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School board approves \$285K contract for Ofek

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING A fractious discussion among its members, the Carmel Unified School District board of education Wednesday night approved a contract with new superintendent Sharon Ofek 4-1, with outspoken critic Anne-Marie Rosen dissenting. That vote mirrored last month's decision to give Ofek the permanent job.

According to the agreement, Ofek, who had been overseeing the district on a temporary basis since former superintendent Ted Knight was put on leave last April, will be paid \$285,000 per year, with 2.5 percent increases on July 1 this year and next, "in the same manner provided to other management/administration employees pursuant to their salary schedule."

In addition, starting with the next school year, the school board will review Ofek's base salary and can vote in an open session to give her a raise "based on performance, increases in the CPI or other relevant factors considered reasonable and appropriate by the board."

Ofek, who is expected to work 225 days per year, will also receive full medical benefits, \$500 per month for travel expenses and mileage "to facilitate regular visits to school sites," membership in the Association of California School Administrators and other perks.

Protests

But at the meeting last month and again Wednesday, several speakers, this time including the board's student representative, Carmel High student body president Marcus Michie, said the appointment and contract should be delayed.

"At the last meeting, every person except one was opposed to the appointment of the superintendent," Michie said. "There did not appear to be any opportunities for constructive feedback," beyond providing input on the skills and characteristics of an ideal superintendent and responding to a survey.

"The board should be extra careful in making certain their decisions have community support behind them," he said. "The board should make sure its decisions correspond most closely with the community's desires."

Former board member Rita Patel, who has been critical of the board's decision not to undertake a broader search for a superintendent, said many community members

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York students ready for Lincoln Center debut



PHOTO/COURTESY YORK SCHOOL

After months of rehearsal, 27 students from York School will perform in "Children of Eden" on Sunday in New York City with a professional theater company. See page 14A.

LAFCO appeals ruling on water district takeover

By KELLY NIX

A LEGAL battle between the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and a county agency over the operation of the Peninsula's water system took another turn last week when the agency appealed a December 2023 court ruling.

In early 2022, the seven-member Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County rejected an application by the water district to become a retail water provider so it could take over and operate California American Water's Monterey system. That decision prompted the water district in April 2022 to file a lawsuit against LAFCO alleging, among other things, that it violated key provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and state law, and that several board members were biased in their decision.

In December, Monterey County Superior Court Judge

Thomas Wills ruled in favor of the water district and ordered LAFCO to reverse the decision.

Findings, but not about bias

Among his findings were that LAFCO failed to properly consider whether the district had enough revenue to carry out its plan to be the Peninsula's water provider; that LAFCO's findings regarding water supply sufficiency with the district operating the Peninsula's system were "inconsistent and irreconcilable" with earlier findings.

He also said there was no evidence to support LAFCO's determination that granting the district an application to operate the water system would cause "undue hardship" for Monterey County residents who get water from other systems.

On the district's allegations that three members of

See APPEAL page 11A

PG&E: It's more than simply 'turning the power back on'

By MARY SCHLEY

THE SERIES of storms that began with unusually high winds and torrential rains Feb. 4 resulted in the most widespread electrical outages PG&E has seen in half a century. All told, 1.85 million customers across the utility company's territory in California lost power, spokeswoman Stephanie Magallon said this week, and while 86 percent of them had their service restored within 24 hours, others — including thousands on the Monterey Peninsula — saw their outages stretch several days.

The storm's wrath "caused an incredible amount of damage across our service area," Magallon said, which

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CALTRANS: TWO NEW SLIDES BLOCK HIGHWAY 1

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PAIR of new slides triggered by last week's heavy wind and rain have lengthened the closed portion of Highway 1 in Big Sur to about 10 miles.

For now, Highway 1 remains open from the Monterey Peninsula to 2.7 miles south of the Esalen Institute, making most of Big Sur's inns and shops accessible. But motorists can't visit the New Camaldoli Hermitage, the hamlet of Lucia or Limekiln State Park. If you're driving north from Cambria or San Simeon, the scenic route is open to just south of Limekiln State Park. "Highway 1 remains open for travel from the Monterey/Carmel area to 6 miles south of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park," Caltrans reported.

The first slide, which is located just north of Big Creek Bridge, was reported Feb. 8., and is being called the Dolan

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PHOTOS/WEATHERTECH RACEWAY (LEFT), CALTRANS (ABOVE)

Dozens of PG&E and contractor vehicles staged at Laguna Seca (left) in the runup to last week's big storm, which brought down hundreds of trees, causing widespread power outages that inconvenienced many. Also causing a lot of hardship is the closure of Highway 1 to Cambria. Two new slides (right) are adding to the difficulty getting the road reopened.

Fallen tree shuts Big Sur's Apple Pie Preschool

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A HUGE tree that crashed down onto Apple Pie Preschool in Big Sur during the storms earlier this month was removed Friday, according to CUSD superintendent Sharon Ofek, allowing officials to survey the damage. Ever since the tree fell during the brutally windy storms at the beginning of February, the preschool's students haven't been able to go to school, because the district does not have another location where the kids can go.

"The damage to Apple Pie School, after a thorough assessment, has resulted in the need for an emergency replacement of the building," Ofek said in the Feb. 12 email, and district officials are "reviewing options for a permanent solution."

CUSD has already applied to the state for licenses for alternate sites to house the preschool temporarily while the building is repaired. "Until we learn about the outcome of

our emergency application for licensing, the district does not have an alternate licensed location in Big Sur," which means the school will remain closed.

At Wednesday night's board of education meeting, in response to a parent who said several others had reached out to him for information and updates on the preschool, Ofek told him she and other district officials visited Apple Pie, which is located on the same property as Captain Cooper Elementary School just north of the Big Sur River Inn.

In addition to surveying the damage, they met with Captain Cooper staff "to talk about space on that property and how we can accommodate the students that are currently enrolled," she said. "Things are quite challenging in terms of getting the correct permits in order to reopen in a new space."

She didn't offer a timeline for when the school could reopen but said the district would make every effort to keep parents and others updated.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Beautiful beloved

Her previous dog, a majestic, wise wolf she'd called Kashi, weighed 100 pounds. But there she was, at Animal Friends Rescue Project, looking at Bella, a tiny 1-year-old Maltese gazing back at her as if they'd already bonded.

Bella's previous owner had cared for her well, but a 10-hour workday hadn't left time to give the puppy the attention she needed. Bella's new person, an artist, added "Bhakti" to her name, a yoga term that means devotional love, and settled her into her studio.

"Bella, who is now 8, has proved to be my constant companion," her person said. "She's with me when I paint. When I meditate or do yoga, she does it with me. But I must admit, she's also a daddy's girl."

Bella often walks along the strand above Carmel



Beach. She's never by the shore since the sand would weigh her fluffy coat down. And she's never off leash because she's too hard to retrieve.

"Bella does enjoy playing with the other dogs in our Mid Valley neighborhood," her person said. "And she seems to like our retreat in a remote region of Big Sur, although she never encounters other dogs there."

Bella, whose previous companions had been toys to keep her company, greets everyone at the door with a chosen toy.

When Bella's person adopted her, she found contact information for the pup's previous person amid the paperwork. She reached out, let her know she'd rescued her and invited her to keep in touch.

"That's a beautiful part of this story," her person said. "Bella's previous owner came to an open studio tour to see her. I tried to hand her over for a hug, but she stuck to me. Still, whenever the woman comes into town, we walk together with Bella."

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FPPC bars some Mills Act votes

By MARY SCHLEY

MAYOR DAVE Potter and his vice mayor, Bobby Richards, can't vote on a proposed Mills Act contract for the preservation of the Cypress Inn, and councilman Jeff Baron can't weigh in on one for a home in his neighborhood, the Fair Political Practices Commission confirmed in a Jan. 24 letter to city attorney Brian Pierik, because they all own property close enough to financially benefit from the decisions.

Pierik had asked for guidance from the commission on whether conflict-of-interest rules in the Political Reform Act would prevent Potter — who owns a house on Seventh Avenue 361 feet from the historic hotel — and Richards — who owns a rental duplex 375 feet away on Monte Verde — from voting on the contract. The agreement would provide owner Denny Levett a significant tax break in exchange for a long-term commitment to restore and preserve the inn.

He asked the same question regarding Baron, who owns and lives in a residence

245 feet away from the historic Cosmas House on Lopez north of Fourth.

Both applications were already in the pipeline when the council last November imposed a moratorium on Mills Act contracts while the planning department researches the program's tax implications for the city and the Carmel Unified School District. Votes on them have been delayed several times, including at the Dec. 5, 2023, council meeting, when city attorney Pierik said city staff needed to do "additional research."

Seeking advice

He did not clarify what that research was, and while representatives of the Cypress Inn took no issue with another delay — at least, not publicly — Pierre Lecomte, who owns the Cosmas House with wife Tori Bergeron, asked the council not to put off voting any further.

"I would love to have a decision today and be done with it," he said at that

See FAIR page 24A

City officials face questions from CRA

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL Residents Association will host a Q&A session with four key department heads at the Carmel Woman's Club Feb. 21.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the program starting at 7.

Public works director Bob Harary, Brandon Swanson — who oversees community planning and building but is now the acting assistant city administrator — Police Chief Paul Tomasi and library and community services director Ashlee Wright "will be sharing updates and insights on projects and what's next," according to the CRA.

Board member Nancy Twomey said

the group plans to ask questions about ways to provide budget feedback and comments that have the most impact, the status of paid parking and house numbers, the libraries, Car Week, the forest management plan, residential tree care, ADUs and the housing element, progress on updating the design guidelines, strategic planning, whether a bond will be floated to finance a new police station, and the Flock license-plate-reading camera system.

She said anyone who wants to submit questions should email info@carmelresidents.org or call her at (650) 740-3477. The Carmel Woman's Club is located at San Carlos and Ninth, and the panel discussion is free and open to all.



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Police & Sheriff's Log

Keep the kids in their car seats

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.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on San Carlos south of Seventh.

Pacific Grove: An identification card found on Pine Avenue was turned in to the police department.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a welfare check on a suicidal subject on Pescadero Road.

Carmel area: Report of fraudulent transactions by means of an access card reported by an 85-year-old female Mission Fields Road resident.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Pedestrian check on San Carlos Street at 0007 hours. The 59-year-old female Hollister resident was arrested for public intoxication and taken to Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Earring found at

San Carlos and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone on the beach at Scenic and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on San Carlos Street.

Pacific Grove: Lost medication reported on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Recovered stolen plates at Fountain and Laurel. Information only.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Ocean View Boulevard for being in a public parking lot with expired registration past six months.

Carmel Valley: Responded to report of a civil dispute on East Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: Report of financial abuse of an Outlook Terrace resident.

Carmel area: Female Aguajito Road resident reported threats made by another female.

Carmel area: Resident reported an issue with an estranged spouse on Carmel Rancho Lane.

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. 31 — A jury convicted Rolando Vallarta of grand theft by embezzlement.

Vallarta was hired by Avila Construction Company in July of 2020 to perform painting work on two properties in the city of Monterey. Vallarta had purchasing privileges on the company's Kelly-Moore Paint account to purchase items necessary for completion of the painting projects. On July 8, 2020, Michael Avila, the owner of Avila Construction, informed Vallarta that the following day, July 9, would be his last day on the project and he did not have another job for Vallarta. Avila asked Vallarta to complete his final project. Vallarta then purchased \$907 worth of items from Kelly-Moore Paint on Avila Construction's account that day. Vallarta stole those items and other items, including a \$2,000 paint sprayer, from the property. The total value of items stolen by Vallarta was over \$3,000.

The Honorable Judge Mark Hood presided over the trial. The case was investigated by the Monterey Police Department. District attorney investigator Thomas Torres conducted follow-up investigation on the case.

Feb. 2 — Hon. Pamela L. Butler sen-

tenced Miguel Alejandro Flores, 41 and a resident of Salinas, to 80 years and four months in prison. On Dec. 7, 2023, Flores was convicted by a Monterey County jury for committing felony child abuse, forcible rape of a child over 14, forcible sodomy of a child over 14, forcible oral copulation of a child over 14, sexual battery by restraint, and forcible lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under age 14. Ten of the 11 charges are strikes pursuant to California's three strikes law.

On Aug. 19, 2022, 17-year-old Jane Doe was attending school online when she disclosed to her teacher that she was being physically abused at home and had bruises. Salinas police responded with a social worker from the department of social services and investigated the beating of Doe with a belt by her stepfather, Flores, and mother Anitra Perez. The case was then assigned to Detective Jared Dominici who, through diligent investigation, discovered the extent to which Doe had been repeatedly sexually abused by Flores.

Both Flores and Perez were charged with

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Plan shows where cars will go during events at newly lit CHS stadium

By MARY SCHLEY

AS PART of the expansive environmental review of the Carmel High School stadium lights project, the school district agreed to prepare a plan dictating where, when and how drivers and others will negotiate the campus during big events at the football field. On Jan. 24, the board of education approved the plan, which was developed by a traffic consultant over a several-year period and included in the project's environmental impact report.

"It will apply to nighttime football games and all other events with high attendance," chief operations director Dan Paul told the board. "We estimated attendance for different events and the number of people in each car," and noted that events like rivalry games will draw even bigger crowds.

"If we follow the thought process we started in the EIR, we'll be doing everything we're supposed to do," he said.

Shuttles

According to the EIR, which included dozens of mitigation measures intended to reduce the stadium project's impacts, the traffic management plan must address off-campus parking and shuttle service from Carmel Middle School, designated student drop-off and pick-up areas, traffic management staff on site, on-campus supervision, signs and barricades, parking management and an annual evaluation.

The plan applies to all nighttime football games and "all other nighttime events/

games using the Carmel High School stadium lights where the district reasonably expects that attendance will exceed Carmel High School's on-campus parking lot capacity."



PHOTO/KERRY BEISER

To offset the environmental impacts of the installation of light poles at Carmel High School's athletic field, the school board OK'd a traffic management plan for nighttime events.

Paul said many of those practices have been used by district staff during daytime football games over the past couple of years, and he pledged to seek feedback

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Comstock garage drama ends

■ 235 square feet but it doesn't have to be moved

By MARY SCHLEY

IN THE five months since Breck and Carole Lutz first had their plans for renovating their 95-year-old Comstock cottage reviewed by the historic resources board, much of the debate has been around a detached garage they propose to build in front of the home. After the couple reached a compromise with the HRB over several hearings that required a few redesigns last fall, they were blindsided by a new requirement presented to the planning commission Tuesday night to move the garage 17 inches closer to the house.

The Lutzes gave up most of the alterations they sought to make their home more livable when the historic resources board in September 2023 voted to only allow a few of them, and after asking the board two months later to reconsider its demand to reduce the size of their detached garage from 250 square feet to 200 square feet, the board settled on 235 square feet, which has now been finalized.

About safety

The couple bought the house — which was expanded in 1940, 1958 and 1967 — in late 2020 for \$1,875,000. The 1,249-square-foot home and a 39-square-foot shed, which will be demolished, sit on a 4,000-square-foot lot on Santa Fe near Sixth, and the house is part of the Comstock Hill Historic District. The builder's signature traits appear on many homes in that area, including irregular floor plans, steeply pitched gable roofs, textured rustic stucco walls and Carmel stone chimneys, among other elements.

The additions to the home, including the garage, would total 446 square feet.

At the Feb. 13 special planning commission meeting, principal planner Mar-nie Waffle recommended approval of the project but said the garage, which was situated as far as possible from a significant redwood tree and to make as much of the home as possible visible to passersby, should be moved 17 inches closer to the house to help prevent accidents as cars back out of the driveway.

"Staff recommends a minimum depth of 18 feet between the face of the garage and the edge of the roadway to accommodate most vehicle sizes," she said.

'A non-issue'

After buying the house and living in it for a couple of years, the Lutzes hired architects Brian Congleton and Thomas Hood, because the duo is particularly highly regarded when it comes to renovating historic buildings. They designed an addition that would comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties while addressing some of the issues that make the home less livable.

At the hearing, Congleton focused solely on the planning department's recommendation to move the garage — something he said is unnecessary.

The average length of a car is just over 16 feet, and he argued that a vehicle parked in front of the garage as proposed would not project into the street.

"I really think it's a non-issue, and it's a slap in the face of the compromise reached between my client and the historic resources board," Congleton said.

Breck Lutz remarked that he's become

The home was built in 1929 but expanded in 1940, 1958 and 1967

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Panetta: Taxpayers should subsidize broadband for Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

AT A roundtable talk in Monterey on the topic Feb. 9, Congressman Jimmy Panetta said the time has come to bring broadband service to Big Sur, where internet and cell service are spotty at best. And Panetta said he supports spending taxpayer money to accomplish it.

"The expansion of reliable, widespread broadband and cellular service is essential to the people of Big Sur and their economy, quality of life and public safety," Panetta told others at the discussion, which included 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams, representatives for Assemblymember Dawn Addis and State Sen. John Laird, and residents, businesses and internet service providers.

