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Landslide strands 1,600 tourists overnight, could isolate Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

STARKLY ILLUSTRATING how precariously Highway 1 clings to the rugged Big Sur coastline, a rockslide Saturday afternoon beneath the pavement near Rocky Creek bridge is threatening to turn Big Sur into an island. The incident — which involved a large chunk of pavement suddenly disappearing down a cliff during a heavy rainstorm — stranded locals trying to get home to the

Monterey Peninsula, along with as many as 1,600 tourists in Big Sur for the day. Some were forced to sleep overnight at the Big Sur Lodge, which made its conference room available to them, while others reported that they slept in their vehicles. Many joined a caravan of cars that was led north past the damaged section of road Sunday morning, and the California Highway Patrol reported that more than 500 vehicles joined convoys on Monday. Kristin Morrison of Larkspur said on social media

Monday that she missed a “big family Easter gathering” when she was marooned down the coast Saturday. “We’re unable to get out of Big Sur due to a hole in the road on Highway 1,” she wrote on Facebook.

Easter plans upended

Linda Molinari of Hollister told a television reporter that she spent the night in a van after a “last-minute decision” to have lunch in Big Sur turned into an unplanned camping trip. “Oh my gosh, are we going to be stuck here for a week?” asked the woman, who was able to return home — although she, too, missed a family Easter celebration.

While some needed to be patient to leave Big Sur, others had to do the same to get there.

Paul Lewellen of Carmel Valley told the newspaper he took the convoy down Highway 1 early this week to reach his construction job south of the closure.

Lewellen said he now has to start his day an hour later, but things have gone smoothly so far.

“They open it up at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to the minute,” he explained. “If you time it right, you don’t have to wait long — it’s about as orderly as it could be.”

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PHOTOS/(LEFT) KODIAK GREENWOOD, (RIGHT) CHP

(Left) Visitors hear the bad news from a CHP officer late Saturday that they won’t be able to leave Big Sur because of a rockslide near Rocky Creek Bridge. (Right) Congressman Jimmy Panetta surveys the damage to the road on Easter Sunday.

Station tours offer glimpse of life in Carmel P.D.

By MARY SCHLEY

A FEW dozen people have a far better understanding of the inadequacies of Carmel’s police station after taking a tour of it Friday, because, as Police Chief Paul Tomasi observed, it’s one thing to hear about something and another to experience it. The tours — three 45-minute sessions each hosting 12 to 14 people — focused on the aspects of the 57-year-old building that present logistical, legal, safety and other challenges to the officers who work there every day.

“I think they went really well,” Tomasi said. “There was a lot of really positive feedback afterward, with people realizing some of the shortcomings, and changes with policing and how we do things. I think it opened the eyes of people to what we’re asking for.”

For nearly a decade, city officials have been talking about what to do to update the station, which lacks a proper interview room for victims, ventilated spaces for processing evidence and hazardous materials like drugs, and a decent security system with doors that can only be opened with a key card. The Dutch door into the station from the lobby, for instance, is a hollow-core door with a simple locking mechanism that could be quickly done in with a swift kick.

“Those were the things we were pointing out,” he said.

Only men’s lockers

The station is so old, it only has a men’s locker room, and when women joined the force, a segment was sectioned off for female officers. Their gear hangs on racks instead of in individual lockers.

Years ago, Carmel P.D. had a holding cell, but it was

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DON’T HOLD YOUR BREATH FOR TOTAL ECLIPSE HERE

By ELAINE HESSER

A SHADOW is a shadow, right? If you’re reading your Pine Cone on your deck and a cloud obscures the sun, you just accept the reality of summer in Carmel and go inside, where the light is better. Take away the cloud and insert the moon, however, and people just have to have a look, as many people will on Monday.

Many folks travel to be in “the path of totality,” as it’s called, which stretches from Texas to New England, but if you don’t mind settling for a partial eclipse, you can watch from the Monterey Peninsula starting at 10:11 a.m. (more on that in a minute).

However, if you want to see a total eclipse of the sun in your lifetime, at some point you’ll have to travel. According to Jean Perkins, Ph.D., an astronomer with MIRA

— the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy — the last time anyone could see one from Carmel was in 1424, nearly 70 years before Columbus, and it won’t happen again until 2451.

‘Sometime after 3000’

She added, “That might be a long time for people to wait, so San Francisco gets one in 2252, Bakersfield can see one as early as 2106, and Redding will have a total solar eclipse in 2045. Downtown L.A. isn’t seeing one until sometime after 3000 — the database I search only goes up to the year 3000.”

Since the Earth, sun and moon are all hurtling about in space, calculating where total eclipses will be visible is

See **ECLIPSE** page 12A

Coastal staff urges OK of hotel near Aquarium

By KELLY NIX

PLANS FOR a 206-room hotel proposed for the American Tin Cannery site in Pacific Grove did not properly address water supply, public views and access, and other issues but have been extensively revised and should be approved for a permit, according to a recommendation from the California Coastal Commission, which will hold a public hearing on the matter next week.

Long time coming

On Jan. 22, 2022, the P.G. City Council OK’d the proposed hotel, which will also have restaurants, two swimming pools, a spa, fitness center, banquet and meeting rooms, and underground and surface parking for nearly 300 vehicles. Several residents, though, asked the coastal commission to overturn the city’s approval, and

commissioners will consider the request April 11 in Long Beach.

The coastal commission’s staff is recommending

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A rendering depicts revised plans for an impressive hotel complex at the site of the American Tin Cannery outlet mall in Pacific Grove.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

House canine

Tinka doesn't get around much. In fact, she's never been outside her home except to visit the vet. The 3-pound Japanese Chin, also known as a Japanese spaniel, is a breed best known as a companion canine or lap dog and has a distinctive, if uncertain, heritage.

Some reports indicate the Chin originated in China — hence the name — and in A.D. 732 was gifted to royalty in Japan, where the breed flourished. Other stories suggest Chins were given to the Empress of Japan in the middle of the sixth or perhaps by the start of the seventh century. Reportedly, Chins slept in the sleeves of their mistresses' kimonos.

