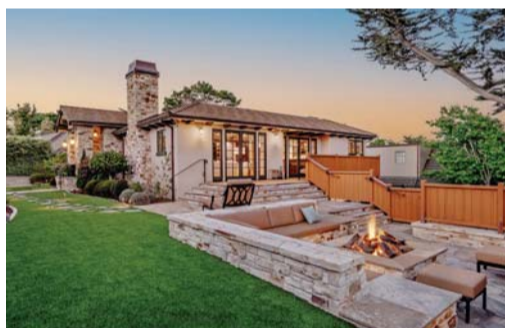
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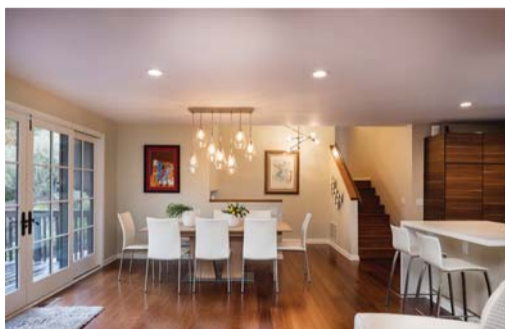
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