"This roundtable made clear that the Big Sur community is united in our efforts to ensure connectivity and ready to take coordinated action" to upgrade internet and cell service down the coast. "Leaders and residents engaged on how to ensure accurate broadband availability maps that reflect the needs of the community and ensure Big Sur's fair share of this transformative federal investment."

Due to its rugged terrain and remote areas Big Sur "struggles with widespread, reliable cellular service," according to Panetta's office. But help could be on the way — the congressman said the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law in 2021 by President Joe Biden includes \$42 billion in public infrastructure spending that could be used to beef up broadband access.

It's uncertain how much money it would cost to provide high-speed internet to Big Sur's remote and distant neighborhoods. But the plan will include old and new technology. A spokesperson for Panetta, Christian Unkenholz, told The

Pine Cone that the congressman and others are discussing ways to "efficiently and cost-effectively expand affordable broadband access to Big Sur through a mix of new, emerging technology and traditional infrastructure." Unkenholz said. "Moving away from expensive fiber toward Starlink is one of our goals here."

Media reports, meanwhile, have delved into how much bringing broadband to rural areas can cost. A Wall Street Journal story reported that it could cost taxpayers more than \$50,000 "to connect homes and offices in a rural area of Nebraska to high-speed internet."

'Poster child'

The president of the Community Association of Big Sur, Patte Kronlund called Big Sur "the poster community" for California's mission to bring broadband to remote areas. "Our resident population is 1,500 to 1,700, but our annual visitation is estimated at 5 million to 7 million each year," she explained. "Both of these need to be factored together. We are a rural community challenged with cell connectivity, internet connectivity and AT&T landlines. All of these need to be figured into the solutions to reach the goal of 100 percent of the households having broadband."

As part of the effort, residents are encouraged to visit broadbandmap.fcc.gov and ensure the accuracy of maps that show coverage in their neighborhoods. If the map is inaccurate, call or email Panetta's office with the correct information.

The talk comes three months after the California PUC hosted an online hearing on making broadband available in the state's remote communities, which elicited responses from Big Sur residents who observed that the region's lack of reliable internet and cell service is a critical education, business and public safety issue.



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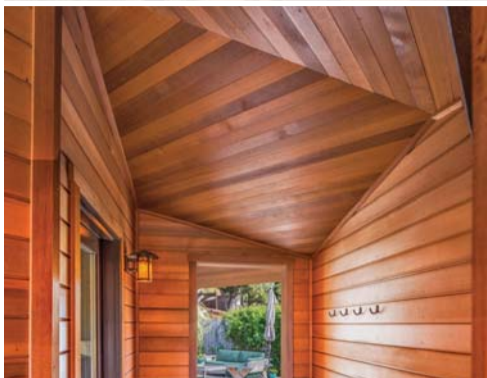
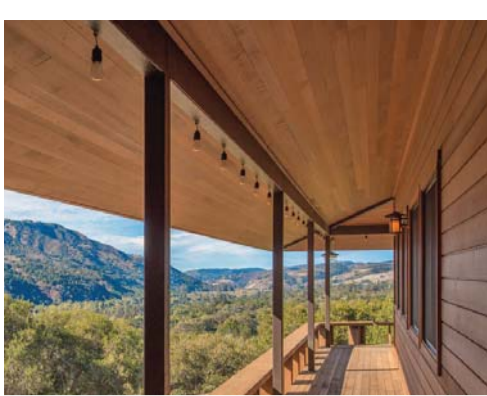
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Guadalupe house gets final OK

By MARY SCHLEY

THEY DIDN'T gain many friends in the neighborhood near the Carl Cherry Center when they built an ADU close to their property line in a way that many felt was imposing, but David and Susan Brown received final approval from the planning commission at a special meeting Tuesday for the house they plan to build next to it.

Since their granny unit was constructed without any design input from the commission — by state law, accessory dwelling units must be approved as long as they meet basic standards — they can now build their main home next to it with the same look, one planning commissioner begrudgingly observed.

'Annoyed'

"This project annoyed me from day one, because you introduced a 'mountain modern' ADU that we had no control over, nor did staff. You introduced an architectural element 3 feet from a historic wall that not only didn't belong there, it insulted the wall and it insulted the neighborhood," commissioner Robert Delves told them and their architect, Anatoly Ostretsov. "And as predicted, the result was you then got to build a home in the same style. It's a pretty home — it just doesn't belong there."

The city is in the process of drafting an ordinance that could eliminate that

tail-wagging-the-dog scenario by stating that an application for an ADU can't be processed until any proposed remodel or construction of the main home on the property is approved, but it's unknown whether the state will allow such restrictions.

Since its debut at the planning commission last August, Ostretsov's design for the 2,766-square-foot main house on the large corner lot at Guadalupe and Fourth across from the Carl Cherry Center has undergone considerable alterations based on feedback from the planning commission and neighbors who opposed it. Among them was reducing the size of the glass front entry and a rooftop "yoga terrace," eliminating a vaulted ceiling and dropping the overall height. The Browns plan to demolish most of a 1,755-square-foot, one-story house to build their new two-story home behind the historic iron gates and the 80-year-old stone wall that borders the unique block.

At a second meeting on the project Oct. 11, 2023, the commission approved the plans on the conceptual level and was asked to OK the final design details at Tuesday's special meeting, as recommended by principal planner Marnie Waffle.

While the plans previously evoked numerous comments, often negative, from neighbors and others, there was little resistance at the Feb. 13 meeting, with

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Dispute over multimillion dollar PGUSD renovation project

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove Unified School District board last week approved a nearly \$6 million agreement to upgrade the district's schools, but two trustees and several parents opposed the plan over the process used to select the contractor and a lack of a detailed breakdown of construction expenses.

In March 2020, P.G. voters approved Measure D, a \$30 million bond measure that promised to offer improvements to the city's aging schools and classrooms. At the Feb. 8 school board meeting, after previous board discussions on the topic, trustees were tasked with voting whether to approve a \$5,666,485 "energy services" construction contract with ABM Building Solutions as part of the most recent phase of the work.

The energy conservation project, which the board voted 3-2 to approve after a lengthy discussion, calls for the company to replace, upgrade or install HVAC, air filtration and electrical systems, lighting, faucets, low-flow toilets, weatherstripping and other features designed to make schools more comfortable for students and faculty while also saving money on annual energy costs.

Failed furnaces

School board president Brian Swanson said ABM has a "proven track record" with other schools in California, and he noted the urgency of fixing and renovating Pacific Grove schools.

"My primary concern is what we are doing for our students and our staff in this district, and right now I know a lot of them go to school every day and they're cold,"

said Swanson, who voted with trustees Elliot Hazen and Laura Ottmar to OK the ABM agreement. "The windows are drafty and it's not a great environment."

Josh Jorn, PGUSD's assistant superintendent for business services, explained that the scope of work identified in Measure D is to address deferred maintenance at P.G. schools, which have long needed renovating and upgrading. To that, Jon Anderson, PGUSD's director of maintenance and transportation, told the board that the district has some furnaces that are decades old, and said eight of them recently failed. Winter power outages only complicate the problems with the heating systems, he noted.

"If we are to do the work of Measure D expeditiously and provide good air quality and heating and comfort to our students and faculty, this is probably the best road to get there," he said of hiring a company like ABM to do the work.

ABM — which is currently involved in numerous construction projects in other California school districts — has guaranteed that PGUSD would save nearly \$368,000 annually on energy and operational costs because of the upgrades.

However, the ABM construction agreement was met with scrutiny from school board members Jennifer McNary and Carolyn Swanson, both of whom noted what

they said was a lack of a breakdown in cost estimates. They also said the selection to hire a contractor should have gone through a construction bidding process to allow other companies to compete for the contract.

"The fact we are hand-picking a single-source vendor and proposing to pay them \$5.6 million-plus of money without transparency in the detail of what we're getting or the data to support the proposed agreement is troubling," McNary, an attorney, said.

'Do it right'

Specifically, McNary noted that the ABM proposal does not contain a breakdown of costs for labor or materials nor does it provide the school board with oversight of any changes to the contract while construction is underway.

"If we are going to continue to seek more money from the public for bonds, and we are going to need to tell them how we are spending their money, I just want us to do it right," she said.

Swanson said upgrading school facilities is necessary and important, calling their present state an "embarrassment." But she suggested that the ABM proposal doesn't go far enough in fulfilling Pacific Grove schools' immediate needs.

"When I hear that heaters are out and kids are cold, that keeps me up at night," Swanson said. "But also, we are not really working on that. We are spending some of this money on weatherstripping, door sweeps and toilets. I have never heard a teacher, student, administrator or anybody say 'I really wish we had an upgrade in toilets.'"

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APPEAL

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LAFCO were biased in their decision to deny the district its application, Wills filed no evidence to support the claim.

“The court does not believe the accusations of bias made by members of the public are of probative value on the issue of whether a commissioner failed to exercise independent judgment on behalf of the public as a whole,” Wills said.

On Monday, however, LAFCO and Cal Am, a co-defendant, announced they’d separately appealed Wills’ ruling on Feb. 9 to “challenge the errors in the trial court’s judgment.”

LAFCO chair Matt Gourley said that while the agency felt the “case was wrongly decided,” the agency tried to settle the case with the water district to “protect the public’s finances,” but that the district refused to compromise.

Safety net

The water district, a government entity, filed an eminent domain complaint in December in hopes of publicly acquiring Cal Am. The move followed the passage of Measure J in 2018, which called for acquisition if it was “feasible,” which the district said it is. While the water district has maintained that it did not need LAFCO’s approval of its effort to acquire and operate Cal Am, the agency is demanding that LAFCO pay \$587,000 due to its loss in court. A judge, however, has not yet ordered the agency to pay anything to the water district.

Water district general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone Monday morning that his agency hoped that the commission wouldn’t appeal Wills’ ruling.

“It is a shame that LAFCO continues to subvert the will of the voters on this subject,” Stoldt said.

Stoldt also criticized an agreement between Cal Am and LAFCO in which Cal Am is indemnifying the agency “for any

potential liabilities, in the event the appeal is unsuccessful.

“Based on the indemnification agreement with Cal Am, it appears LAFCO has lost its independence, too,” Stoldt said.

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County, established in 1963, is an independent regulatory agency with quasi-legislative authority. Its responsibilities include regulating boundaries of cities and special districts and conducting studies of local government services.

‘No experience’

Cal Am spokesman Evan Jacobs said while the court ruling allows the water district to seek further review by LAFCO, he maintained that the “facts are the same.”

The water district “does not have the experience or capacity to operate one of the most complex water systems in the country, and its proposal would impose an undue burden on Monterey residents,” Jacobs said.

Jacobs also criticized the water district’s efforts to acquire Cal Am, saying proponents of the takeover bid predicted it would be “quick and inexpensive,” but that five years later the district “has spent more than \$3 million of Monterey Peninsula residents’ money on legal and consulting fees.”

“Our hope is that MPWMD would focus on securing new water supplies and protecting the Carmel River and its ecosystem,” Jacobs said. “It’s frustrating that these needless legal costs are steadily increasing as California American Water continues to manage this system prudently and provide local communities with safe and reliable service.”

Proponents of a Cal Am takeover promised “affordable” water with an acquisition, but they have not said how much savings Peninsula residents would purportedly realize. Stoldt told The Pine Cone last year that water rates under his agency’s operation, if it is successful in acquiring Cal Am’s water system, “should” decrease “for a bit, or at least hold flat, and then not grow as quickly as when under Cal Am.”

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SLIDES

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Point Slide. The second slide is just south of the Big Creek Bridge, Caltrans reported Feb. 10, and has been named the Regent Slide. “Both the Dolan Point and Regent Slide occurred at

locations where the roadway is adjacent to steep slopes on the inland side with a severe drop-off on the ocean side,” Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans said. “The Dolan Point Slide is still active. At the Regent Slide, water is running down the face of the slope. Repair designs are being formulated for both slides.” There isn’t an easy fix available for road crews, and wet weather could slow efforts to reopen the highway. “At each of these locations, undermined material that



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Triggered by recent rain, the Regent Slide (red arrow) is one of two new slides limiting vehicle access to parts of Big Sur.

is perched on the slope above the roadway could release at any time, making for unsafe working conditions at the toe of the slide,” Drabinski explained. “Material will have to be removed from the top down. Additionally, site conditions may evolve during forecasted rain events over the next seven to 10 days, which may impact the date when crews can begin full-fledged repairs.”


Caltrans is estimating that it will take a month “to stabilize the slope, clear debris, and reopen” the highway at the Dolan Point Slide.

“There is no estimated date for a reopening of Highway 1 at the Regent Slide,” Drabinski added. “Once assessments are complete and a repair design is formulated, an update will be provided regarding an estimated reopening date.”

Locals join supply convoys

To help out locals isolated by the slides and in need of supplies, Caltrans has been offering daily convoys through the various work zones. But the convoys will stop Friday in anticipation of the arrival of another storm.

The news of the two most recent slides comes just days after Caltrans put out word that recent stormy weather hasn’t created any delays in the push to reopen Highway 1 at Paul’s Slide, where work crews have been busy for the past year trying to clear vast tons of rock and debris from the pavement.



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Richard Dauphiné, MD, announces his retirement



Richard Dauphiné, MD, plans to retire on February 29, 2024, after 49 years serving the Monterey community. A fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and American College of Surgeons and member of the American College of Sports Medicine and Arthroscopic Association of North America, Dr. Dauphiné earned his bachelor’s degree from Yale University and medical degree from Georgetown University. He then completed a surgical internship in Boston City Hospital and four years of orthopedic residency at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. In the midst of his orthopedic residency, he served two years in the U.S. Navy in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he was named “Sailor of the Year” in 1972.

In 1975, he moved with his wife, Susan, and three (soon to be four) children to Carmel to be chief of orthopedics at the Monterey County hospital, Natividad. In 1977, he was instrumental in helping the police and prosecutors identify the perpetrator of the 1977 Bicknell murders in Seaside, referring them to an expert who knew how to use footprints for identification. He remained at Natividad for two years before joining Art Spaulding, MD, and Bruce Meyers, MD, in private practice, with privileges at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. In the 1980s he started the first sports medicine clinic and undertook the first arthroscopic orthopedic surgeries in Monterey, subsequently performing more than 7,100 video-documented arthroscopic surgeries on the knee and shoulder. With a special interest in helping

athletes, he served as a doctor for Monterey Peninsula College, several high school football teams, and many rodeo riders. His children grew up hearing about his efforts helping their peers.

In 2012, Dr. Dauphiné was awarded the Golden Pine Cone for “Best Orthopedist,” and in 2016 he was named “Physician of the Year” by the Monterey County Medical Society. Actively involved in education, Dr. Dauphiné is an associate clinical professor of the University of California, San Francisco, Medical School, which in 2017 honored him with a “Distinguished Special Award for Contributions to Our Teaching Mission.”

Dr. Dauphiné would like to thank his colleagues and patients for the opportunity to work with them in an extraordinarily rewarding practice.

He looks forward to continuing to sail and scuba dive in Monterey Bay and to sharing time with family and friends.



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York School theater students headed for the stage at Lincoln Center

By ELAINE HESSER

MAYBE IT was at the Forest Theatre or Sunset Center. Perhaps it was a trip to San Francisco for “Beach Blanket Babylon” or “Phantom of the Opera.” Or, if you were lucky, on the Great White Way itself. Whenever and wherever you saw your first professional live production, it likely made a powerful impression.

There’s something about being in a theater that can’t be replicated on television or even the big screen. For Spencer Williams, arts department chair and director of performing arts at York School, it’s an experience he loves sharing. This week, he’ll take 27 eighth- through 12th-grade musical theater students to New York City, where they’ll not only see three Broadway shows, but perform in Lincoln Center’s 2,200-seat David Geffen Hall in “Children of Eden,” a 1991 Stephen Schwartz (of “Godspell” fame) musical based on the first 10 chapters of Genesis.

The one-night-only performance Feb. 18 will include about 300 choir members from across the country, Williams said, plus a 30-piece orchestra and professional actors in the main roles. Any school group was able to audition via videotape, including colleges.

Williams explained that York was accepted in early 2020 for a 2021 performance that didn’t happen because of the pandemic. Now, it’s one of 17 schools providing student-performers for the production.

Difficult score

The students have been rehearsing since November for about three hours a week, plus time they put in on their own. They must be able to sing from memory, Williams said, and he had to send some recordings as they prepared to make sure they were learning the pieces the same way as the other choirs. Because of legal restrictions, there will be no recording or livestream of the show.

They’ll stay at the Times Square Sheraton, where student rehearsals will be held with a professional theater

crew. In addition to singing from what Williams described as “one of the hardest choral musical scores out there” — with notes beyond the normal range of most high school students — there’s choreography for choir members to move through the audience. Williams mentioned he was teaching the tenors and sopranos to protect their voices on high notes, and he said that the score — written for adult professionals — is even annotated in places to suggest singing “wherever it’s comfortable.”