Yet Chins have made their way around the world. An 1893 oil painting of Queen Consort Alexandra of Denmark depicts a black-and-white Japanese Chin, reportedly named "Punch," cradled in her lap.

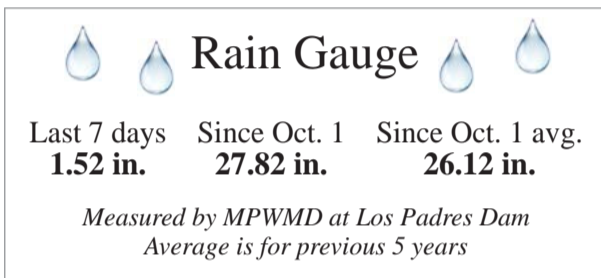
"Tinka is actually the second Japanese Chin we've had," said her person, who lives in Aromas but often brings his Australian shepherd to Carmel Beach. "We had two Australian shepherds, but our daughter, who was turning 12, wanted her own dog. She did some research, learned about Chins, and we had the first fawn in from somewhere exotic."

The family's first Chin lived to be about 10 years old.



Once their daughter went off to college, her parents decided to get another one. Tinka, now 8 or maybe 9 years old, came from the Midwest.

"Tinka is a tiny little thing, a cute little animal just one notch above a cat, with a fluffy tail and a kind of smashed-in face, her person said. "She sleeps in a kennel at night and has the run of the house during the day. Well, at least the top floor. She's never made her way downstairs."



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Dead pine declared public nuisance

City can't locate owner

By MARY SCHLEY

A DEAD Monterey pine on private property near Casanova and 11th that's been the subject of consternation for decades will be cut down and hauled away at the city's expense — at least until the owner can be found and made to pay for it, the Carmel City Council decided Tuesday.

City forester Justin Ono told council members April 2 that neighbors have been complaining about the tree, which is at risk of falling, and that efforts to get the owner to remove it have been unsuccessful.

William J. Stoesser inherited the property after a fire in 2002 badly damaged the house and killed his grandfather, Eric. At the time, the fire department concluded the blaze was started by clothes hung over a floor furnace.

But well before it burned, the house and property had been the subject of multiple complaints by neighbors and city officials regarding piles of debris and garbage in public view, according to records in the property file.

More than a year after the fire, the burned hulk remained, according to then-building official Tim Meroney, who noted on a report that the "house is boarded on all windows and 'police line' tape is still hung around the lot. Very unsightly and a blight on the neighborhood. All the neighbors are tired of the mess."

Afghanistan address

On March 13, 2004, he noted in an update that he'd met with Stoesser, who "inherited the property after Eric's death. Since he is in the Army Guard, he has had little time to get work started on repairs

or reconstruction," Meroney said. "He is working on tax issues and insurance problems. This property may not get repaired for another year. As long as it remains secure against entry, we will hold on abatement proceedings until March 1, 2004."

By April 2004, everything but the two-car garage had been demolished, and nothing has happened since— other than another city complaint in 2007 regarding orange netting around the lot. City crews eventually cleaned that up themselves, according to the file.

Still in the wind

Now, they are set to do the same with the large, dead pine on the property.

"We're trying to go through the process to get the hazard abated," the city forester said, by having the council declare the tree a public nuisance. "It's been dead for five or six months, with a lean toward the right of way and over power lines.

"Multiple neighbors have come forward with complaints about the dead tree and that it's just been sitting there," he continued. "Nobody knows how to get hold of the owner."

He said the last known address for Stoesser was in Kabul, Afghanistan. The 6,000-square-foot lot has an assessed value of \$57,277, according to the county, but is of course worth much more. Someone paid the \$1,607.70 property taxes for the 2022-2023 tax year, but nobody has made a payment for this year. The Dec. 10 payment is overdue, the county said.

"We have tried to send letters to the last known address through county assessor, with no luck," Ono said, and a certified

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It's leaning over power lines and 'All the neighbors are tired of the mess'

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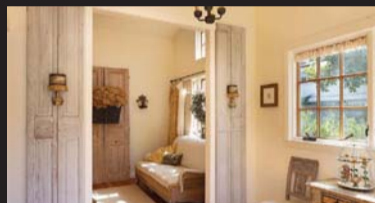
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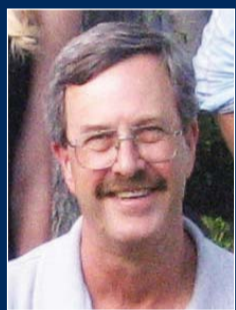
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Police & Sheriff's Log

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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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Junipero and Sixth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Mission and Sixth at 2242 hours for a CVC violation. The 44-year-old female driver from Gilroy was arrested for DUI.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female at San Carlos and Fifth reported being verbally harassed by customers after they were in a disagreement over a corkage fee. The female said it was a large party of 14 customers who were upset about the cost of the fee. She said at one point, two unknown men cornered her and began to yell at her. She said the males said they were going to leave a bad Yelp review. She said the males never touched her, but she did not like that they had cornered her.

Pacific Grove: Verbal argument on Light-house Avenue between romantic partners. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to a reported domestic disturbance on Light-house Avenue.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Pebble Beach: A female was seen starting an illegal campfire on Navajo Road. Fire put out without incident.

Carmel Valley: Trespassing by two males during school hours was reported. Staff members requested the males to leave.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject cited at Scenic and Ocean for reckless driving.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Scenic and Eighth.

Pacific Grove: Abandoned vehicle on Wood Street marked.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on 14th Street and on Ridge Road were marked as abandoned.

Carmel area: An 80-year-old female Highway 1 resident was the victim of a phone scam.

See **POLICE LOG** page 12RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

March 15 — The Monterey County District Attorney's Environmental Protection Unit entered into a stipulated judgment with Fresh Express Inc. for violations of pesticide-related laws that exposed its employees to noxious odors resulting from the use of sodium hypochlorite (commonly known as bleach) for approximately one month in early 2020. Over 80 Fresh Express employees complained of symptoms consistent with exposure to the strong chlorine-like smell resulting from use of sodium hypochlorite at the company's Salinas processing plant at 900 E. Blanco Road. Reported symptoms included coughing, eye irritation, blurred vision and chest pain, among others.