Williams is as amped up about the show as his students, since he and the school’s communications manager, Maia Thielen — both experienced singers — will participate with them in the performance.

“I asked, ‘Can I sing in the choir, too?’” he recalled, grinning like a youngster, and Thielen, on hearing Williams was performing, responded, “If you’re singing, I want to sing, too!”

The students are beside themselves. Sophomore Scout Mata from Monterey said, “I’m thrilled about the trip, especially the incredible chance to be directed by Tony Award nominee Tony Yazbeck. Collaborating with fellow passionate singers in such a dynamic performance space adds another layer of excitement. We also have the amazing opportunity to meet and work with Auli’i Cravalho, the voice behind ‘Moana,’ which I’m super stoked about.”

Sophomore Elysha Kennedy from Salinas called it “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” and hopes the beautiful music and themes “will resonate with the audience and performers,” while freshmen Robbie Neikirk from Seaside and Willow Weisblum of Monterey said the experience will be a dream come true.

There will be little downtime during their six-day trip, as the students and four chaperones will visit Rockefeller



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Spencer Williams, York School’s director of performing arts, rehearses with theater students who will be performing at Lincoln Center in New York City this weekend. They’ll also see some Broadway shows.

Center, the Museum of Broadway, and Grand Central Station. They’ll see “SIX,” a “pop concert spectacle featuring the six ex-wives of Henry VIII,” “Kimberly Akimbo,” a Tony-winning coming-of-age musical (with roller skates), and “The Notebook,” a musical based on the Nicholas Sparks novel of the same name.

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On Monday, they’ll visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. “It’s important for me to share that with them,” said Williams, since the terrorist attacks happened before the students were born.

The kids raised money to pay for the trip and received a \$5,000 grant from the Arts Council of Monterey. “We drove to Disneyland to perform last year, but most of the students have never been on a school trip like this,” Williams said.

Williams, whose own musical, “For Tonight,” had its West End debut in London last year, was fairly bubbling over with anticipation for his students. “It’ll be their first time with a big group, their first time in a concert setting and their first time working with professionals,” he said. He plans to connect what he learns during the experience with his musical theater curriculum at York.



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While those measures would save energy and water, which Jorn said meets the energy efficiency goals per Measure D, Swanson said, for instance, the contract does not call for fixes to plumbing that would help prevent school toilets from being clogged, which is a common complaint.

Earlier in the discussion, Ottmar said she trusted the administration to do what's best for the district and that the proposed agreement offered enough information and "transparency."

'It's a large contract and it really should go to bid.'

"I'm not here to micro-manage at all," she said. "And if this is the way that it's moving forward, then I support that wholeheartedly."

Hazen emphasized the urgency of the work that needed to be done in the schools and said that if the construction outlined in Measure D would take 15 years to perform without the help of a contractor such as ABM, it was not something he was willing "to consider for my kids, the staff, the district and our community as a whole."

Transparency?

Several parents opposed the construction agreement, also pointing to what they said was a lack of cost transparency and the district's decision to hire ABM without seeking proposals from other companies that could potentially save taxpayers a lot of money.

"It's a large contract and it really should go to bid," said one woman.

"We are entitled to know exactly where this money is going to and have a say in it," another parent said.

While the district maintains it was not required by law to put the project out to bid, the Measure D master plan states that "for larger projects, the board will approve the design prior to bidding," but the document also notes that the decision on whether to do so would be determined on a case-by-case basis.

A father and mechanical engineer who has done some work for the district suggested the \$5.6 million price tag was too high and claimed there were a "lot of inconsistencies

about the scope of work" in ABM's proposal.

"Some projects are band-aid projects and can be done individually and wouldn't require too much management from the district," he said.

Robert Finn, with Monterey-based American Energy Partners, urged the board to give his construction firm a chance to bid on the project. Finn claimed his crews could do the work for at least 10 percent (about \$560,000) less than ABM.

"Consider hiring a local contractor versus one that is based in New York," Finn said. "It's likely that only a local contractor would know about local incentives offered by your local utility" for the type of work the district needs.

Swanson tried to get her board colleagues to require that the project go to bid. But the idea didn't take hold, and the three board members, with Swanson and McNary dissenting, OK'd the agreement with ABM Building Solutions.



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are unhappy with the district. “You are hearing from a diverse group of people,” she said. “If I were in your shoes, that would make me sit straight up, roll up my sleeves and find out what’s going on.”

And while she was “sad to see you did not listen to a single word” of protest when board members voted 4-1 last month to give Ofek the job, “I accepted the appointment and wished her the best.”

“But once I saw the agreement and the amount, I was shocked,” Patel said, arguing that Ofek’s pay is higher than that of her peers in neighboring districts. “These are public funds you’re responsible for, and I found this egregious. You need to renegotiate this contract.”

A former district parent said the agreement should be limited to a year rather than running through June 30, 2026 — a term that will be extended annually if Ofek receives a satisfactory evaluation from the board.

Another former CUSD parent, David Rice, decried “the decline” he’s seen since his children graduated from Carmel High and condemned the “systematic failure of leadership by the board.” He accused members of being retaliatory and dismissive.

Oppose the ad

Some supported the board and its decision to hire Ofek. “I was glad you made the decision on the superintendent,” CHS parent Tristan Mayberry said.

“I came partly because of the ad in The Pine Cone, but to thank you,” he commented, referring to a full-page ad in last week’s paper that he described as “incendiary and anonymous.”

He called the paper “grossly irresponsible” for publishing the ad and told the board it didn’t speak for him. “Not everybody is

that angry at you. Some of us are quite happy we have a new superintendent.”

Teacher Allison Bohnen also objected to the ad, calling it cowardly due to its anonymity, and said she’s also a district parent, graduate, Carmel community member and taxpayer.

“Our students recognize this ad as a hit piece,” she said. “The message they are being sent is that this approach to disagreement is acceptable and encouraged.”

When it came time to vote on the contract, board president Jason Remyse told the crowd that it was negotiated by the

board and its legal counsel, who specializes in contracts and serves on a school board in another district, and that it was very similar to Knight’s.

As she has in the past, Rosen objected, arguing that Ofek should be paid less than Knight because the latter had also served as the district’s Title IX

coordinator — a role that’s now filled by a contractor. (Title IX is a section of civil rights law that protects people from discrimination based on gender in education programs and activities that receive federal tax dollars.)

Rosen said Knight had told her 30 percent of his time was spent on Title IX issues, a figure board member Karl Pallastrini disputed. Pallastrini also said superintendents tend to have their preferred areas of focus, and that happened to be Knight’s, so he appointed himself to that role.

“We’ve had no vetting process, no evaluation to look at,” Rosen continued, adding that the contract contains “no measurability,” since the board is in charge of Ofek’s evaluation.

She also alleged teachers don’t support Ofek. “We had teachers talk to us before the last meeting, and 114 out of 204 said, ‘We don’t endorse her,’” she said, though the heads of both unions said earlier in the

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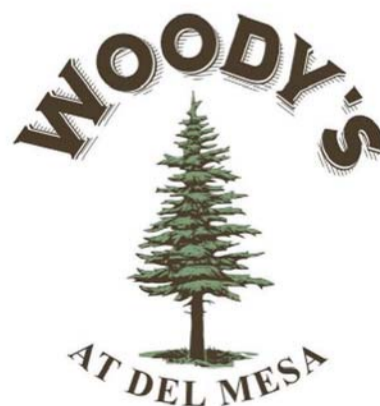
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Feb.14 meeting that they look forward to working with her to make positive changes in the district.

"I'm flabbergasted that you're saying this," responded board member Seaberry Nachbar, "because I spoke to [teachers union representative] Elizabeth Marsh as well and asked for clarification, because I wanted to make sure we were doing what was in the best interest of teachers," and Marsh said nothing like what Rosen had recounted.

"She said they were in favor of moving forward with a contract with Sharon to provide stability to the district," Nachbar said.

"Maybe she said something different to each of us, but today she said she's in support and happy to be working with Sharon," Remyse interjected.

He also noted that a lot of parents, district and school employees and others had input on the contract and the decision to hire Ofek, not just those who stood up at

the meetings, and after further questions from Michie about the contract and public input, the board voted 4-1 to approve the agreement.

On Thursday morning, the district sent out a message from Ofek thanking families and the community for their trust and confidence in her.

'Thank you'

"My journey in education leadership has been shaped by invaluable experiences in visible positions within a high-demand school district that consistently ranks at the top in the state," she said, referring to her career with the Palo Alto Unified School District. "Drawing upon this background, I bring a wealth of skills and expertise that I am eager to leverage to move our organization forward in positive ways."

"While there is undoubtedly a lot of work ahead, with challenges to address and successes to celebrate, I am eager and enthusiastic about the possibilities that lie before us," she continued. "I am confident that together, we can navigate these issues, finding solutions through unity, encouragement and shared determination."

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a couple of people who live nearby focusing on a 9-and-a-half-foot-tall hedge the Browns promise to plant along the part of their property that borders the small housing development's interior access road.

The plans indicate that the hedge will end before the edge of the lot, but a couple of neighbors asked that it be extended to block as much of the property as possible.

"Really, it's my neighbor who bears

the brunt of that ADU," commented resident Mary Kenney, and her husband, Joe Pasqua, agreed, though he suggested a tall fence might be better.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke complimented the revised design.

"I think we've finally gotten to a place where people are going to be pleased with this," commented commissioner Stephanie Locke, adding that she'd like to see the hedge extended, a condition with which her fellow commissioners agreed.

They said little more and approved the project 4-0. Commissioner Erin Allen had to recuse herself due to proximity.

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roughly runs down the coast and inland from north and east of San Francisco Bay to the Central Valley and the San Luis Obispo area. Hurricane-force gusts and sustained winds snapped or felled 946 poles that had to be repaired or replaced, requiring crews to restring or repair more than 2,839 spans of power lines and fix or replace 485 crossarms and 378 transformers.

“Company-wide, we had about 5,300 employees and contractors respond to the storm,” she said, including approximately 630 crews of up to six people each, about half of which were staffed by outside contractors, some from out of state.

“I do know that in the Peninsula, we had more than 400 coworkers who were responding to the storm there,” she said.

Tricky situations

Some of the damage occurred in remote areas that are difficult to access or was more complex than downed power lines, such as the situation in which a Carpenter Street tree fell onto live wires and a house — and ruptured a gas main when its roots pulled out of the ground, forcing the evacuation of nearby homes.

In Pacific Grove, Magallon said, crews reported finding as many as 10 power poles toppled in one location.

Figuring out the best plan of attack for restoring power amidst such chaos follows a five-step process, she explained. Crews first ensure the area is safe to work in and accessible, which often requires deenergizing lines or shutting off gas flow, and then making sure the roads are stable and clearing trees and debris out of the way.



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A repair crew works on power lines damaged during the Feb. 4 storm in which wind and rain caused thousands of outages.

“Then there’s the actual assessment, when PG&E troublemen look at what was damaged and what’s needed to make repairs,” she said, after which the company can notify customers by text and on its online outage map of their estimated time

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of restoration.

“Sometimes that estimate changes,” she said, as many customers know well, having seen their anticipated restoration times shift from 24 or 48 hours to several days later. “There are times when our crews are in the middle of fixing something and encounter another issue that prolongs the restoration.”

Police and fire first

As for which problems get addressed first, Magallon said, “during a storm, we always prioritize emergency calls coming in from police and fire departments.”

“After that, it’s all about critical infrastructure,” she said, such as hospitals, schools, and customers who rely on power for medical needs, which PG&E tracks through its Medical Baseline Program.

“Then we’ll look at the outage sites and how many people will be impacted by the

repair,” she explained, with attention given to those where fixes will restore power to hundreds or thousands of customers vs. one household.

“That’s why you might see isolated pockets” that remain on the outage map much longer, she said.

In advance of the Feb. 4 storm, PG&E worked with Monterey County officials and the management of Laguna Seca raceway to set up the county-owned facility as a base camp for its emergency crews.

“It really helped us get boots on the ground faster, especially in the area that was hit the hardest,” she said. “Thanks to our meteorology team, we knew Monterey was going to be one of the hardest hit areas, and that’s why we set up that camp at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.”

The camp there tackled problems in Monterey County, while another in the Santa Cruz area addressed issues there.

“So that brought in a lot more resources for the Peninsula to help us restore services there,” she said. “I was told Friday night or Saturday that we received an email that the restoration process was complete.”



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
WILLIAM JOSEPH MULLEN III (RET.)**

Brigadier General William Joseph Mullen III (Ret.) passed away on February 11, 2024, in Carmel, California.

A second generation Army officer, Gen. Mullen was commissioned in the Infantry upon graduation from The United States Military Academy (West Point) in 1959. During his 33 years of active duty, his assignments included command at every echelon from platoon through brigade, culminating with command of the 1st Infantry Division (Separate) (Forward) in Germany.

He first deployed to Vietnam in 1962 where he was an adviser to a Vietnamese Army battalion operating north of Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City). In 1966, he returned to Vietnam as part of the First Infantry division (Big Red One); initially as a company commander, then as a battalion operations officer. His other tours took him to Korea, Panama and Kansas. Years later, he commanded the 1st Infantry Division (Forward) in Germany and deployed with them to Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield/Storm.

Beyond the battlefield, Gen. Mullen’s distinguished military career also included staff positions at the Pentagon, U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Florida and U.S. Forces Command at Ft. McPherson, Georgia. His awards include the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman’s Badge, the Distinguished Service Cross, two Distinguished Service Medals and two Soldiers Medals. He was also a Ranger and Master Parachutist.

In addition to the bachelor of science degree he received at The United States Military Academy at West Point, Gen. Mullen held a master of science degree in foreign affairs from The George Washington University, awarded while he was a student at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He also graduated from the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. While a student at the Army War College, he co-authored an oral history of General William Depuy.

After retiring from the Army in 1992 as a Brigadier General, he spent the next 10 years developing collective training material for the U.S. Army as a civilian contractor. From 2015 to 2016, Gen. Mullen was also the National Commander of the Legion of Valor, the Nation’s oldest veterans service organization comprised of recipients of the two highest awards for valor presented by the United States.

Gen. Mullen was married to Norma Sturgeon for 53 years. She passed away before him in 2016. He is survived by his wife, Penny; and his son, William Mullen IV of New York.

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a city hall regular after four HRB meetings and his debut before the planning commission, and he described the experience so far as “a double-edged sword in our efforts to restore a decayed and dilapidated historic Comstock home,” with the goals of making it comfortable for them and their family while it continues to contribute to the city’s charm and character, as evidenced by the people who frequently stop to gaze at it during their tours of the historic district.

And while it may seem excessive to protest over a 17-inch change in the plans, he said, “we feel like the goalposts have been moved on us multiple times through this process.”

“We expect one thing, and something new comes up,

and this is just another example of it,” he said, and the repeated demands for changes have caused delays, cost money and time, and have resulted in their not really getting what they wanted out of their remodel.

“Now we’re being told we must change part of our design that has been part of it since we submitted it five months ago,” he said.

Sympathy for owners

Speaking as a resident, HRB member Karyl Hall sided with Lutz and Congleton. “Moving the garage back would impact the side entrance and impact a walkway that, if not historic, is an important part of the home,” she said.

Most commission sympathized with the Lutzes, too.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke noted that traffic on that block of Santa Fe is not nearly as busy as it is on Carpenter, where complaints about cars projecting into or backing onto the road ostensibly led to the requested change in design. “Given the historic nature of this

property and our desire to maintain these properties for the good of our village,” she said, the garage should be in its originally planned location.

Commissioner Robert Delves thanked the Lutzes for sticking it out through the arduous planning process and “doing what appears to be all the right things.” He acknowledged that historic buildings can be tough to work with and said the commission should defer to the HRB’s direction.

“I think you leave the garage where it is,” he said.

Commissioner Erin Allen agreed and acknowledged the compromises the owners have already made.

Chair Michael LePage noted that planners have to take safety into account when reviewing a design, but “when an applicant buys a historic place, it goes to another level.”

“I’m going to support it the way it is,” he said, and the commission voted 4-1 to approve the Lutzes’ plans, with commissioner Stefan Karapetkov dissenting because he wanted the garage again reduced to 200 square feet.

DENNIS ‘GENE’ BATH

June 24, 1943 – January 19, 2023

Gene died peacefully at home in Pacific Grove, with family at his side.

Born on the plains of Nebraska, Gene grew up in the San Joaquin Valley but fell in love with the sea during his childhood visits to Morro Bay. After graduating from Fresno High School, he served a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy and embarked on what would be a life-long voyage of exploration.

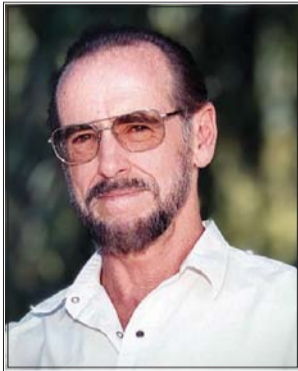
During his life he set foot on several continents and traveled the United States extensively, usually via scenic byways. Gene was a role model for taking the path less traveled, living in the moment, learning continuously, appreciating and preserving nature. He came from humble beginnings and worked hard to live life on his terms, in a place that he loved, surrounded by the people he held dear.

Some may remember him as the illustrious owner of Carmel Crimpers, where he styled hair, listened to, and regaled his customers for more than 30 years. A total of 45 years in the industry! Others may remember him as an accomplished backpacker and runner who participated and placed in numerous marathons, or as a docent at the Point Sur Lighthouse in the not-so-distant past. Whatever the case may be, he was a local celebrity on the Monterey Peninsula.

All who knew him will remember his generosity of spirit, charisma, humor and wit. Not to mention his affinity for brews, running shirts and brisk drives down the Big Sur coast in Rosebud. Gene was good company and beloved by many. Part of his legacy was fostering a curious mind in all those he touched, his absence being the impetus to carry that baton forward.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Herman; stepmother, Ruth; brothers, Richard, David and Bill. Survived by his daughter, Tamara C. Francis; grandson, Connor Francis; nephews/nieces, Chris Bath, Hillary Cloud, Jon Bath, Christina Collosi, and their respective children.

A private gathering in Gene’s memory will be held in June.



ANTONIO ‘TONY’ LAIOLO

Antonio “Tony” Laiolo, 74, died on January 31, 2024, following a sudden illness. He was born in Carmel, California on March 27, 1949, to the late Frances Wilson Laiolo and Bernard “Barney” Laiolo. Tony is survived by his daughters, Bryn Evans (Daryl), of Nashville, TN and Cara Becker (Kraig), of Roanoke, VA; his brother, Chris Laiolo of Pacific Grove, CA; grandchild, Elora Evans; former wife, Jana Laiolo; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Linder Laiolo and stepmother, Elinor Laiolo. Tony was an incredibly proud father and grandfather who loved his family deeply.



Tony grew up in Carmel in the rowdy company of his two younger brothers. His youth was filled with Little League baseball, delivering papers on Carmel Point, working at his Dad’s shop, Village Radio Electric, and body surfing in the Pacific. Towering at 6’6”, Tony couldn’t escape the pull of basketball, playing at Carmel High, Monterey Peninsula College and UC Santa Barbara, where he graduated in 1971.

Sparked by the arrival of a piano in the family home at the age of 8, Tony’s talent and love of music was a constant in his life. From playing tuba at the Carmel Sunset School and in the Alley Cats Combo, he eventually found his way to the guitar and fondly recalled gigs at Ace’s Pizza, Willie Lum’s China Row, Old Row Café, and The Unicorn. Tony had a passion for writing and found his true calling in songwriting. By 1981, he had earned enough success to warrant moving his young family to “Music City,” Nashville, Tennessee, where he would live the rest of his life.

During Tony’s 42 years in Nashville he helped raise his family, spending several years coaching his daughters’ softball teams at McCabe Park Little League and serving as league softball commissioner. As his daughters became adults, Tony remained a supportive and encouraging presence in their lives. In addition to songwriting, Tony found professional success as a substitute teacher in Metro Nashville Schools and working in advertising at Ericson Marketing and later his independent communications company, Tony Laiolo Enterprises.

Over the past 20 years, Tony became active performing music around Nashville. He organized and participated in countless Writer’s in the Round shows at Douglas Corner, Norm’s River Roadhouse and Radio Café where he held his “Uncle Tony’s Woodland Creatures” shows. From February 2014 to March of 2020, he hosted “Uncle Tony’s Townhouse” at Brown’s Diner nearly every Saturday. Tony’s charm, kindness, intelligence and playful sense of humor, combined with his musical talent, earned him many wonderful friends in the Nashville community and beyond.

Friends and family are invited to join a Celebration of Tony’s Life from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at Brown’s Diner, 2102 Blair Blvd., Nashville, TN. For his many West Coast friends and family, a celebration will be held noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 30 at Wave Street Studios, 774 Wave St., Monterey, CA.

In lieu of flowers, Tony requested that donations be made to Operation Song — operationsong.org

MICHAEL JOSEPH VALDEZ

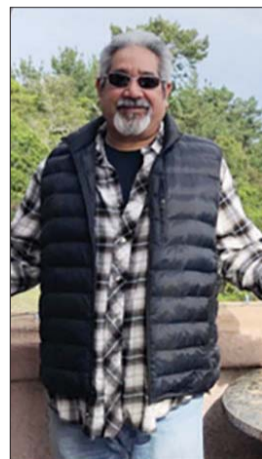
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Michael was born June 3, 1959, in San Francisco, California. He attended Merced High School, Merced Community College and American River College. Michael started his career as a heavy equipment operator and for 10 years was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 3. He worked extensively on the construction of Highway 99 in the Central Valley. Michael married Sharon Lemere and they had their only son, Trenton Valdez, in 1989.

Michael began his career as a California Highway Patrol Officer in 1989 in the Indio office and retired out of the same office 29 years later in 2017.

Michael’s long career as a decorated CHP officer included many awards, commendations and letters from the people he helped on the road. He competed in the CHP Olympics in the sports of boxing and weight lifting, as he excelled at both. Michael was very dedicated to his job and his CHP brothers he worked with.

Michael and Sharon enjoyed 25 years together in Cathedral City when tragedy struck them with Sharon’s diagnosis of terminal cancer. Mike and Trenton cared for her for a year until her passing on Christmas Day 2007. Trenton was only 17.



Michael met Teresa Giammanco-Curtice in 2015 and they were inseparable ever since. He embraced Teresa’s sons, Luke and Anthony, along with Teresa’s big family as his own. Michael and Teresa shared their love for long road trips on his Harley, watching sports and just being together. He also enjoyed sharing Teresa’s real estate career with her. Michael felt truly blessed with his life and family and loved living on the Monterey Peninsula.

If you knew Mike, you were fortunate to have known a man who stands out among others for so many wonderful qualities. He was so knowledgeable on so many subjects, he was so kind and compassionate, fun and happy, full of love and giving of his heart. He was the picture of honesty and integrity. He was grateful everyday for his life and the people he loved. He was absolutely the finest man Teresa could ask for to spend her life with. Michael will never be forgotten ... all the wonderful memories of him will remain in the hearts of those who cherish him and the love he gave to us all.

Michael was diagnosed in January with an aggressive cancer. He was surrounded by his loving wife, Teresa who never left his side; son, Trenton; and loving family.

Mike is survived by his wife, Teresa Giammanco-Valdez; his son, Trenton Valdez; stepsons, Luke and Anthony Curtice; sister, Maria Valdez; and mother, Ethel Valdez.

His funeral service will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at San Carlos Cathedral, Monterey.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Genevieve Giammanco Foundation or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.



LIGHTS

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from neighbors on their efficacy at night.

Board chair Jason Remynse wanted that process laid out to ensure people can communicate with district officials who are responsive to their concerns. "We want to make sure the people who live close by have a method and procedure to reach out," he said.

Board member Anne-Marie Rosen made the motion to approve the plan, and it was seconded by trustee Seaberry Nachbar before receiving full board approval.

At that meeting, Paul also updated the board on the project's compliance with various other mitigation measures mostly focusing on light pollution and trees.

The lighting system can be remotely programmed to adhere to the limited nighttime hours, according to Paul, and use of the pool and stadium by non-district groups is restricted after dark.

Simpler in summer

Regarding other lighting at the high school, he said, "the district made a commitment to look at the impact of exterior lighting, engaged a consultant and has implemented recommendations," especially on the rear side of the campus.

The new stadium and pool lights were Dark Sky certified last December — another requirement in the EIR — and the project's landscape plan was designed "to soften the impact of the lights." The Division of the State Architect is reviewing the plan, according to Paul.

No roosting bats or nesting birds were found in the

trees that needed work, and officials consulted an arborist to see how many trees on campus can be saved.

Construction activities can only take place during certain hours and days, and related traffic will be managed, too. Those details are outlined in the agreement with the contractor, according to Paul.

"It's much simpler when work occurs in the summer, because there's no school traffic," he observed.

Board members inquired if any of the measures had been changed since the EIR received final board approval in late November 2022, and Paul said they hadn't. The point of the update, he said, was to show how they are being met.

The Pine Cone has been a member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce for more than 100 years.

PERRY L. WALKER

1941 - 2024

Perry L. Walker, long-time Carmel resident, passed away in Portland, Oregon on January 30, 2024. He died as he lived, with Kristie faithfully at his side. Perry wore many hats that were to include serving two combat tours in Vietnam, as well as professor, international businessman, paterfamilias, sailor, mentor and community leader.

Perry was committed to this community, spending time in Carmel Rotary, Sunset Cultural Center and All Saints Episcopal Church. Perry loved life in Carmel and particularly enjoyed evenings out with friends, especially the cooking of Jean-Louis and the Tourel family at Chez Felix restaurant.

Perry is survived by his wife, Kristie; son, Erik, and daughter-in-law, Marijana. In keeping with his wishes, no services are planned. We ask that Perry's friends and colleagues raise a glass of Moose Drool beer or their favorite martini in remembrance of his fellowship.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Sunset Cultural Center in Carmel in memory of Perry.



EDWARD (EDDY) SHEDLOWSKI

His unvarying response as to pronunciation?
"3 little words ... shed, low and ski."

Born in 1936 and raised in the oil-boom town of Kindersley, Saskatchewan to Ukrainian parents, Peter & Mary, he was the youngest of three brothers born over a 16-year span. He left his beloved Monterey Peninsula at age 87 on January 26, 2024, as a result of totally unexpected cardiac arrest.

Eddy was a natural athlete. As a high school student, he was voted Most Likely to Succeed and played hockey on the Senior Mens' Kindersley Klippers team, winning the Provincial title in 1953. He also played tennis, badminton and represented California at the 1967 U.S. National Curling Championships in Boston. He joined the Canadian Navy in 1956 and was stationed in Aklavik, NWT. Upon his engagement to his high school sweetheart, Lois (née Gordon), who did not want to end up sitting on an iceberg in the frozen north, he bought his way out of the service for a nominal sum(!) and they were married December 27, 1958. At Lois' urging, they honeymooned in sunny California, took up residence in Anaheim and in 1962 he graduated from Long Beach State with a degree in accounting. His first job was assistant to the VP of Denny's International and he eventually became their controller. As such, he traveled to Mexico City, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Macao and France. In 1983, he was recruited by Ted Balestreri, the family moved to Pacific Grove and he became controller for the Cannery Row Company. Later, he became lease administrator, a job ideally suited for a guy who was a born "people person." Retiring in 1999, he had his ideal post-retirement stint working as meeter/greeter at Poppy Hills Golf Course until 2023. While never officially recognized, Eddy was Pacific Grove's #1 promoter. His mantra from Day One on the Peninsula was "Gawd can you beat THIS?!!" and he would wonder every day at how lucky he was to live here. Another source of tremendous pride was his Ukrainian heritage and we will all remember his legendary borscht!

Eddy's proudest accomplishment: two great kids! Paige (Brad Kratovil), a USC grad and medical technologist and Jay, a buyer for Whole Foods. One of Ed's great thrills was a three-day cruise on US Navy Captain Brad's submarine and the "emergency blow" which was part of it! Golf was always a highlight and included 10 annual trips to Myrtle Beach with Jay & Brad, Hawaii with Jay, Pinehurst, Bandon Dunes, and countless courses in Virginia and Arizona.

Eddy is survived by Lois (whom he spoiled beyond belief); his children; plus 2 granddaughters, Quinn (Matt) Lake in Oregon and Dru (Dalton) Choquette in Georgia; nieces and nephews in AZ, WV and Canada. Special thanks to Kristina and Pete Scrivani for providing Eddy and Lois with years of outstanding memories, culinary adventures, friendship and TLC. A daily highlight was video chatting with 4-year-old great-grandson Cameron Lake as they had breakfast "together." His family is forever grateful for the years they had (Lois for 65 of them!) with the most good-natured, easy-going, laid-back guy on the planet!

3 little words Eddy ... "Rest. In. Peace."

SUNZAH PARK

Sunzah Park of Monterey, CA passed away on January 1, 2024, at the age of 92, in the loving company of her family.

She was born in Pyongyang, Korea on April 14, 1931, to the Rev. Chi Yil Pang and Kyung Wha Huh. Reverend Pang, to whom Sunzah was eternally devoted, was a widely beloved figure in the Korean Presbyterian Church.

At the age of 5, Sunzah moved with her family to Qingdao, China when Reverend Pang served as a Christian missionary there. In addition to attending mandatory Japanese school, she studied the piano, which became a lifelong passion. In Qingdao she met another Korean and aspiring concert pianist, Seung Paik Park, who would become the love of her life.

In 1950, Sunzah came to Whitworth College in Spokane WA for her undergraduate studies, and majored in music. She then received a master of arts degree in liturgical music from San Anselmo Theological Seminary. She also received training at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

While in San Francisco, she reunited with Seung Paik, and they married in 1958. They happily settled in Monterey, where they raised their two children.

Sunzah was dedicated to piano teaching, providing private lessons to many students at her home studio. After Seung Paik passed away, she joined the music faculty of Santa Catalina School, where she spent many rewarding years with students and other educators.

Additional musical pursuits included piano and chamber music performing with friends and support for Monterey area classical music events. She worshiped regularly at Carmel Valley Community Chapel and then First Presbyterian Church of Monterey. Also important to Sunzah were her many close friendships with other Korean Americans in the Monterey area.

She is survived by her son, John; daughter, Anna; and two beloved grandchildren.

A memorial service in celebration of the life of Sunzah Park will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at First Presbyterian Church of Monterey.

Those wishing to make contributions may do so to Santa Catalina School (<https://www.santacatalina.org/upper-school/giving/give-online>), in memory of Sunzah Park to her Soli Deo Gloria Endowment. The Soli Deo Gloria Award ("for the glory of God alone") was founded by Sunzah to provide support for music students at Catalina.



Editorial

Why not \$500?

REP. BARBARA Lee may be known for her fringe political ideas, but she's taken things to a whole new level with her call for a \$50-an-hour minimum wage, equivalent to about \$104,000 per year.

While some people have mocked her for it — Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas responded by tweeting, “Why not \$500?” — the idea of a \$50 minimum wage has breathed new life into Lee's campaign to succeed the late Dianne Feinstein in the U.S. Senate, where polls show her trailing Adam Schiff and even former Los Angeles Dodger first baseman Steve Garvey.

We all understand that these days you don't get to be a senator from California by being circumspect, so maybe she's just trying to get attention. Nevertheless, calls for big increases in the minimum wage are a regular feature of the American political landscape, which means that Lee's demand for a \$50 minimum wage is worth looking at — if only because she's probably just a year or two ahead of what everybody on the left will soon be saying, especially if prices keep going up.

It's certainly true that inflation has caused the real value of the federal minimum wage to decrease substantially since it reached a peak in 1970, when \$1.60 per hour was worth \$12.61 in 2023 dollars — more than 65 percent higher than today's federal minimum wage of \$7.50.

That's a very significant erosion of the incomes of workers at the bottom of the scale.

Of course, since 1970, there have been dramatic increases in entitlement programs that help the poor — especially the Earned Income Credit, which was created in 1975. So minimum wage workers aren't nearly as badly off as the lagging pay would suggest.

But basic economic principles dictate that nobody should be compensated more than their productivity is worth — otherwise, you have to pay them with made-up money, which causes inflation, or with money confiscated from someone else who earned it, a practice known as income redistribution, but which might better be called government-compelled charity. Neither strategy is good for the overall success of the economy.

Better still would be to make the efforts of low-skilled workers worth more, so that employers will pay them more on their own. Wages are a function of supply and demand, just like everything else in an open market, and if pay for unskilled workers is too low, it can only be because there are more of these workers than there are jobs. If a minimum-wage law is needed, it's presumably because their pay would be even lower if not for government intervention, which means that when companies hire workers to pick crops or cook french fries, there are many more workers available than jobs that need to be filled. If there were a shortage of workers, companies and private individuals would have to offer higher pay, which they don't, at least where workers with little education and few skills are concerned.

Meanwhile, even as the value of the federal minimum wage has fallen sharply since 1970, the U.S. economy has gotten a whole lot bigger. According to macrotrends.net, the per capita GDP is \$76,399 today, more than nine times bigger than it was 50 years ago. But why hasn't more of this tremendous increase in per capita national wealth flowed to people at the bottom of the economic ladder?

The answer can only be that their numbers have increased compared to the overall workforce.

And why would that be?

The answer is illegal immigration. The vast majority of illegal immigrants from Mexico, the nations of Central America, Africa and Asia are from those countries' lowest economic classes. When they cross the border and offer their services for wages that are far below what American workers are used to, the effect is to drive down wages for the citizen workers who would compete with them for those jobs.