Fresh Express ultimately determined that equipment leaks and calibration of its sodium hypochlorite injection system in its produce washing equipment was causing these symptoms to various employees. Ultimately, following these incidents, Fresh Express repaired its sodium hypochlorite and citric acid injection system to help ensure the systems are fully operational and in good working order.

The judgment requires Fresh Express Incorporated to pay a \$280,000 in civil penalties and investigative costs and includes injunctive terms prohibiting future violations.

The Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's Office investigated this incident and referred the case to the district attorney's office as a "priority investigation," pursuant to 3 CCR section 6128, subdivision (e), because the incident caused over five persons to become ill. Fresh Express cooperated with the district attorney's office during its investigation.

March 15 — Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced Felipe Saavedra, 38 and a resident of Salinas, to 15 years in prison for committing one count of forcible rape and one count of assault with a deadly weapon with an enhancement for causing great bodily injury to the victim during the assault. These offenses are serious and violent felonies and are considered strikes under California's three strikes law. Saavedra will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Jane Doe reported that on April 5, 2023, she and Saavedra engaged in what was initially consensual sex. At some point during

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Homeless housing CFO sued for ‘embezzling’ \$40 million

■ Accused involved in P.G.’s Homekey effort

By KELLY NIX

A LOS Angeles developer that’s the target of a lawsuit by the California attorney general for defaulting on loans related to numerous state homeless housing projects, including in Salinas and King City, has filed a massive lawsuit against its former CFO, alleging he embezzled tens of millions of dollars from the company and spent it extravagantly, including on a \$127,000 diamond necklace, luxury handbags, a Ferrari, and a \$45,000-per-month Beverly Hills home.

For-profit developer Shangri-La received tens of millions of dollars in loans from the State Department of Housing and Community Development as part of Project Homekey, a state program which renovates hotels for subsidized low-income housing. When several of the projects stalled, state investigators started trying to find out why. In January, the attorney general’s office announced that it had filed suit against the company, claiming it had stopped making payments on the loans.

‘Incalculable damage’

Now, Shangri-La is blaming Cody Holmes — who was its chief financial officer until Jan. 19 — for stealing a ton of money that was intended to fulfill the developer’s mission of building housing for the unhoused.

“For several years, Holmes abused his

position to transfer vast sums of Shangri-La and Shangri-La affiliates’ cash and property to himself, to entities he controls and to his ex-girlfriend, Madeline Witt,” according to the complaint filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court. Witt is also a defendant in the suit.

Holmes, 29, the complaint alleges, not only took cash but transferred ownership shares in the company’s affiliates to himself, created false debt obligations between the affiliates and entities he controlled and engaged in bank and check fraud with respect to Shangri-La, its affiliates’ lenders, bankers and brokers.

“Holmes did this in order to maintain an extravagant lifestyle in Beverly Hills that included outrageously expensive accommodations — specifically, a \$46,000-a-month primary residence rental house, regular travel on private jets, exotic car purchases and leases, luxury consumer goods, and regularly hosting extravagant parties,” the 32-page complaint says.

Holmes, Shangri-La goes on to say, not only abused his position as CFO, but also used taxpayer funds that the company received from the state “for the purpose of building and maintaining affordable multi-family housing complexes throughout” California.

The developer accuses Holmes, of causing “incalculable damage” to the company.

Much of the money went toward funding Holmes’ and Witt’s posh lifestyle, the

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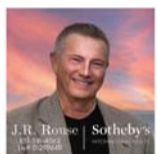
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Six Shell stations sell for \$64.4M

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

March 25.

IT WOULD appear that selling gasoline and snacks is a lucrative business, considering that Mario and Michael Andretti's Peninsula Petroleum LLC sold a half-dozen Shell stations on the Monterey Peninsula and in Salinas for more than \$64.4 million, according to Monterey County property records. The buyer is a company called Hasco Holdings LLC, operating as Hasco Stations and based in Orange County.

Two in Carmel

In downtown Carmel, the station at San Carlos and Fifth that was formerly Lugo's Shell sold for \$9,822,500, according to county records, while the one at Carmel Center Place near the Crossroads shopping center went for \$8,312,500.

The Marina Shell on Del Monte Boulevard sold for \$10,234,500, and in Pacific Grove, Hasco paid \$3,458,500 for the station on Lighthouse.

In Salinas, one station on North Main sold for \$11,502,500, and the other, located next to the Super Walmart on North Main, went for \$19,103,500.

Escrow closed on those six properties

Without inside knowledge, it's difficult to know what those transaction amounts included, other than the physical properties. Each station has a liquor license



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— most for beer and wine sales, though the station at 417 N. Main can also sell spirits.

Also in Monterey County, HASCO is in the process of purchasing the Shell stations at Mid-Valley Center and on Front Street in Soledad. The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control lists the pending transfer of liquor licenses to HASCO for 27 stations throughout the state.

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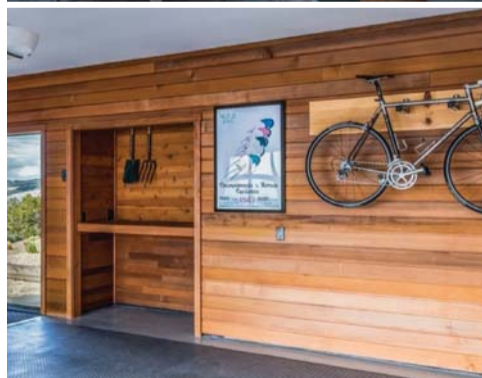
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With praise from Rerig, Swanson named assistant city administrator

By MARY SCHLEY

PLANNING DIRECTOR Brandon Swanson is the city's new assistant city administrator as of April 1, though he's holding onto some of the projects and tasks in his prior department and will assist in the widespread search for his replacement.

"I think that he really understands the community," said city administrator Chip Rerig, who hired him. Swanson worked for Monterey County before becoming Carmel's planning director more than three years ago. "He is very approachable as community development director, so he has good rapport with decision makers, residents, the business community and most importantly, the rest of the staff."

Rerig said Swanson does a good job of collaborating with others and owning his

decisions. "He's got good humanity, and I think those things are important not just in local government, but especially in Carmel," he said. "He's got good people skills but is also hyper intelligent."

Rerig said Swanson understands and has embraced the city's organizational values.

"If you talk to members of the community, you'll find they agree with that," he said.

Budgets and HR

According to Swanson's contract, his overall job is to "assist in planning, directing, managing, and reviewing the activities and operations of the city, to research, plan, coordinate, and implement a wide variety of administrative and management projects for the city administrator, to provide highly

responsible and complex administrative support to the city administrator; and to act in the absence of the city administrator."

For that and all that goes with it, he'll be paid \$226,449.24 per year, plus deferred compensation of \$150 per month, retirement contributions, medical coverage, vacation and sick leave, and other benefits. He'll be eligible to retire at age 62 with the equivalent of 2 percent of his base salary for each year of public employment. He is 43.

Swanson, who has been serving as



Brandon Swanson

planning director and as assistant city administrator since Maxine Gullo left the post in February, said he's "really excited for the broader opportunity that this job provides to serve both the community and the city's employees."

Since he now oversees the finance division, he'll have a hand in developing and implementing the annual budget and will "play a major role in the delivery of excellent HR services to our 90-plus employees."

Both of those functions

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Council sends Scenic driveway gate plea back to planning commission

By MARY SCHLEY

PEOPLE WALK down their driveway and pee on the side of their house or snoop around in the backyard. Others have knocked on the front door and asked for a tour. Some peek through the windows. To keep the public off their property on the west side Scenic just north of Eighth, Art and Farah Chadwick asked the city council on Tuesday to overturn the planning commission's decision in January to deny their request to install a gate across their driveway. Instead, the council sent the request back to the commission for another go.

While many of the homes along that block of Scenic, which attracts a lot of pedestrians drawn by the beach, have high fences or walls and gates, and the

Chadwicks' neighbor installed a driveway gate, planning commissioners have enacted an unwritten ban on them. The municipal code doesn't say anything about driveway gates, but the commission over the past few years has denied people's requests to include them in their projects, objecting to the walled-off feeling they create, and planning staff have required gates to be removed from plans submitted to them.

Nothing new

Planner Evan Kort told the council April 2 that the Chadwicks and their architect, Eric Miller, made all the same arguments — including that Scenic Road is unusual due to its foot traffic, that the couple's safety is at risk, and that the proposed metal gate would complement the

architecture of the home, which Miller also designed — before the commission denied their application.

"All of the points listed in the grounds for appeal were argued at the Jan. 24 planning commission hearing by the appellant or were discussed by the planning commission, and no new information has been presented that was not previously considered by the planning commission," Kort said. "The city council has generally taken the position to uphold the junior board or commission's decision on matters on appeal, and as no new information has been presented that was not already considered by the planning commission, staff recommends the council deny the appeal and uphold the planning commission decision."

Art Chadwick pleaded with the council to see it their way. The couple lived on Carmelo for 10 years and then moved into their Scenic house, which took seven years to design, get permits for and build, only to discover just how busy that stretch of Scenic Road is.

"I get people knocking on the door and saying, 'You have a beautiful home, do you mind if we come in and see what it looks like inside?' That is bold," he said. "We have people walking down the side of our house, peeking in our windows, people asking to use the bathroom — it's crazy."

To at least keep people away from the front door, planning commissioners had suggested running a fence down the side of the driveway, but the Chadwicks and Miller have said that's not an option.

"That looks terrible," Chadwick said.

He also said he and his wife love their home and are glad people appreciate

it — but that they should do so from the street.

"We feel helpless," he said. "We plead with you."

Paul Doble, the contractor who built their house, said it was a problem even



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

The owners of this home on Scenic Road want to build a gate across the entrance to their driveway to keep looky-loos and trespassers away.

during construction, so much that they had to padlock the portable toilet to prevent the public from using it.

"I didn't want to say it," Miller added, "but I've seen people urinating on the house."

Moved to the nuisance

Mayor Dave Potter said the city should develop policy on the issue, and councilman Bobby Richards said he would support the gate.

"If I lived there, I know that's what I would want," he said.

But councilman Jeff Baron was less sympathetic, saying that the Chadwicks chose to build their home on such a busy street and that running the fence down the

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P.G. to repeat ballot measure asking for smaller city council

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE voters will decide once again whether they want to have a smaller city council, a move proponents say would benefit the city if it's forced to change the way it holds elections, but which opponents say would end a longstanding city tradition and could make the council less diverse, not more.

At the March 20 P.G. City Council meeting, members voted 4-2 to direct interim city manager Robert Perrault to prepare a ballot measure for the November general election asking voters to reduce the number of members from seven to five. Council members Joe Amelio and Chaps Poduri voted against the idea and Councilwoman Debby Beck was absent.

Although P.G. residents in 2022 defeated the idea of moving to a smaller council, things have changed since then. The League of United Latin American Citizens, a civil rights group, has ramped up its threats to sue P.G. if it didn't switch from its at-large election system to district elections. Reducing the number of council members would mean larger geographical areas, which many believe would make it better for district elections.

'Fairer'

Proponents include Perrault, who brought the item to the council for its consideration. He noted that Pacific Grove is only about 2.87 square miles.

"Small districts sometimes have a hard time" attracting people to run for office, said Perrault. "It shrinks the universe of potential candidates."

At-large elections allow voters of an

entire city to elect city council members. A district-based election in Pacific Grove would divide the city into four districts and voters in each of them would pick a council member. The position of mayor, who also serves on the council, would continue to be elected at-large.

LULAC claims that it would be fairer to minorities if P.G. had district elections. The group first warned P.G. of legal action on Aug. 25, 2022, if it didn't make the switch and repeated the threat Feb. 3. The council has since directed Perrault to hire a demographer to study the city's racial makeup.

About 90 percent of California cities have five-member councils. In Monterey County, only Pacific Grove and much larger Salinas have seven-member councils.

'Diversity'

Councilman Joe Amelio claimed that there would be more opportunity for candidate "diversity" with a seven-member council, and he referenced the traditional seven-member council the city decided upon in 1927.