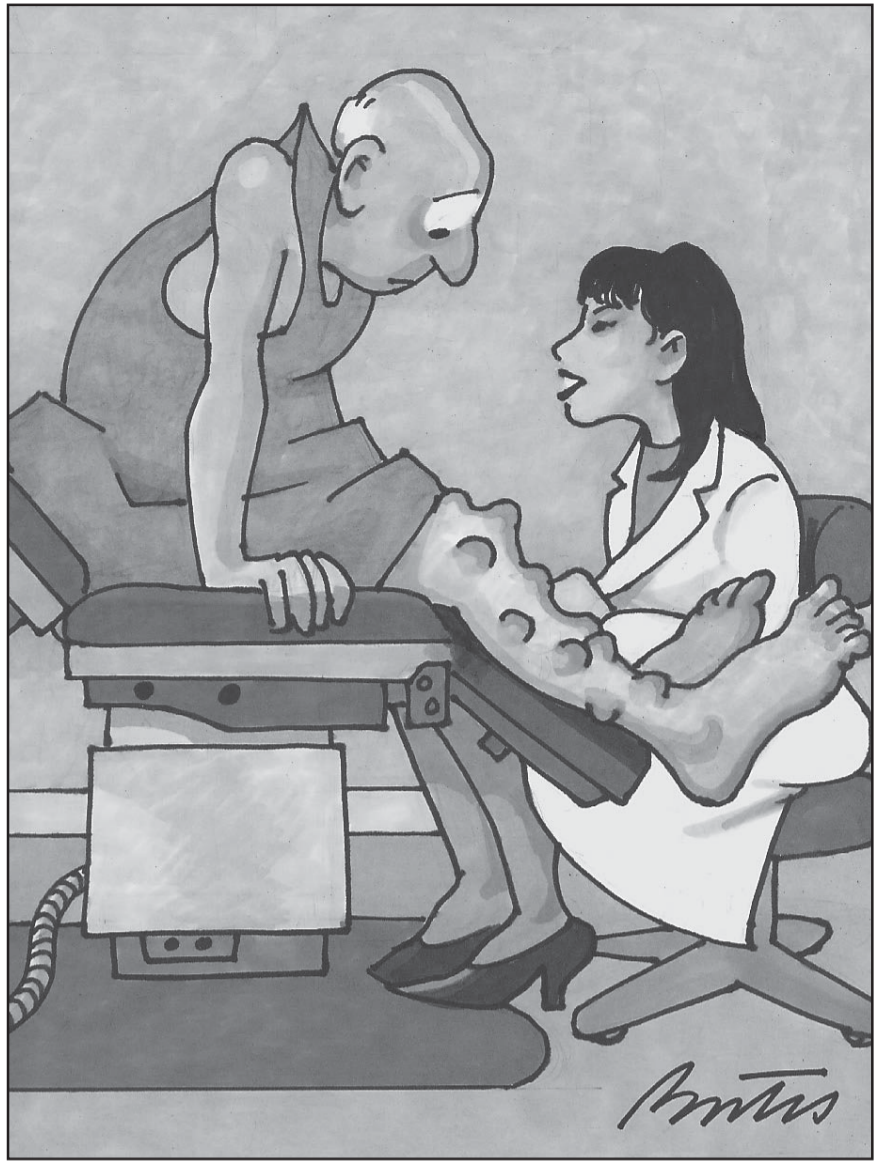
Which explains why, as we have stated before, Cesar Chavez was so opposed to illegal immigration. He knew what the effect would be on farm worker wages, and if he were alive today, he would be saying, “I told you so!”

This nation has an oversupply of low-skilled workers, which is what keeps their wages low.

Of course, illegal immigration is never mentioned during the national debate about the minimum wage — not as one of the causes of low wages, or what should be done about them.

Not even Barbara Lee, that great friend of the working class, ever mentions it.

BEST of BATES



“It's pitch canker, Mr. Jones. You've got to stop hugging trees.”

Letters to the Editor

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Understanding hospital prices

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago, CalMatters published an article, “It's just too much: Why many insured Californians avoid hospitals in this county.”

This article examined an important question: Why are some Monterey County residents seeking health care services outside of the county due to cost? I think it's important for Pine Cone readers to understand some of the important facts — many of which were omitted from the article — behind the high cost of healthcare in our county.

First of all, I agree wholeheartedly that this unfortunate circumstance must be addressed, and everyone at Montage Health empathizes with patients who must travel long distances for treatment and care.

Monterey County is an outlier, because only 20.8 percent of Community Hospital's patients are covered by commercial insurance. Data from the California Department of Health Care Access and Information demonstrates that hospitals in the 12 counties of the greater Bay Area have an average of 30.6 percent of their patients

covered by commercial insurance, equating to nearly a 50 percent higher, more favorable, commercial payer mix. The vast majority of Community Hospital's patients (78 percent) are insured via government payers like Medicare and Medi-Cal, which reimburse only a fraction of the full cost of care. In fact, if Community Hospital's payer mix simply matched that of the Bay Area average, our rates could be immediately reduced by 26 percent.

The revenue that Community Hospital takes in from commercial insurance companies helps cover the cost of many critical services Montage Health provides at a significant loss. These include countywide diabetes and opioid mitigation services, mental and behavioral health services for children and adults, skilled nursing care, hospice and palliative care, and Monterey County's largest Medicare Advantage plan supporting thousands of seniors in our community. Those services alone lost \$34 million in 2022. Combined with a \$36 million annual operating deficit incurred to provide primary and specialty care through our wholly owned Montage Medical Group, the need to maintain sustainable hospital charges becomes clearer.

We know that healthcare costs are unsustainable for many small businesses and families. As a community hospital with a 90-year legacy of serving our community, as a major employer, and as the sponsor of more than \$182 million in annual community benefits (including free and discounted care and services), we are working on a number of remedies and

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IT TOOK A WHILE TO FIND HIS CALLING, BUT THEN THINGS PERKED UP

FRANK G. Morris III brought Pacific Grove a living room with the iconic coffee shop Juice and Java, which he recently retired from and sold. But his path to being a successful business owner for 30 years was nonlinear, as many are.

Morris was born on a military base in

Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

Los Angeles and grew up in Ohio, where his father was an Air Force colonel stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and his mother was — and remains — the most loving and supportive person he said he could ask for. Following high school, however, he wasn't quite sure what to do.

"After years in a rock band, stacking lumber in a lumberyard, and making it through only one quarter of college, I ended up working in a full-service gas station for two years — think cold winters and hot summers — until a friend asked if I wanted to tour the country. With no plans and no time limit, I thought, 'Why not?' We would drive until we ran out of money," Morris said.

Musical dreams

He ended up in California, where he again found himself managing a gas station — but at least winters here weren't so bad. Morris has a black belt in karate and is a musician and composer and said, "I went to the Carmel Valley rec center and told them I wanted to teach karate, and they said I needed insurance, which I couldn't afford. I was working at a deli," he said. Instead, he got a job at Quail Lodge as the night "house," a job that was a combination of security guard and janitor. "I would sit and play the piano and dream of playing to a room full of people," he said. For years, he played guitar and flute in a progressive rock band, but it didn't pan out as a career.

He became the top salesman at John Riley Golf Company on Cannery Row, selling custom golf clubs, but the store closed. Fortunately, he had managed to sock away some significant savings.

Epiphany

Finding himself unemployed, he drove to Santa Cruz three or four days a week and sat in a coffee house, ruminating with pad and pencil about what to do with his life. After about four months of this, he was running out of paper, pencils and ideas. Then, he said, "I remembered what Mom would tell me: 'Frank, your schooling is the world, not a classroom. Go through your day with

open eyes, and God will put right in front of you exactly where you should be.'" He thought to himself, "OK God, I've been waiting almost six months in this coffee house for you to show me what I should do." Then it struck him — he was meant to open a coffee house.

Ecstatic with his epiphany, he phoned his parents. "How are you ever gonna make a living selling coffee?" was their response. "This was the pre-Starbucks days," he explained. But he

was determined. He had figured out his calling and began searching for a space — maybe a former bank. "Banks make the best coffee houses," he said, citing "big open spaces" and "nice counters," and, with a laugh, he added, "a safe to hold the beans."

Be the best

Morris found the spot that is now Juice and Java in Pacific Grove, and Charles "Bud" Giles, who owned the building, agreed to take a chance on him and help make his dream come true. "Bud was like a father to me," he said. Morris jumped headfirst into renovating the building, throwing every penny he had into it — and some serious sweat equity.

"I remember I worked for 94 straight days from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. leading up to and after opening to make sure it succeeded. When I was a kid, my dad always told me, 'I don't care what you do in the world even if you're a ditch-digger. You be the best ditch-digger you can be.' And I never let that go."

On Labor Day 1993, he and his business partner opened their doors.

"I had thought that business owners made tons of money and didn't have to work," he said. But he quickly learned otherwise — he never got a day off. In fact, he

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PHOTO/COURTESY FRANK MORRIS

After years of trying to figure out his calling, Frank Morris realized he wanted to run a coffee house.

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

Through care and fire, a potter's artistry becomes durable

THE 57-YEAR-OLD gas kiln in the back room of Peninsula Potters is filled with tough love — thousands upon thousands of well-roasted particles of failure, each representing a fragment of education.

The frustration when a piece of art disintegrates has ruined many a ceramicist who had yet to achieve the humble grace of Johanna Keefe.

"Inside this kiln is a little bit of everything that's ever been made in it," said Keefe, a full-time ceramic artist, instructor, mentor, and co-owner of the Pacific Grove co-op founded in 1967.

'Happy accidents'

"You have to work around the disaster and find the gift in the failure: 'Oh my God, I just learned something that I was missing before! The bad thing is the good thing!'" she said.

"We become masters of compartmentalization, of grace, of detachment, of radical acceptance," she said. "It's like, 'OK, this is what happened. Now we're going to test and try again.' We learn to embrace those happy accidents."

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Keefe made her first piece of ceramic art — a unicorn — as a fourth grader in Wilmette, Ill., hometown of comedian Bill Murray, her dad's high school classmate. Her interest accelerated at New Trier High in nearby Winnetka, and she went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Oregon College of Art and Craft in 2009, and a Master of Fine and Studio Arts from the University of Southern Florida in 2014.

She studied art for a summer in Paris, lived three transformative years in Italy, returned to the United States in 2018, then made a pilgrimage to the Monterey

Peninsula to meet one of the earliest members of Peninsula Potters.

"The very first person I met in Monterey was Peggy Alonas, the longest-term member of Peninsula Potters (47 years)," Keefe said of the woman who became her business partner.

"Meeting Peggy wasn't accidental. I emailed her before I moved here in 2021 because I wanted to see the co-op," she said. "When I did, I was over the moon — I had never seen anything like it, except in old photographs and in the movies."

The front of Peninsula Potters serves as a nondescript gallery for its 13 members, all of whom are female. Keefe and her colleagues are in the process of renovating it with new flooring and gallery lighting.

Sharing knowledge

One of reasons the place has survived without interruption since the Summer of Love is its members' willingness to share their vast cumulative knowledge.

Alonas, a ceramicist for more than 50 years, is retired from a decades-long career as an instructor at Monterey Peninsula College. Keefe has taught in high schools, including Stevenson and Santa Catalina, graduate school, and at community centers — currently three nights a week at Monterey's Hilltop Park

Center.

"She's my fairy claymother," 28-year-old co-op member Anisa Etemadi said of Keefe. "When I look back on who I was when I first met Jo — just two or three years ago — I don't recognize that person. She truly has changed my life." Keefe, in turn, ranks Etemadi among the five most talented potters she's ever worked with.

"Anisa's a superstar," she said. "She's international already, with no limit to what she can accomplish."

The other reason for the place's longevity is the kiln, itself, which was built for Peninsula Potters 5 1/2 decades ago, still has its original bricks and housing, and is entirely analogue.

Done by sight

"We have no thermometers, no barometers, no oximeters, no computers. We use pyrometric cones (small, ceramic pyramids which melt at known temperatures, allowing the user to gauge the heat level), so everything we do is by sight," Keefe said.

The cones are a 138-year-old science — albeit an inexact one.

"We're very lucky to be able to do this because it takes one-to-one teaching, which has been passed down generationally," Keefe said. "It's a very powerful way to make art, and it shows in the work."

Getting it wrong? That happens all the time.

"This kiln has been fired thousands and thousands of times, and there's a little

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PHOTO/SHAUN KHOENLE

Peninsula Potters co-owner Johanna Keefe combined her talents as ceramic artist and fine-art photographer for a 2023 show in Santa Cruz. The flowers in her photograph are arranged in Keefe's re-creation of an 18th-century tobacco jar. Her wheel-thrown teapot sculpture is enameled with 22-karat gold.



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piece inside of everything that's ever been made here," she said. "But when you hit it right, it absolutely glows."

Keefe jokes that she has "issues of grandiosity," which are kept in check by doses of humility she regularly receives from the unforgiving kiln. But the never-ending trial-by-error education produces results.

A moment of validation, she said, was when the Smithsonian Institute accepted one of her pieces — a tureen with a lobster on top — in 2013. A buyer paid almost \$10,000 for another Keefe piece.

As for "grandiosity?" She is trusting the kiln with fine-art dinnerware these days, "...over-the-top opulence that I plan to show and sell as a complete set," she said.

She also had a successful 2023 show in Santa Cruz and participated in several in Florida. Most of her work is purchased by private collectors.

Keefe is also a fine-art photographer.

"You've got to make money to be an artist, so right now I'm doing corporate and institutional workshops," Keefe said. "We take all of the supplies to a place, set it all up, teach the workshop, haul everything away, and then the participants get their objects in the mail in a beautiful box."

"We're growing, expanding, trying to bring this medium to everybody."

Applicants are welcome

The roster at the co-op is at full capacity, Keefe said, but new applicants are welcome. Keefe urges ceramicists to send images and resumes to peninsulapotterasca@gmail.com, or call (831) 372-8867.

She also encourages people to see the artwork at Peninsula Potters, open daily from noon to 4 p.m. at 2078 Sunset Drive, inside Pacific Grove's Russell Service Center.

The 57th anniversary of Peninsula Potters will be celebrated with its second annual block party, planned for July.

You can see more on the Peninsula Potters page on Facebook or visit peninsulapotterasca.com. Additional information about Keefe and pictures of her work can be found at johannakeefe.com.

Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

LIVES

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always stayed open on Christmas, and while he gave his employees a holiday, Morris would work the shop. "Half my regulars would come in and thank me, saying they'd otherwise have nowhere to go," he said.

In 1998, he bought the gas station on the corner of 17th Street and Lighthouse in P.G. Again with Bud's help, he got permits to put a kitchen in. He owned Frank's 17th Street Grill for two years before realizing that kitchen work wasn't for him. He sold it in 2011, and after several more years as the 17th Street Grill, it became the home of

The Monarch Pub.

Morris also owned a recording studio in Marina, where he played keyboard and bass. In 2008, he went to the Cannes film festival as the guest of a group of filmmakers, hoping to get his foot in the door as a musician for film scores, but he realized that as a business owner, he simply didn't have the time. In fact, he said, he had to put his music on the back burner for the last 10 years, and getting back to it — and martial arts — were near the top of his list for retirement.

At the end of 2023, Morris sold Juice and Java and now hopes to spend more time with his mother who is "97 years young." But he maintains his philosophy. "In a world of endless TV channels, cell phones, computers and social media outlets, thank God for coffee houses."

FAIR

From page 3A

meeting, adding that he didn't want to have to deliver another set of public notices to his neighbors "to explain I want a tax break."

"At this point, it's a bit humiliating," he continued. "It's a waste of time and a waste of money."

Mayor Dave Potter advised Lecomte to be patient because, "you don't want to get the wrong decision."

In his request for advice from the Fair Political Practices Commission, Pierik provided a letter from appraiser Reed Bartron stating he does not take the proximity of historic resources under Mills Act contracts into account when calculating the value of a home. "His letter states that the appraisal process for residential property would consider the property's location, parcel, size, views, quality, condition, living area and room count," senior counsel L. Karen Harrison summarized in her letter to Pierik.

Increased property values

But a 2017 San Diego study Pierik also provided, "Estimating the Value of the Historical Designation Externalities" by Andrew Narwold, concluded the loss in property tax revenues resulting from a Mills Act contract "is more than compensated for by a general increase in the property value of other houses in the neighborhood, ranging from a 3.7 percent rise within 250 feet to a 1.6 percent increase for homes 250 to 500 feet away from the historic resource.

Based on the facts Pierik provided, Harrison determined that decisions by Potter, Richards and Baron on Mills Act contracts for the buildings near theirs "will have a material financial effect on their properties unless there is clear and convincing evidence that the decision will have no measurable impact on their properties."

"We find that the facts provided do not rebut this presumption," she wrote.