Councilman Chaps Poduri — who said he didn't "buy into the argument that we cannot divide the city into six districts" — asked Perrault why he brought the city council reduction item before the panel when P.G. voters shot it down two years ago.

Perrault, a veteran city manager, explained that at-large elections with six council members and a mayor work well, but that he has "experienced difficulty in setting up even four districts" in small

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Lawsuit threat over council districts brings more debate

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Lawsuit settled with no changes to Laguna Seca operations

By MARY SCHLEY

A LAWSUIT filed last December by a group of Highway 68 residents claiming Laguna Seca raceway makes too much noise has been settled in exchange for a promise that the nonprofit that operates the track will conduct a noise study. Monterey County — not Friends of Laguna Seca — will also pay \$75,000 to the attorney, Richard Rosenthal, who filed the suit on behalf of the residents group.

The lawsuit, brought by Michael Weaver and his Highway 68 Coalition, originally asked a court to bar “motor vehicle racing events, rentals of the racetrack and noise levels at Laguna Seca Raceway in excess of the level of use and noise that existed at the time the legal non-conforming use of Laguna Seca was established in 1985.”

But when the lawsuit settled in March, none of that was in it. Instead, the deal requires the Friends of Laguna Seca to pay up to \$2 million to have a consultant conduct an expansive sound study and develop

mitigation measures to help reduce noise impacts.

During a media briefing last week, Monterey County Chief of Parks Bryan Flores noted that the agreement also calls for imposing the same requirements for a sound study and appropriate environmental measures on another concessionaire if, for some reason, the management deal with Friends of Laguna Seca falls through.

Rosenthal maintained that the settlement is “a little more” than what county officials described, including requiring the nonprofit to retain an acoustical engineer within 30 days of taking over the track and recreation area.

“We couldn’t find any documentation of a sound study from the year 2000,” he said. “The concern was not really the special events, but the rental of the track on the weekends with high noise and potentially burdensome impacts on the community.”

‘Clears the way’

With the lawsuit out of the way, the Friends group — an all-volunteer board

that includes Salinas ag company executive and racing enthusiast Ross Merrill as president and Bruce Canepa, a longtime track supporter who has been involved in vintage racing for decades, as vice president — can get to work on raising the capital needed to pay for infrastructure and other improvements at the track and surrounding recreation area for the next half-century. Both spoke during the media briefing.

“It clears the way for Friends of Laguna Seca to do the work of restoring and revitalizing Laguna Seca per our concession agreement and for the benefit of the entire community,” Merrill said. “We look forward to our next steps and getting on with the program.”

Canepa described Laguna as “one of the best racetracks in the United States, if not the world.”

“It’s an incredible facility in one of the best locations in the world,” he said. “This is an opportunity to preserve and restore and improve it for the next five generations of people who get to use it.”

Resolving the lawsuit so quickly means no impacts to Laguna’s 2024 schedule, including next month’s Sea Otter Classic, which Flores described as “the world’s largest multi-disciplinary bike race.”

“The settlement clarifies our long-term plans to conduct a sound impact assessment at the racetrack and carry out appropriate sound mitigation measures, all as part of being a good neighbor to the surrounding community,” Friends of Laguna Seca said in a statement.

The group also wanted to “especially thank the loyal fans of the racetrack and the public who voiced their overwhelming support for the county in this lawsuit,”

which elicited strong and sometimes snarky comments from dedicated race fans and others from near and far.

Canepa said the group includes “a team of individuals who share the same passion, paired with business acumen, to make Laguna Seca the place we’ve always hoped it could be.”

Engagement

At the March 27 media briefing, Merrill said the lawsuit did not affect any of the activities at Laguna which are expected to generate “close to \$250 million of spend outside the fence” of the racetrack and surrounding recreation area.

He also said the nonprofit wants to increase community engagement, and track manager John Narigi stepped in to recount some of that effort, including the area’s use as PG&E’s base camp during this winter’s storms, an evacuation site during fires, and a site for innovative outdoor graduation ceremonies during the Covid shutdowns. The quarterly Cars and Coffee event benefits a different nonprofit each gathering, with participants encouraged to make donations accordingly.

“We plan on expanding our gift back to the community and making the park a very viable alternative for such events in Monterey County,” he said.

Flores said he was “grateful to see this partnership come to fruition,” and for the cooperation between Narigi, the Friends group and the county.

“We’re looking forward to this partnership and seeing what Friends of Laguna Seca does with the facility,” he said, adding that the past few months of negotiations and other efforts were “a heavy lift.”

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Lawsuit: 3-year-old was abused

■ Sandwich ‘shoved into girl’s mouth’

By KELLY NIX

A MARINA daycare facility that shut its doors last summer after a female teacher was accused of abusing a little boy is facing a similar lawsuit by a parent who alleges his then-3-year-old daughter was abused by the same woman.

Last September, a former teacher at Miss Barbara’s Child Development Center, Christine Marie Aiello, 61, pleaded no contest — the same as a guilty plea — to felony child abuse following her June 12, 2023, arrest by Marina Police. Aiello admitted abusing a 2-year-old boy, abuse which was caught on classroom video surveillance footage. Miss Barbara’s shut its doors about a month after Aiello’s arrest.

‘Physically struck’

Last week, the father of a now-4-year-old girl filed a civil complaint against Aiello and the other defendants, alleging his daughter was abused at the Marina center in 2023. The girl is identified in the complaint by the initials GC.

“GC was physically struck by Aiello,” according to the March 28 lawsuit, filed for the plaintiffs by Monterey attorney Robert Ponce. “Aiello shoved a half sandwich into the mouth of GC, greatly increasing the risk of choking and suffocation to GC.”

The girl’s father also said Aiello subjected his daughter to humiliation, social isolation, embarrassment and rejection, which allegedly involved the teacher moving the girl’s sleeping cot from the classroom, where it had been with other child cots, to outside near a picnic table.

Aiello, the complaint goes on to say, physically and emotionally abused other children in the GC’s presence.

“This caused GC to experience fear and terror,” according to the civil complaint filed March 28 in Monterey County Superior Court, which alleges negligence, and negligent supervision intentional infliction of emotional distress against the defendants. Aiello individually is also accused of assault and battery.

The father of the little girl is seeking general monetary damages “for past and future counseling and incidental expenses,” and punitive damages, which can be awarded in cases involving fraud or malice.

The father’s lawsuit follows a similar suit last September filed by the mother of the little boy Aiello abused. The lawsuit has not yet been resolved.

Caught on video

The state began investigating Miss Barbara’s Child Development Center last year after the boy’s mother told adults her son

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complicated. But, Perkins said, “There are no parts of the world that are explicitly excluded from potentially having an eclipse, but it just may take a while. Eclipses occur at a given location on average approximately every 370 years. Averages are just averages though,” she said.

Once the moon starts nudging its way in — and assuming the fog cooperates — it will take about an hour until you can see the maximum eclipse here on Monday. At 11:12 a.m., about 37 percent of the sun will be blocked. At 12:16 p.m., the show’s over.

Although a solar eclipse doesn’t foretell impending doom, staring at a partial one can cause eye damage. Perkins said that while ordinary sunglasses are insufficient, MIRA sells eclipse glasses for \$2.50 a pair at its facility at 200 Eighth St. in Marina. If you hurry, you can still order them online — which is also where you can find instructions for building a pinhole projector to safely view a partial eclipse.

Sliding roof

MIRA was founded in 1971 by a group of Ph.D. students from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio who, according to the nonprofit’s history, “envisioned an independent, publicly supported observatory. One of the core ideas in their vision was that they would dedicate their time to both research and education.”

The group incorporated in 1972 and built an observatory on Chews Ridge in Carmel Valley. Perkins explained that the astronomers selected the site for its isolation and lack of light and air pollution, as well as clear weather and

an elevation of just over 5,000 feet.

Construction of the Oliver Observing Station began in 1982 and was completed in 1984. It’s named for Barney Oliver, Ph.D., who offered a \$250,000 matching grant to raise funds for the facility, which is powered by solar panels and a wind turbine, with battery storage for backup.

Most people picture observatories with domes that open and close, like MIRA’s smaller location near Target, but Perkins said the Oliver Observing Station’s roof slides completely off, so “the airflow in front of the telescope is not impacted by the tendency of warm air to rise out of the slit in a traditional dome. This improves the stability of the atmosphere near the telescope and produces sharper images.”

Since MIRA’s founders’ dual aims were “research and education,” Perkins — a natural teacher who could probably get people excited about a sack of sand if she had to — and her colleague, Daniel Cotton, Ph.D., spend time at STEM fairs and other public events where they try to interest kids in science careers.

“We want to inspire people of all ages to explore their relationship with science and technology. We look to build



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Two of the many student interns who have had the opportunity to work with the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy are shown at the group’s observatory on Chews Ridge.

connections within the community that can help us further our educational goals,” she said. “Space is huge, majestic and often mysterious.” And even though you know an eclipse is just a shadow, it’s still pretty cool.

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Dog park plan at Palo Corona is alive and well, but opening could be years away

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER WE reported last week that a proposal to build a dog park at Palo Corona Regional Park had been turned down, one of its leading supporters told the newspaper that the plan is alive and well — although it might be a few years before the park takes shape and welcomes its first furry visitors.

For now, construction of the dog park is on the back burner while the park district focuses on an ambitious flood control project.

“The dog park was approved by MPRPD’s board and incorporated into its general development plan,” said Linda Mullally, who noted that 400 local dog owners backed the idea. “The development of the dog park is currently delayed until the completion of the flood plain project scheduled to begin in 2025.”

Work could start in 2028

Located on a 2-acre site that was once a part of the former Rancho Cañada Golf Club’s east course, the park will include two fenced-in areas — one for small dogs, and another for larger ones. Mullally said it’s too early to say how much it will cost or where the money will come from to pay for it.

The flood control project requires a considerable

earthmoving effort, so development can’t begin until that is complete, Mullally explained. It’s unclear when that will be.

“2028 is optimistic to realistic, depending on Mother Nature,” Mullally estimated. “We’ve been working on this now for eight years. It’s been such a haul getting it to this point. We’re on standby — we all hope to live long enough to see it happen.”

When the dog park opens, it will not only provide a haven for pets, but a staging area during emergencies such as floods and wildfires.

Mullally said she’s optimistic the dog park will eventually be built, in part because so many people support it.

“All the dog people really want is a nice safe fenced area to throw a ball,” she added. “What we’ll end up having is something we can be proud of.”



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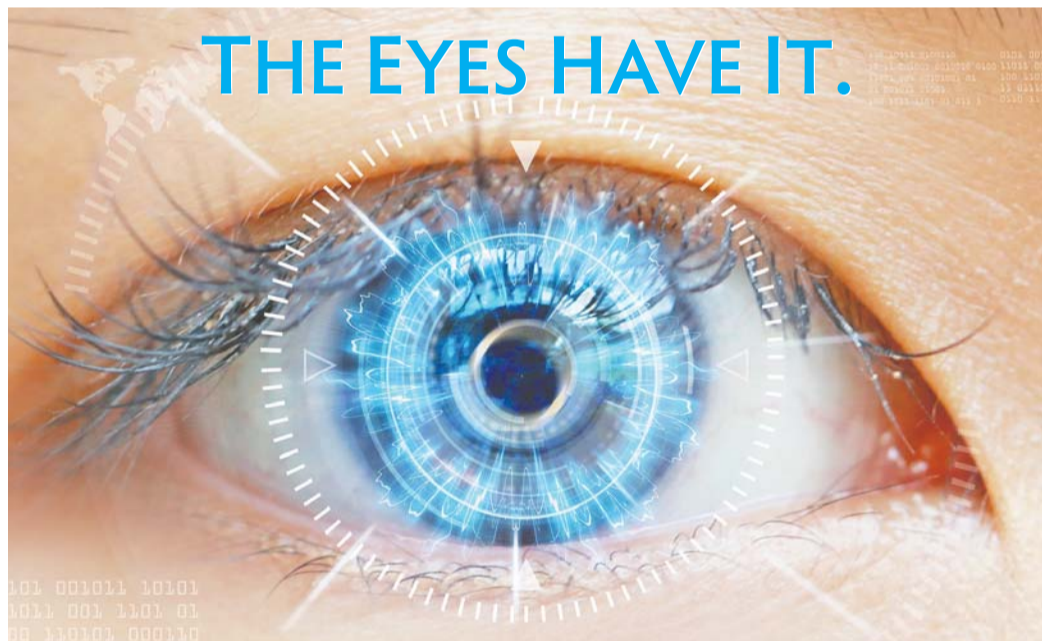
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If you do have to wait, a cell tower that's been set up at the site will give you reception, but only if you're close to it, he observed.