She also speculated that since Carmel is just 1 square mile, "the presence of well-maintained properties in one's immediate area would seem to have a more significant impact on the market value of nearby properties," than in larger cities like San Diego.

Further, she noted, the commission is generally dismissive of appraisals being determinative in conflict-of-interest issues. "Additionally, we note that the appraisal letter states that location and views are considered in determining market value, and these factors would include the general condition and possible state of repair or disrepair of a nearby property," she wrote. "Therefore, the facts do not provide clear and convincing evidence that the Mills Act contract decisions will have no measurable impact on the officials' properties."

GAVEL

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felony child abuse. Flores was additionally charged with numerous acts of forcible lewd and lascivious acts on a minor under age 14, forcible sodomy, forcible oral copulation, and forcible rape. Perez entered a plea of "no contest" to the sole charge of child abuse on Aug. 25, 2023. Butler sentenced Perez to four years of formal probation and 150 days in county jail.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Detective Jared Dominici, with assistance from officer Oscar Solis, Jr. and former officer Daniel Martinez. District attorney investigator Alicia Cox assisted in this prosecution. The victim and juvenile witnesses in this case were assisted by victim witness advocate Estella Sanchez and victim witness program manager Alma Sanchez.

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CAA seeking new members

CARMEL'S OLDEST gallery and a pioneer among nonprofit arts groups, the Carmel Art Association is putting word out that it is looking for new members.

"Are you a local artist looking for representation and involvement in this art community?" the group asked in its announcement of the qualification process. "The Carmel Art Association is jurying in new artists working in painting, printmaking and sculpting disciplines to join our gallery as artist members."

Applicants must live within 35 miles of Carmel for at least one year before they can apply, and then they can submit "10 works for the 2024 jury to consider," the CAA said.

Founded in 1927 and featuring more

("Back at It"), Amy Small ("Soul Direction") and Helen MacKinlay ("Cosmogonies: Creation Myths"), along with a two-artist exhibit by photographers Nantai Mendoza and Montana Cota of Monterey High School ("Urban Fantasies").

Located at 568 Lighthouse Ave., the gallery is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

■ Grants for artists

The Arts Council for Monterey is giving grants to artists, and the latest applications are due April 22. Sixteen awards worth up to \$5,000 are available for "emerging artists who are just beginning to show-

case their work publicly and engage with the community," and two awards worth up to \$10,000 will be made to "established artists who have a track record of public engagement and have made

a significant social impact through their art."

According to arts council executive director Jacquie Atchison, the grants ultimately end up benefiting the community as well as the artists who receive them. "These artists contribute significantly to both the cultural and economic aspects of our community," she said. "Supporting them is not just valuable, but necessary."

All artists must be 18 years old and Monterey County residents for at least two years. For more details, visit arts4MC.org/grants.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

than 100 members, the association's gallery, on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, stages both solo and group shows of its members' art throughout the year.

For more details, call (831) 250-3347 or visit carmelart.org/artist_member.

■ Just one more week

Five shows on display at Pacific Grove Art Center close Thursday, including painter Lee Cox's exhibit, "Time Capsules," in the venue's Boyer Gallery.

Cox finds creative inspiration in his memories.

"My paintings are like time capsules recovered from my mind," he explained. "I start without a plan, spontaneously applying many layers of paint, paper, pencil and crayon to create shapes, colors, marks and texture. These actions evoke memories until one becomes dominant. To finish, I choose a title that will cause viewers to revisit their own memories."

Also on display at the art center through Feb. 22 are solo shows by painters David Hohmann

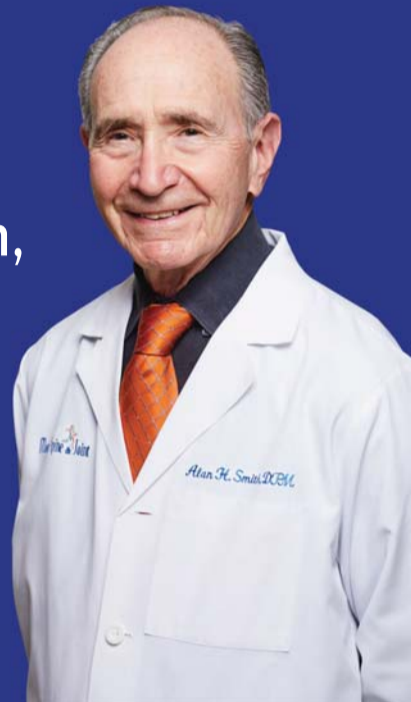


"Spanish Steps" by painter Lee Cox is included in a show that's on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center. The exhibit closes Thursday.

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long-term solutions to reduce that burden.

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Regrettably, the CalMatters article did not accurately reflect the underlying drivers of the current challenges of Community Hospital and Montage Health: nearly 80 percent of patients covered by Medi-Cal and Medicare, the costs associated with recruiting and retaining highly trained staff in one of the most expensive housing markets in the country, and a host of other challenges endemic to the American healthcare system. The article chose to focus on Monterey County's higher operating margins rather than asking the broader and more challenging question of whether the majority of California's hospitals can survive with unsustainable margins.

The administration and staff of Montage Health and Community Hospital stand ready to address cost issues in a constructive and sustainable manner that does not impede access to care or diminish its quality. We welcome dialogue and the engagement of our community partners, other health care providers, insurers, and policymakers in finding solutions, because we believe every person in Monterey County should receive the care they need in the

community where they live, regardless of ability to pay.

Steven Packer, MD,
President & CEO, Montage Health and
Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula

Underground utilities

Dear Editor,

Carmel should require all future public utilities to be underground to protect our natural views and, most importantly, our safety. The main cause of the 2007 Malibu fire and the 2023 Lahaina fire was overloading of utilities on telephone poles, coupled with wind. Carmel-by-the-Sea has the added vulnerability of overhead electrical equipment routed through its urban forest.

On Feb. 5, rain and windstorms caused at least four dangerous incidents involving overhead utility damage, one resulting in fire and evacuations. A tree broke a telephone pole and severed communication lines found on the ground in area of Second and Pescadero Canyon. The pressure on these lines broke a rotten crossbeam on a telephone pole at Palou and Casanova, pulling the overhead wires down and leaving no electricity on that block. On Carpenter Street, fire and police were on scene due to a gas line break and four to five residents were evacuated where a fallen tree in that same location had yanked down a telephone pole and overhead lines. At Mountain View and Guadalupe, there was a fire in the lines within a tree canopy. Three residences were evacuated. Luckily, the fire was put out quickly.

On March 5, the city council will consider an overhead utility proposal by Astound Broadband to place over 11 thousand feet of ugly, thick and heavy fiber optic bundle wires overhead on our aging telephone poles. It is dangerous to have fiber optic bundle cables overhead because they're much heavier than Comcast-type coaxial cables. Also, fiber optic repeaters are much heavier. The proposal requires nine guy wires from telephone poles anchored to the ground to structurally support the added load. Fiber

optic bundle wires must be underground per our general plan aesthetics and for our safety, as other communities require.

We already have the policy that all new home builds are required to underground their utilities and the cost for trenching goes to the homeowner. Why wouldn't we also require utility companies to also underground their utilities?

Tasha Witt,
Carmel

'Hit job'

Dear Editor,

The individuals behind the paid ads attacking all but one of the Carmel Unified School District board members are cowards attempting a political assassination on good people doing their best to serve the public. Hiding in an anonymous cabal and lashing out from the shadows is gutless. If you have something to say and think you are right, then state who you are, sign your name, show your face.

I will not pretend to know the intricacies of all issues facing the district. I am a former employee with no involvement at CUSD. I was privileged to work with and teach many exceptional individuals, a couple of whom are on this board. Perhaps mistakes were made, perhaps they were not, but taking out a full page ad with the faces of respected members of the Carmel community printed with red lines through them is vile and childish.

The kind of person or persons responsible for this viciousness represent so much that is wrong in our society. Decent, mature adults should be able to dissent, discuss and compromise without resorting to a "cancel culture" mentality and nasty political stunts.

Lauren Cohen,
Monterey

Pine Inn expansion

Dear Editor,

I am concerned about the proposed Pine Inn expansion at the intersection of Sixth and Monte Verde, which presently includes the construction of a 10-foot-tall wall along Monte Verde, covered parking, and 600-square-foot units on the elevated structure.

It was very timely that the Carmel Public Library Foundation hosted an evening with Dr. Michael A. Arbib, professor and neuroscientist, for his discussion of "When Brains Meet Buildings, A Conversation on the Intersection of Architecture and Neuroscience." The award-winning author articulated how architecture impacts our thoughts, feelings and behavior, and how we interact with architecture on a daily basis in ways that may not be apparent. Thank you to the Carmel Public Library Foundation.

I found his conversation especially relevant to Carmel, which has so carefully understood and protected the mood, emotion and behavior created by the built environment. That now seems to conflict with the new proposal by the Pine Inn to construct a 10-foot-tall wall along Monte Verde Street. Arbib discussed how the experience of a wall can cause different brain activity and create a deadened and forlorn feeling and impact how people behave.

He suggested there are "atmospheric" effects created by

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design. What will the atmosphere be along Monte Verde with a 10-foot-tall stone wall, created simply to cover parking, and hotel units built on top to capture ocean views? He noted that a person's actions change by how one experiences the environment, which will impact that corner of Carmel.

It is my hope that the residents of Carmel and its elected officials, to whom this letter will be copied, will encourage the Pine Inn to require underground parking and provide housing, for which the property is zoned, rather than hotel units, which would require rezoning and cause congestion, noise, traffic and a number of other issues.

Patricia Harrington,
Crested Butte, Colo.

Stop the excuses

Dear Editor,

I have been married to a CPA for more than 40 years. The fact is that the IRS will allow a post office box address on your tax return only if your post office doesn't deliver to your home. The W-9 and W-4 instructions do not specifically state that a box is allowed; however, the 1040 instructions state that a P.O. box is allowed if mail

is not delivered to your home.

Many of those who keep pushing for numbers on homes in Carmel-by-the-Sea are falsely using the IRS and our emergency personnel as excuses to get their Amazon packages. Our emergency personnel should be using GPS to find our houses, and if they ever fail to do this, then shame on them. Even in remote parts of Africa, GPS is used to find locations.

For those who are making it their mission to change Carmel and our traditions, one wonders ... why move here in the first place?

Cari White,
Carmel

Thanks to PG&E

Dear Editor,

My power was off from to Sunday to midday Thursday and I would to thank PG&E for its huge effort to restore power to the Peninsula.

I live in a heavily wooded area of Monterey. The morning after the windstorm, I walked my neighborhood and I have never seen so much debris from broken limbs and downed trees. This devastation was everywhere, but I also saw linemen and tree removal companies everywhere.

Some people got their power back quickly. I was happy for them, and I was

grateful when mine came back on, too.

The communication from PG&E let us know we were not forgotten!

Karen Calley,
Monterey

Great team effort

Dear Editor,

I've been reading the Pine Cone since

the 1970s, and I must say the reporting and coverage of local interest stories that appeared in the Feb. 9 edition reached a new pinnacle for Pine Cone readers.

Your coverage on county storm damage as well as the AT&T golf tournament was so extensive and well done, and is a credit to your reporting and article writing staff.

George Fusco, Carmel



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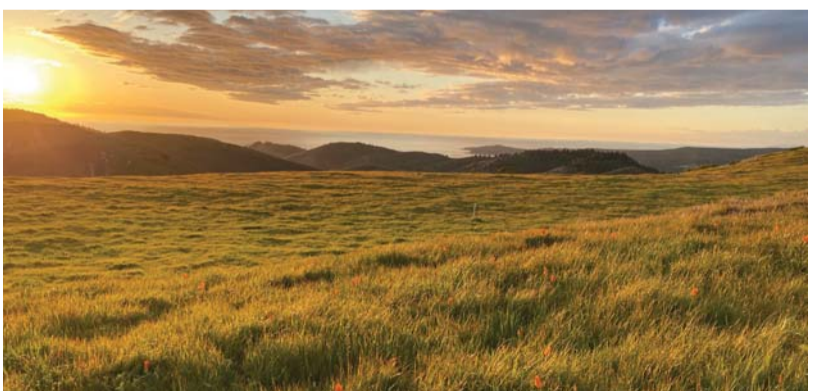
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Section 2

Nothing can really be something great in the wide world of sports

THE “0,” as in zero, is special. When it appears in a team’s loss column at the end of a season, it becomes a part of lore forevermore.

Regardless of what happens at the Central Coast Section soccer playoffs, which begin Saturday, the 2023-24 teams at Stevenson — boys and girls — and this year’s York girls will have bragging rights until they’re old and grey.

Stevenson’s boys went 9-0 with three draws in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Cypress Division, tying North Monterey County (also 9-0-3, including ties in both Stevenson showdowns) for first place — the first league championship trophy for a Pirates team. (Read a full profile of this year’s team, which went 12-3-5 overall, in The Pine Cone’s Jan. 12 edition.)

Alone at the top

Stevenson’s girls are this year’s outright champions of the PCAL’s Santa Lucia Division with a 10-0 record plus two ties — the fifth league title trophy in their history, but the first since the 2011-12 and 2012-13 teams won back-to-back Mission Trail Athletic League crowns. (A full profile of this year’s Pirates, who were 11-1-4 overall, can be found in the Jan. 26 Pine Cone.)

But York’s girls, 14-0 overall and 12-0 in the Cypress Division, will bring maximum sparkle into their first CCS playoff game on Saturday. Details of their bracket — who



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York goalie Eleanor Johnson (left), a vocal leader, will play college soccer next year after whitewashing 10 opponents this season. Attacking midfielder Izabella Tejeda, a junior (above), already has two all-division awards, along with “the best form on our team,” her coach said.

to reach the main CCS bracket) — but lost. I wasn’t the coach then, but I knew they had a really good team,” said Chris Wilcox, York’s first-year coach.

“Last year, we got bumped up two divisions and finished third, even though we were playing short-handed much of the time due to injuries,” he said. “So I thought at the beginning of this season that we’d be contenders to win the league and had a chance to go to CCS if we stayed healthy.”

They’ve outscored foes 59-7

Here’s what to know about the best soccer season in York School history:

The Falcons outscored their opponents by a margin of 59-7 this year, getting more than half of their goals — 32, a county-best — from senior striker Samantha Ortiz-

Naranjo, who scored a hat trick (three goals in a single game) six times this season.

In three full seasons at York, she has accounted for 93 goals. As a freshman, when Covid canceled all but three games, she scored five more, giving her 98 (so far) in three-plus seasons.

Ortiz-Naranjo — 2023’s Offensive Player of the Year in the Cypress — is one of seven York starters with significant club soccer experience (played during the offseason with private travel teams) including senior goalie Eleanor Johnson, who has recorded 79 saves for a defense that has surrendered just seven goals all year.

Johnson, who has committed to play next year at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., has held nine York

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

they play, what time and where — were determined by a committee at Thursday’s CCS seeding meeting, but were unavailable at press time. Find them at cifccs.org by clicking the Playoffs tab.

“Two years ago, York won the PCAL’s lowest division (the Arroyo) and got a play-in game (an opportunity



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opponents scoreless this season and limited three other teams to a single goal.

Contributing to that nearly impenetrable defense are Sarah Tate, a senior, Alexa Arango-Cuevas, a junior, and Minx Adelman, a freshman.

Tate, who was All-Cypress Division in '23, selflessly shifted to the center-defender spot at York despite scoring 37 goals for Marina two years ago as a 10th grader.

"Sarah played club soccer for a very



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Chris Wilcox, York's first-year head coach, suspected from the beginning that this year's Falcons had CCS potential if they stayed healthy.

high-level team in Palo Alto, but stopped because she felt burned out," Wilcox said of Tate. "She's my starting center-back, but has the skills to play anywhere."

'Alex is just a force'

Arango-Cuevas, a co-captain who earned Defensive Player of the Year honors in the Arroyo Division as a ninth grader, plays club soccer in San Jose.

"Alex is fantastic, just a force, and another one who can play any position," said her coach of his starting center-defensive midfielder. "She missed last season with an anterior-cruciate (knee) injury,

but is one of our best passers, and she sees everything out there."

Adelman, the ninth grader, enrolled at York after moving two years ago from Vermont, where she played for a club team. She plays in the backfield alongside Tate as a center-defender.

The Falcons' attacking midfielder, junior Izabella Tejada, all-division as a freshman and sophomore, is the team's second-leading scorer (13 goals) and is third in assists, with nine.

'Best form on the team'

"Izzy is also a club player in San Jose and probably has the best form on our team," Wilcox said.

The other co-captain, junior Alessia Torrente, also has versatility, but starts at right wing to take advantage of her blinding speed.

"She's so lightning-fast that there's really nobody who can stay with her, and she just runs, runs, runs. She also is probably our best dribbler — just a joy to watch," said her coach.

And center-midfielder Rose Finn had club experience as a youth, but her value stems from her status as a four-year starter for the Falcons.