Lewellen said driving through the site of the road damage wasn't too stressful.

"From the pictures, it looks a little bit more unnerving," he added. "But when you drive past it, it doesn't seem bad at all. I've seen huge vehicles drive across, including tractor trailers and motor homes — I'd be a bit more nervous if I was in one of those vehicles."

Evacuation warning issued

After four days of convoys to let people slowly drive past the slide area, an approaching storm caused the Monterey County Sheriff's Office to issue an evacuation warning Wednesday afternoon, especially for those who have mobility problems or are in poor health.

County spokesperson Maia Carroll urged those who were feeling "unsafe, medically fragile, or are unprepared to be isolated for several days" to leave with a convoy that was headed north Wednesday at 4 p.m.

"The road is anticipated to be closed for several days until the weather event passes through the area," Carroll said. "Forecasted storms may cause additional damage along Highway 1."

Carroll said the temporary closure could limit responses to medical emergencies Thursday and Friday.

"Emergency Medical Services may be unable to evacuate patients beyond the road closures," she reported. "Those experiencing an emergency medical condition may be unable to leave the area to access hospitals or other medical services. These individuals are encouraged to gather their medications, along with any needed medical equipment, and evacuate the area."

Panetta visits site

Congressman Jimmy Panetta visited the site of the landslide March 31 and took a look at the road damage up close.

"Although it was Easter Sunday, it was important to visit the location to get an idea not just of the extent of damage, but also the difficulty that lies ahead for Caltrans in its effort to repair that section of the roadway," Panetta said. "As the U.S. representative for this area, I will

continue to coordinate with our state and local partners in their efforts to repair Highway 1 and ensure that the Federal Highway Administration plays its part to provide any possible reimbursement for any emergency repairs."

Also commenting on the incident was Assemblymember Dawn Addis, who called the landslide "another example of the vulnerability our coastal communities face." She also said "our changing climate has exacerbated the danger."

Caltrans reported late in the week that it is assessing conditions at the site and trying to figure out how and when repairs can begin.

"Crews are continuing to gather information at the site, which will inform next steps to stabilize the edge of the roadway and design a permanent repair," the state roads agency reported. "In the next several days, crews will place 500 feet of concrete barriers along the centerline of the roadway. This will help define a channel for convoy vehicles to pass through, and will provide protection for workers working on repairs."

Keeping convoys safe

Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans said the state roads agency is going to great lengths to keep the convoys safe — especially by keeping a sharp eye out for any signs of further erosion.

"During the time the convoys are passing, we physically have observers on sight to put eyes on the condition of the roadway," he explained.

On Wednesday, Drabinski announced that a work crew "added gravel to the drainage ditch off the shoulder of the northbound lane to ensure that it is able to continue to provide drainage through the site." They also paved part of the dirt shoulder of the northbound lane to gain extra room in the travel lane, he added.

Not long after the road was closed, Big Sur Fire received a pair of calls for medical help. In one, "we actually wheeled the gurney across the closure area to an awaiting ambulance for transport to the hospital," Chief Matt Harris said.

Only locals allowed

Highway 1 is closed at Palo Colorado Road, and only those with proof of residency will be allowed to join the convoys south. County spokesman Nick Pasculli urged those who don't live in Big Sur to stay away for now. "The road conditions are not safe and we need to keep traffic to a minimum for our first responders and emergency personnel," Pasculli reported.

In response to the slip-out, California State Parks closed its campgrounds and day use areas along the closed portion of the highway, and Monterey County closed its Big Sur branch library.

The Big Sur International Marathon, which is set for April 28, acknowledged that the road troubles could



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The damage to Highway 1 near Rocky Creek is bad news for residents, businesses and tourists. Caltrans has just begun to devise a fix.

impact the race.

"The news is very fresh and we'll be communicating with our local authorities, including Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, in the coming days to understand the extent of the damage and what our response for the races will be," the marathon said. Another social media post suggested that "we might end up with an 'out and back' course."

'One day at a time'

At the Big Sur River Inn, where at least half of all employees commute from the Monterey Peninsula or elsewhere, managing partner Ben Perlmutter is taking things "one day at a time."

"We're trying to sell our food before it goes bad," Perlmutter told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "Last night, we had 100 people over for a Taco Night. We're doing the same thing tonight."

Perlmutter reported that most visitors have left Big Sur, although there are "a few stragglers" still around.

Anticipating the possibility of a lengthy closure, and offering its customers a way to support the River Inn, Perlmutter said the resort just did a major upgrade of its online store at bigsurriverinn.com.

While there's still much uncertainty around whether the road will even remain open in the near future, Perlmutter said he's "crossing his fingers that the southbound lane turns out to be solid" and a signal light can be installed to regulate traffic at the site — at least through the end of summer.

The River Inn received praise from a pair of stranded guests, Melinda and Kelsey Kopp, whose comments were

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With helicopter use in Big Sur on rise, some want to shut it down

By CHRIS COUNTS

HELICOPTER USE in Big Sur is increasing, and it's not just agencies responding to emergencies, but tour operators giving visitors a birds-eye view of the coast, and residents seeking a scenic and traffic-free commute.

The topic came up at the March 27 Monterey County Planning Commission meeting, where a workshop was conducted on the ongoing effort to update the Big Sur Land Use Plan.

Most who spoke were critical of helicopters being used for anything other than emergencies.

During the hearing, Planning Commissioner Kate Daniels told her colleagues that helicopter tours in Big Sur "are a real concern," and asked what can be done to prohibit them.