"She's incredibly smart — she's applying to a lot of Ivy League schools — and really reliable as a passer and receiving a pass," Wilcox said. "She's a cog for us in the middle with Izabella and Alexa."

Others in the starting lineup include the left back, sophomore Ja'khiah McMillan, ("a first-year player, fast and athletic, just learning the sport"), the right back, senior Rachael Galinato ("a quiet leader who doesn't lose sight of where she needs to be as a defender"), junior Regan Takashima, a hustling left forward, and Lily Gill, who

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can play midfield or forward.

“We have some vocal seniors in Eleanor and Sarah, but our captains are Alexa and Alessia, both juniors,” Wilcox said. “The reason is that they’re good communicators, and their effort is always there. Those four and Samantha basically drive the team.”

All five are capable of playing collegiate soccer, if they choose to, said the coach.

Edwards leads Pirate girls

Stevenson’s girls, who outscored their opponents 63-12, are led offensively by Ava Edwards (16 goals, nine assists), Nina Stewart (9 goals), Leda Kendall (7 goals), and 2022 All-Cypress Division first-teamer Chloe Vogel (15 assists). Georgia Bonifas, a sophomore, is a second-year starter in goal for the Pirates.

And Stevenson’s boys have scored 47 goals, led by Spencer Stornetta (12) and Henry Blaxter, and they’ve given up 15, with veteran Luke Brandler (28 saves) at goalie.

The challenge for Peninsula teams at CCS, as always, will be competing with the more experienced players they typically encounter against San Jose-area schools.

Stevenson’s girls program will be making its eighth appearance in the sectional playoffs — first in 2005-06, most recently in 2018-19 — where they have a 2-7 record.

First CCS in 12 years for boys

Stevenson’s boys have qualified for the third time in school history. Their first CCS tournament was in 2002, when they lost to Burlingame, and their most recent was 2012, when the Pirates beat Harbor in the opening round, then lost to Sacred Heart Prep in the quarterfinals.

York came closest in 2022, losing a play-in game 3-2 to Monte Vista Christian. Falcons who played on that team included Johnson and Ortiz-Naranjo, who were sophomores, and Tejada, Torrente, and Arango-Cuevas, who were freshmen. All five received first-team All-Arroyo Division honors that year.

Lander advances to masters

Carmel junior Zack Lander won a seventh-place medal at last week’s Southern Regional Wrestling Championships to qualify for Saturday’s CCS Masters tournament in the 150-pound bracket.

Lander lost his first match by fall (time 2:14) to Gilroy’s Kaleo Garcia. He decisioned Cruz Taylor of Aptos 6-1 in the first match of the consolation round, then was pinned in 5:26 by Dylan Gates of Santa Cruz. He advanced to CCS Masters when Yerba Buena’s Jeffrey Pham forfeited the seventh-place match.

Carmel teammate Alexander Noto-Hagen, a freshman heavyweight, lost his opening match by fall, then pinned his first consolation-round foe before being eliminated.

Today’s CCS Masters tournament starts at 9 a.m. at Watsonville High.

Summer in Croatia

Fifteen members of Stevenson’s girls water polo pro-

gram will travel this summer to Croatia, where they’ll learn from some of the top coaches in the world and play against Croatia’s youth national team and other Croatian clubs.

Some of the games and training will even take place in the Adriatic Sea.

The trip will be covered by a fundraising effort, with

half of those funds going to a special-needs school in Sibenik, Croatia.

The Pirates won the Monterey Peninsula’s first NorCal water polo championship this fall after grabbing the CCS title for the second straight year.

Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

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Monterey Symphony shines spotlight on pianist, new piece at Sunset Center

FOR ITS third concert of the season, **Monterey Symphony** showcases a gifted pianist and welcomes a new

poser-in-residence **John Wineglass**,” the symphony’s music director **Jayce Ogren** said.

The program also includes 19th-century German composer Carl Maria von Weber’s *Overture to Der Freischutz*, a world premiere of contemporary American composer Jennifer Higdon’s *Blue Cathedral*, and Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92*.

Downes, who recently released her eighth album, “Love at Last,” was named Classical Woman of the Year two years ago in a poll of listeners to the classical music radio program, Performance Today.

Sunday’s concert will be followed by a talk with Ogren and Wineglass. Also, pre-concert talks start 30 minutes before each performance.

Sunset Center is at San Carlos and Ninth. Tickets start at \$45 for general admission, and are \$12 for students, teachers and active-duty military. For tickets or more details, call (831) 646-8511 or visit montereysymphony.org.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

piece from its resident composer Saturday, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m., at Sunset Center.

“Our February concerts feature trailblazing pianist **Lara Downes** in the world premiere of *The Great Migration*, a new piano concerto by Monterey Symphony com-



Singer and guitarist Brad Wilson recently released a new album, and he’s playing Saturday at the Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley.



Award-winning pianist Lara Downes joins the Monterey Symphony Saturday and Sunday at Sunset Center.

Blues-rocker welcomes new LP

One of the Monterey Bay’s hardest-working musicians, singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** just released his latest album, “Buckle Up,” and you can hear him play Saturday, 6 p.m., at Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley.

The new LP features nine originals and five covers, including a reimagined version of the Rolling Stones’ “You Can’t Always Get What You Want.”

Trailside Cafe is at 3 Del Fino Place. For more details, visit bradwilsonlive.com.

Live music Feb. 16-22

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Tim Brady** (Friday at 5

p.m.), guitarist **Peter Martin** (jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.), 316 Alvarado St.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — singer and pianist **John Harris** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Sunday at noon), singer

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ANYONE WHO attended Pebble Beach Food & Wine under the former ownership of Coastal Luxury Management may suffer a bit of sticker shock when perusing tickets for the new version under Pebble Beach Co. ownership and organized by a company called a21. Taking the edge off, though, is a 25 percent discount until March 1.

Last held in 2019, the four-day food-and-drink fest returns April 4-7 and benefits the Pebble Beach Company Foundation, which has doled out \$14.1 million to youth-oriented charities since its inception

Soup to Nuts

in 1975. Lined up to participate in the events — which will be held at the Lodge at Pebble Beach and the Inn at Spanish Bay — are talented and accomplished chefs from throughout the country and as far afield as Doha, Qatar. Locals figure prominently in the lineup, including some first-timers, several PBFW veterans, and chefs from every Pebble Beach Co. restaurant.

Package deals

Wine seminars, panels and tastings will be led by master sommeliers and winemakers, and will feature venerable producers like Bond, Piper-Heidsieck, Dalla Valle, Dom Pérignon, Krug, Laurent Perrier, Opus One, Promontory and Verité Estate.

Ticket packages ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 went on sale last December, with a la carte options launching Feb. 6, and while Opening Night five years ago set people back \$375 (or \$495 for VIP early entry and after-party access) five years ago, it's now \$550 for general admission and \$675 for VIP.

A competing event from 7:30 to 9:30 that night, Nick Gislasen on



Jon Kasky of Paradise Catering will grill up goodies for a BBQ pop-up at Holman Ranch tasting room Sunday.

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Tasting seminars set for Friday and Saturday run \$250 to \$750, while lunches those days range from \$375 to \$450, and dinners both nights go for \$500 to \$1,500. The Tasting Pavilion — formerly called the Grand Tasting — held in a large tent on the P.B. “special events field” Saturday and Sunday features dozens of chefs, wineries and other producers, and admission is \$675 for VIPs, who can enter at noon instead of 1 p.m., \$475 for general admission, and \$10,000 for Cabana, which gets you “exclusive access to private VIP lounge areas for up to eight guests.”

Five years ago, most tickets for tastings and seminars were priced at \$150, with the exception of some rarer offerings, and entry to the Grand Tastings was \$295.

The company has embraced its new oversight of PBFW. “Pebble Beach Food & Wine encapsulates the essence of Pebble Beach Resorts — blending rich history, scenic beauty, and legends of their crafts,” the festival’s “About Us” section reads. “The festival is a fusion of tradition, innovation and the spirit of hospitality that makes Pebble Beach a premier destination.”

To see the offerings and lineup, and to take advantage of the 25 percent discount, visit pebblebeachfoodandwine.com.

Paradise pops up

Paradise Catering is offering a barbecue pop-up on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — or until they run out of food — at Holman Ranch’s tasting room at 18 W. Carmel Valley Road. Owners Jon Kasky and Nancy Rohan will be making and serving ribs, chicken, pulled pork, and BBQ wings hot off the grill, with accompaniments like cole slaw, potatoes and beans. Paradise Catering is known for its fresh, local ingredients, including veggies and fruit grown



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Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside — **60 East** ("From classic rock, to alternative, to reggae," Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

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 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence**

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De Tierra Vineyards tasting room — singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Thursday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

Edwin's — singer and pianist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Friday at 6:30 p.m.). San Carlos and Sixth, Carmel.

Estéban Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — singer and guitarist **Marty O'Reilly** (Americana, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (originals, classics and "under-the-radar" gems in many styles, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Benny Bassett** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Nina Hadzi-Antich** and guitarist **Brice Albert** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Jazzbos 2** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), flutist **Kenny Stahl** and guitarist **Bob Burnett** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

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



Singer Nina Hadzi-Antich and guitarist Brice Albert play jazz Tuesday at Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside.

Juice and Java in Pacific Grove — **The Fabulous Sizze Kings** with **Neal Oldham** of the Oldham Brothers on harmonica (Americana, Friday at 5:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), singer **Jonathan Valverde** (Broadway, American Songbook and Mexican folk, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

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Singer and guitarist Dan Frechette takes the stage Thursday at the Salty Seal Pub in Monterey.



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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).

Date signed: Feb. 1, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 1, 2024.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240208
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EPC LEARNING LABS, 3420 Mountainview Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923.**

Registered Owner(s): JACK ARTHUR NICKERSON. This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2024.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240305
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PHOTOGRAPHY BY RICHARD BARNARD, 17712 Pond Derosa Ln, Prunedale, CA 93907.**

Registered Owner(s): RICHARD KENNETH BARNARD. This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 11, 2016.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240309
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NUTRICION EL JOVEN, 25 El Camino Real, Suite C, Greenfield, CA 93927.**

Registered Owner(s): ALFREDO PEREZ FUENTES, 1143 La Colina St., Soledad, CA 93960.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2024.

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Date signed: Feb. 16, 23; Mar. 1, 8, 2024 (PC 222).

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Date signed: Feb. 16, 23; Mar. 1, 8, 2024 (PC 223).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240308
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARLOW MOTOR-WERKS, 684 Ponderosa Street, Seaside, CA 93955.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MARLOW MERCEDES-WERKS, INC. 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 Feb. 12, 2024.

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Date: Feb. 9, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 12, 2024.

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.

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Publication Dates: Feb. 16, 23; March 1, 8, 2024. (PC 224)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240319
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PENSION SOLUTIONS SERVICES, 599 Country Club Heights, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**

Registered Owner(s): GEORGE VEA VEA, 1172 South Main Street #414, 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, 2024.

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Publication Dates: Feb. 16, 23; March 1, 8, 2024. (PC 224)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240267
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AURELIA'S HANDKNIT DESIGNS, 650 Lighthouse Avenue, Ste. 115, Pacific Grove, California 93950.**

Registered Owner(s): AURELIA MARIE VRANDECIC. This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 4, 2017.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Board will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE AND IN PERSON AT CITY HALL. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom; however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible.

To attend in person, visit the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To view or listen to the meeting remotely, you may access the YouTube Live Stream at: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams>, or use the following link to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom teleconference: <https://ci-carmel-ca.us.zoom.us/j/82192956570?pwd=Xxz9QXLUAAJcnCJW13Tts9PIKKSW.mw6QkWSxRsb-TyD>. To listen to the meeting via telephone, dial +1 669 444 9171. Webinar ID: 821 9295 6570. Passcode: 296093.

All interested people are invited to attend via teleconference or in person at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing mwaffle@cpts.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the Historic Resources Board and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the Public Hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the Historic Resources Board prior to or during the Public Hearing.

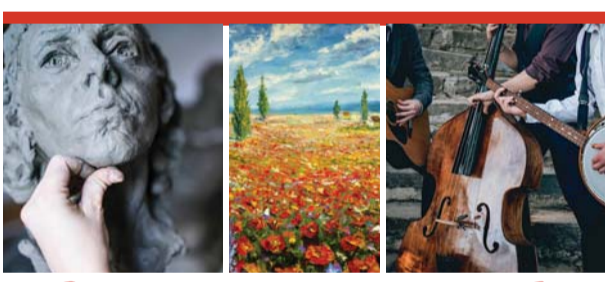
The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The Historic Resources Board meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Historic Resources Board meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

DS 23-217 (Voris)
Brian Congleton, Architect
Torres Street 4 northeast of 6th Avenue
Block 60; Lot 10 & Part of Lot 12
APN: 010-092-010-000
Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Design Study application, DS 23-217 (Vor), for the construction of a detached garage in the front yard setback of the historic "Doll House," also known as "Hansel & Gretel," located on Torres Street 4 northeast of 6th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Marnie R. Waffle, AICP, Principal Planner
Publication dates: Feb. 16, 2024 (PC 226)

LEGALS DEADLINE:
Tuesday 3:00 pm
legals@carmelpinecone.com

APN: 012-265-004-000 TS No.: 22-045555CA TSG Order No.: 220605978-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JULY 25, 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 August 4, 2006 as Document No.: 2006068987 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by: Cesar Amilcar Argueta, A Married Man as his sole and separate property, 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 federal 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 27, 2024. 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.: 22-045555CA. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1238 Hamilton Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness 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: \$287,449.48 (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 lien, 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 resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (916) 939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 22-045555CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-045555CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. File No.: 23-06765CA. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. Dated: January 23, 2024. By: Kellee Vollandorff, Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452. File No.: 23-06765CA. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: EXHIBIT A Lot 22, in Block 2, as shown on that certain MAP entitled, Map of "Tract No. 235, Rancho Del Monte Subdivision No. 9, a subdivision in Monterey County, California", being a portion of Parcel 3, Rancho Los Laureles, etc., filed September 30, 1953 in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Monterey, State of California, in Volume 6 of Maps, "Cities and Towns", at Page 8. NPP0445975 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 02/16/2024, 02/23/2024, 03/01/2024. Publication dates: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2024 (PC202)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SUHAILA AWAMLEH aka SUHAILA JO KENNON-AWAMLEH Case Number 24PR000031
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SUHAILA AWAMLEH, aka SUHAILA JO KENNON-AWAMLEH.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL TOPHAM in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.
The Petition for Probate requests that MICHAEL TOPHAM 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. 28, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
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:
Terence O. Mayo
Mayo & Mayo
100 Shoreline Hwy, Suite 100B
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 397-1515
This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Jan. 25, 2024.
Publication dates: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2024. (PC204)



WINE

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gua region. Founded in 2008, it's one of 24 Black-owned wineries among several thousand in California and one of 70 out of more than 11,000 in the United States.

Smith began his career in the industry in the cellar and on the bottling line for a large winery near Paso Robles. As a very inquisitive person, he was constantly asking questions and became quite astute at his position. When some investors asked Smith to open up a mobile bottling business, he jumped at the opportunity. As he traveled from winery to winery, he gained knowledge from each winemaker about how they grew their grapes and made their wines.

Beautiful cabs

He especially enjoyed working with Galante Vineyards, where Jack Galante and winemaker Greg Vida suggested that Smith open his own winery. Galante assisted Smith in setting up Indigené Cellars at what was then the Galante family ranch in Cachagua. According to Smith, "Jack and Greg were extremely helpful in getting me started and always took the time to answer my questions and provide information as well as instruction on everything from grape varieties, to which yeast to use in the fermentation process, to how to craft beautiful, long-lived cabernet sauvignons."

Tasting rooms are important in the business, and Smith tried several times to open one in Carmel Valley Village, but to no avail. He eventually found a space in downtown Paso Robles near the city square, but kept the winery in Cachagua.

Smith produces several different wines in varying styles, offering big flavor profiles with refined elegance, and is a highly awarded winemaker.

Tasting Notes: 2020 Chardonnay — lovely ripe apple and pear with striking acidity ending with tropical fruit notes. 2019 Abiente — dark hue with lots of raspberry, cherry and violet floral notes; light acid and a velvety tannin finish.

If you happen to find yourself in Paso Robles, visit the tasting room where you can sample two more of my favorites — cabernet sauvignons from Paso Robles and Carmel Valley.

To learn more or to purchase, visit indigenecellars.com.

■ Lady in the Barnyard

Regular readers have been enjoying sommelier and international wine judge Roxanne Langer's wine-related work in Soup to Nuts since last fall. She and her sister, Tamara Carver, are preparing for the grand opening of their business, Lady Somm. Part education center and part tasting experience, "Lady Somm will provide multiple paths for exploratory journeys through wine," Langer said.

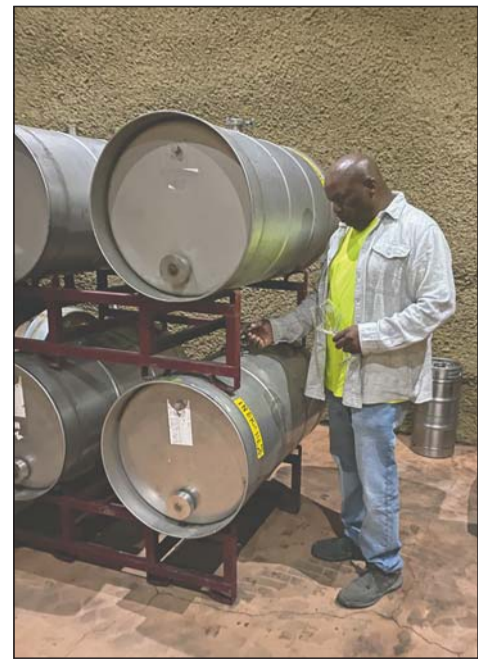
Esoterica

Visit the Barnyard shopping center March 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. to enjoy a Women's History Month-themed opening showcasing quaffs predominantly from women winemakers, paired with appetizers provided by members of the local chapter of Les Dames de Escoffier, an organization for women in the hospitality and food and wine industries. RSVP to tamara@lady Somm.com or call (916) 799-2771.

In addition to studying at U.C. Davis' community education program in viticulture and oenology, and the University of the Pacific, where she wrote her master's thesis on wine, Langer



Winemaker Raymond Smith (right) is the owner of Indigené Cellars in Cachagua. Starting as a line employee at a Paso Robles winery, he became one of fewer than 100 Black winery owners in the nation.



has held executive positions with Napa Valley operations, international industry associations, and what she refers to as "a prestigious cult winery in the hills of Bel Air."

She's also been an adjunct professor of wine and is an energetic and passionate conversationalist on anything having to do with the industry, distilling esoteric terms into everyday English and filtering the stuffiness out of the learning process.

Carver is a nurse practitioner who has worked in orthopedics sports medicine for more than two decades, including stints with team physicians for the San Francisco 49ers and Giants. She's also an assistant professor at the UCSF School of Nursing. Throughout her career, she has been involved with Langer in Wine Fundamentals, a company that provided exclusive wine events to corporations and associations. Carver recently earned her sommelier certification and looks forward to using her teaching skills to help locals and out-of-towners learn to enjoy wine.

Together, the sisters "have provided programs for over 300 corporations and associations throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Asia, appearing at luxury and

convention hotels, boutique inns, wineries, racetracks, convention centers, aquariums, cruise ships, and other unique venues," read a recent press release.

For more info, visit lady Somm.com.

■ New Montrio Happy Hour pays homage to old firehouse

Montrio has ignited a happy hour from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays (the kitchen opens at 5), paying homage to its firehouse building's history with a special rotating cocktail and appetizer for \$1.89 each — a reference to the fire company's 1890 incorporation. Currently on the menu is the vodka-based Agua de Flores with house-made hibiscus syrup and freshly squeezed lime, and a shrimp egg-roll with a miso vinaigrette for the appetizer. Well drinks are \$5, house wine is \$8, select beers are \$7, and classic and signature cocktails are \$10. Montrio is located at 414 Calle Principal in Monterey. For more information visit montrio.com.

Mary Schley, Sally Baho, Roxanne Langer and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week's column.



Roxanne Langer will celebrate Lady Somm, a new business she and her sister own in the Barnyard, with a grand opening next month.

CALENDAR

Feb. 17 & 25 – Become a Point Sur Volunteer. Volunteer training for the Point Sur Light Station and Historic Naval Facility. Orientation and information sessions will be held at State Parks Headquarters at 2211 Garden Road, Monterey, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 17 and 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. For more information, email: CCLK@pointsur.org or leave a phone message at: (831) 647-8261.

Feb. 18 – St. Mary's-By-The-Sea hosts Scottish powerhouse group, Cantrip, featuring guitar, border pipes, fiddle, vocals. Concert begins 3 p.m. Advance tickets available at www.celticsociety.org. For more info call or text (831) 224-3819.

Feb. 19 – "My Wife Said Make It Funny" – Will Bullas, award-winning artist and past president of the Carmel Art Association, will speak about his "humorous slant on life" art and his serious art as well. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth. Open to the public. \$10 guest/members free.

Feb. 20 – Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging) demonstration begins 12:30 p.m. at the PBCSD (Pebble Beach Community Services District) at 3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach. Guest fee is \$5. Gate fee is waived by mention of PBCSD. Guests are welcome.

Feb. 21 – CRA hosts "Carmel's City Directors – On Point" – a panel discussion, at the Carmel Woman's Club. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Familiar staff names including Wright, Harary, Tomasi and Swanson will be sharing updates and insights on big projects and what's next. Free and open to the public. Details and current roster of questions can be found at www.carmelresidents.org.

Feb. 22 – Community Night at the Library presents: I.M. Pei and the Making of Modern America. Join I.M. Pei biographer Michael Cannell, in conversation with USA Today correspondent Marco della Cava, as they explore Pei's influence in architecture, inseparable from politics and power. 7 p.m. at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center & online. Register online at www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: Free; \$10 suggested Contribution. Questions? info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811.

Feb. 23 – The Old Coyote of Big Sur: Exploring the Literary and Cultural Legacy of Jaime de Angulo, long-time friend of Robinson Jeffers, with authors Mary Kerr and Andrew Schelling. Set for 7 p.m. at Tor House, 26304 Ocean View, Carmel. \$15. By reservation only: www.torhouse.org. For information: (831) 624-1813.

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Item valued at \$4,000.

LIVE

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La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Band** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeiffer** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

The Links Club — **The Bounce Kitty Buskers** (Dixieland jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Wharf Rats** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Singer-Songwriter Showcase** (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

Melville Tavern in Monterey — **Shilstone & Wilson** (rock, Tuesday at 6 p.m.), 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — saxophonist **Paul Contos** and guitarist **Bob Basa** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Jaqui Hope** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.), 467 Alvarado St.

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

5 p.m.), 26270 Dolores St., Carmel.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Peter Corr** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Monday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Thursday at 5 p.m.), 400 Cannery Row.

Pearl Hour in Monterey — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.), 214 Lighthouse Ave.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 5 p.m.), **Songbird Meadow** ("a sweet fusion of melodies with hints of alternative, pop, blues and Latin," Saturday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Peter Martin** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) 281 Alvarado St.

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

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book to schedule a time for me and announced a date six months down the road.

"What day of the week is that?" I asked.

"It's a Monday," she replied.

"No," I said. "I don't make any plans for Mondays." She looked at me as if she were a maitre d' and I had

just declined a hard-to-get reservation at an exclusive restaurant. She studied the appointment book and asked if Tuesday was OK for me.

"What time?" I asked.

"9 a.m."

"No, I don't make any plans before 10."

This time her look said, "Don't you know people are dying for these appointments?"

Fortunately, she had an opening at 11 a.m. I booked it. I thought she deserved an explanation. But I didn't give her one.

I wasn't being obstinate or impertinent. I was adher-

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

ing to the Alinsky-like Rules for Radical Retirees I had adopted since retiring many years ago. All my life I've dreaded Mondays, because I always had to go back to school or work, usually very early in the morning. Now that I'm retired, I don't schedule anything unpalatable on Mondays so I can look forward to a pleasant day.

Snowball fights

When I was growing up in Buffalo, N.Y., we had many snow days. If it snowed during the night, we would eagerly turn the radio on in the morning to listen to the school closing announcements. We would shout for joy when we heard the name of our school. The news of the closing was all the sweeter if it occurred on a Monday. We could stay in bed and think about snow forts and snowball fights, rather than trudging off to school.

Think about why we scream "TGIF!" on Fridays. Why do we look forward to weekends, whether we are in school or in the workforce? It's the option to choose what we do and when we do it — or even decide not to do anything — that gets us all hyped up about weekends. Psychologists tell us we feel better when we are autonomous, mapping out for ourselves the directions our minds and bodies will take.

Mondays can take away our ability to be spontaneous. Working in the real world, I often associated Mondays with crises. Monday was the day calamity was served

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on San Carlos

south of Ocean.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Missing-person report documented.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female inquired about car seats due to her ex-partner not safely placing her children into car seats. She wanted the incident documented as a means to keep her kids safe and for further custody issues in the future.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Warrant arrest at Highway 1 and

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GERVASE

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with coffee — *Grande* problems producing *Venti* headaches. Running a sales office was much like running an adult daycare center. Invariably one or two of the office personnel called in sick on Mondays. Equipment seemed to suffer Monday blues, too, as frantic calls came in from customers who needed emergency repairs or a loaner coloscope to get them to the ends of their days.

Psychologists suggest preventing the dreaded Monday blues by planning something to look forward to. Have lunch with a friend, schedule something pleasant to do, or set your own priorities by putting off answering emails and phone calls. Had I done that while I was working, my next appointment would have been at the unemployment office. It is that loss of autonomy while working or going to school that prevents us from being in charge of our schedules — or the “captains of our souls,” as William Ernest Henley put it.

On my Sunday nights there is no longer anything to decide, which is another perk that comes with a relaxed lifestyle. No parent, teacher, boss, timecard or schedule determines when and what I do.

Of course I don't do absolutely nothing on Mondays. I take the psychologists' advice and schedule things that are pleasant — coffee with the guys, a crossword puzzle, a muscle-soothing suspension of tension while using the hot tub as a think tank. I'll make friends over an almond croissant in the Barnyard, bestow a bespoke donut on myself in Carmel Plaza, or take a quick peek at the alarm clock before rolling over. Best of all, whether I do any of these things will have no effect on altering or illuminating our times. The world keeps spinning without any help from me.

Sweet revenge

Mondays no longer get in the way of navel contemplation, daydreaming, reverie, critical thinking, imagination, or the calming phenomenon of staring into space and doing nothing.

Normalcy, for me, means hanging on to my “do-nothing-on-Monday” policy. It may not work for everybody, but it works for me. It is my personal revenge against the thousands of Mondays between first grade and retirement that spoiled my Sunday evenings. I'm not sure how many there have been. I don't want to think about that now. I'll let you know the exact number on Tuesday. Sometime after 10.

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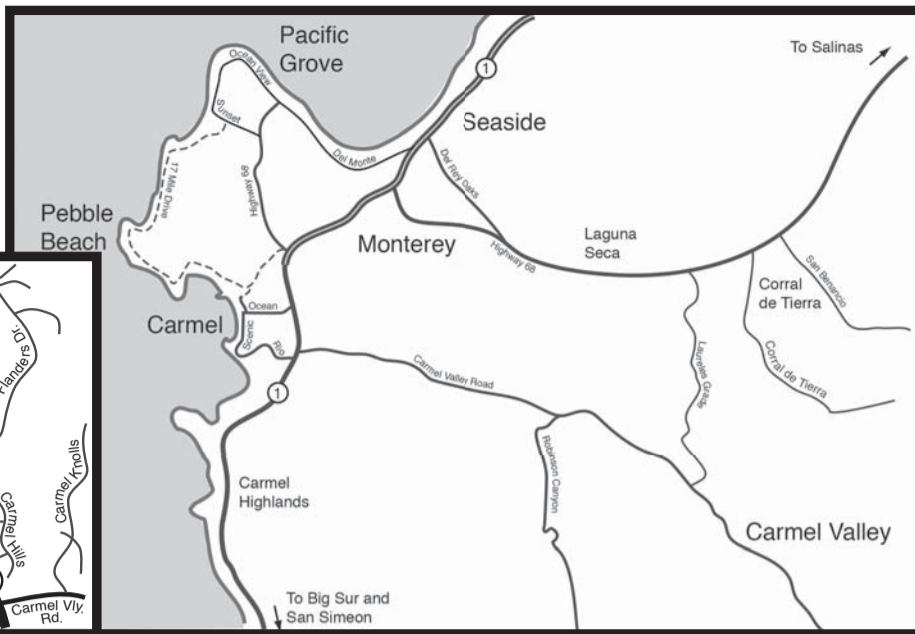
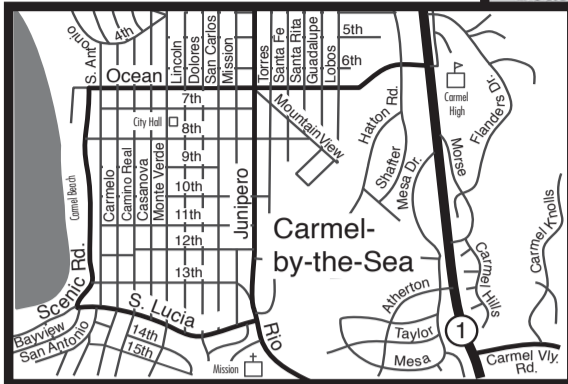
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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EDEN HOMES, 17700 Riverbend Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.

Professions Code). Publication Dates: Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2024. (PC 117)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SIGNONE, 1986 Fremont Blvd., Seaside, CA 93955.

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ABANDONMENT County of Filing: Monterey Date of Original Filing: Feb. 27, 2023 File No.: 202303388

change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: March 22, 2024 TIME: 8:30 a.m. DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: the Carmel Pine Cone.

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State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024. (PC 206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: The Plumber, 1517 Constitution Blvd., Apt. 204 Salinas, CA 93906, County of Monterey Registered Owner(s): Zubiate Plumbing LLC, 1517 Constitution Blvd., Apt. 204 Salinas, CA 93906

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BARBARA LYNN LAZARONY This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DANIEL PARKER LOGAN, P. O. Box 5068, Carmel, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. CARMEL VALLEY PARTNERS 2. THE CROSSROADS 243 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: M & T PARTNERS INC., 15350 SW Sequoia Pkwy #300, Portland, OR 97224.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SILVER TREADLE, 13766 Center Street G-5, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRECIOUS PROMISES FAMILY HOME DAYCARE, 920 West Ailsa Street, Salinas, CA 93901.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SALINIAN GEOCONSULTING, 605 9th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV000291 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LUX STELLA GOETZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. MOURA CREATIVE DESIGNS 2. YOUR TRUSTED HANDYGUY 3. DOUG MOURA PHOTOGRAPHY 4. BRASIL STUFF

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that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 31, 2024. 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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ACACIA LEARNING COVE, 232 E. Acacia St., Salinas, CA 93901.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JACQUELYN MARTINA WIRTH. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 23, 2024.

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The Carmel Pine Cone office will be CLOSED Presidents' Day Monday, February 19 Legals must be submitted no later than 3 P.M. Friday, February 16

SHERIFF

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Carpenter at 2126 hours. A 40-year-old female Salinas resident was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$50,000 bail for theft.

Pacific Grove: A 76-year-old male was arrested on Ocean View Boulevard for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Jewell was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Ocean View Boulevard was marked for 72-hour parking. Citation issued for expired registration.

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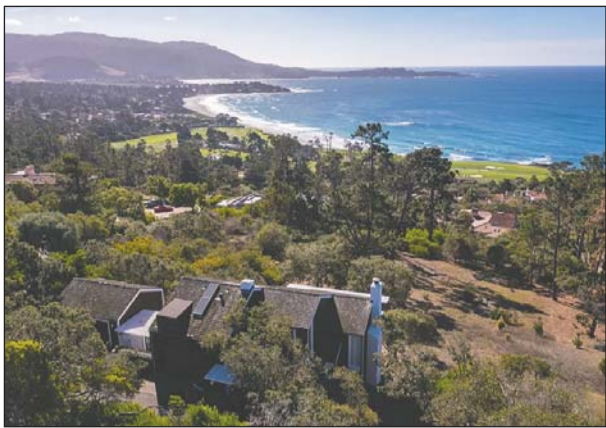
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ESCROWS

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Marina (con't.)

The Sea Haven LLC to Julie and Daniel Mendes
APN: 031-279-033

14606 Lee Avenue — \$940,000

Cindy May to Tongkwon and Yoomi Yoon
APN: 031-167-017

150 Katerina Lane — \$1,160,000

Kristi Lau and Alison Lucas to Edward and Yvonne Montez
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482 Lassen Way — \$1,240,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Enrique and Alejandro Tuesta
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Monterey

798 Alice Street — \$800,000

John Dakan to Lyle Somerton
APN: 001-185-018

1195 Eighth Street — \$975,000

Dennis Skelton and Elizabeth Hirsch to Stephan and Khim McNulty
APN: 001-848-009

Pacific Grove

310 Cypress Avenue — \$974,000

HPJ Air LLC to Michael Boerlin, Mahir Agha and Stephen Dinner
APN: 006-307-004

732 Pine Avenue — \$1,039,500

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1140 Devisadero Street — \$1,199,000

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3179 Del Ciervo Road — \$5,575,000

LKTKR Holdings LLC to Christo and Sara Bardis
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2030 Cross Street — \$930,500
 Sandra Berman to Sara Tooker
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