"The Federal Aviation Administration does not allow state and local governments to regulate air space, but we can regulate where aircraft take off and land," county planner Taylor Price responded.

Only for emergencies

According to Price, the proposed Big Sur Land Use Plan "prohibits the takeoff and landing of drones and helicopters, with exceptions for emergency purposes."

"A permanent helicopter pad or heliport is prohibited

in the Big Sur Land Use Plan due to helicopter use's direct conflict with Big Sur's rural and wild character, its effect on the peace and tranquility of Big Sur's small-scale, traditional and rural setting, and its potential to harass wildlife," the updated plan reads.

What can be done?

Daniels asked if the Big Sur Land Use Plan's critical viewshed policy could deter helicopter tours, while Planning Commissioner Martha Diehl wondered if the region's inclusion in the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary offered any viewshed protections from helicopters.

Planning commissioner Christine Shaw asked how the ban on helipads in Big Sur would impact those who already have one. In response, Price said he's not aware of the existence of any "permitted helipads or heliports."

But resident Christina McGinnis testified that private helipads are being used in Big Sur right now. "We are aware of helicopter weddings occurring in Big Sur and private landing pads on residentially zoned properties," responded McGinnis, who wants to see new helipads banned in Big Sur, and those who are operating illegal helipads cited.

McGinnis said helicopters should not be allowed to fly over the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary

"It's an extremely important issue to not allow overflights in the sensitive marine habitat in Monterey Bay," said the Big Sur resident, who once served on the sanctuary's advisory committee.

Resident Marcus Foster said helicopters cause noise pollution. "The noise they put out is quite disturbing," he said.

Foster told the planning commission that helicopter use in Big Sur is becoming more frequent — and property owners are using them to avoid traffic. "There is definitely an increase in property owners using helicopters to access their properties," he reported.

Foster said realtors are even touting helipads as an amenity you can add to your new home in Big Sur.

Resident Mike Linder pointed out that helicopters "buzz right over my house" — despite regulations that they must fly at least 500 feet in the air.

For the birds

Linder also noted that scientific studies show how helicopters disturb nesting birds, including raptors and condors. "Even if we can't regulate air space, we regulate impacts on the natural environment," he added.

Resident Trey Kropp said he's taken a survey, and most locals don't want to see helicopters in Big Sur.

"I've talked to a lot of people in Big Sur about this," Kropp said. "The majority of people in Big Sur are totally against helicopters."

Three days after the hearing, a rockslide took out a portion of Highway 1 just south of Rocky Creek Bridge and is threatening to turn Big Sur into an island — an event that will likely increase the demand for helicopter trips to the remote community.



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Helicopters operating off the coast of Big Sur in August 2020 during the Dolan Fire.



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HOTEL

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approval of the hotel — with conditions. Foursome Development Company owns the American Tin Cannery property, while Comstock Development is handling the permitting, entitlements and project management.

'Hopeful'

In response to the staff report, Comstock's Debra Geiler told The Pine Cone this week that the company is "hopeful" commissioners will OK the hotel next

week. She said the state agency conducted a "very thorough and thoughtful analysis" of the project during the past 27 months and that Comstock worked with staff on the revisions.

"We agree with the report's conclusion that the project addresses all Coastal Act and LCP requirements and applaud the staff's recommendation of approval," Geiler said.

The staff's analysis of the project says that it was clear when the hotel was proposed it was "missing key components necessary for an approvable project," including those related to water, views, access, sensitive habitat and lower-cost hotel rooms.

However, the agency worked with critics and the developer to make changes, including making the resort 85,000 square feet smaller, trimming the number of rooms from 225 to 206, adding a public restroom accessible from Dewey Avenue, and other changes, all of which are intended to fulfill Coastal Act and LCP requirements.

"The revised design improves upon the original and would establish a new standard for visitor lodging in coastal areas," Geiler said.

"The reduced scope of the project also helps to better address public view and character concerns, as well as to more clearly align the project with the LCP's water supply requirements, including ensuring the project uses no more water than what the existing ATC site is currently physical equipped to use," the report says.

The resort would use 18.53 acre-feet of water per year (about 6 million gallons) and incorporate several conservation measures, including the use of a graywater system and offsite laundry services.

"From the beginning, this project has been designed to accommodate anticipated water demand within the site's existing water credits," Geiler said.

While the staff report acknowledges the proposed hotel has been controversial, it acknowledged the developer's "patience and willingness to thoughtfully engage on the issues," and that the developer is in "full agreement" with the coastal staff's recommendations.

"Ultimately, staff believes that the end result is a project that appropriately addresses Coastal Act and LCP requirements in a way that should provide a welcome and important addition to the city," the staff report indicates.

The coastal commission criticized the city council for not following its advice in 2022 not to grant the permit. The council voted 6-1 on the project following a 4-2 denial by the city's planning commission. Councilman Luke Coletti — citing some of the issues raised by the appellants and the coastal commission — was the only council member to vote against the original proposal.

DAYCARE

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had been abused. An investigator with the state's Community Care Licensing Division removed Aiello as an employee from the facility.

A lawsuit the boy's mom filed against Aiello and operators of the facility said "classroom surveillance video clearly showed a teacher forcefully and repeatedly slamming" the boy down, causing injuries. The Monterey County District Attorney's Office account of the abuse by Aiello said that the video footage also showed her trying to hold the little boy down on a sleeping mat using a chair. The daycare center closed July 19, 2023.

Last October, Aiello, of Marina, was sentenced to three years of felony probation and up to 365 days in jail, though she is not currently in custody, jail records indicate.

Lower cost rooms

The coastal commission's staff also commended Foursome's proposal to lower the cost of overnight accommodations at the hotel, which includes 18 rooms that would be "no more than \$184 per night, inclusive of parking, resort fees and any other hotel charges."

Foursome proposed a 16-unit, 64-bed group wing with four beds per room, with shared bathrooms, where rates would be set at \$85 per bed, "which can serve as a lower-cost option for single travelers and couples," and a plan to bring "lower-income youth, school groups and other underrepresented communities" to the group wing for at least 300 beds and nights per year, 150 of which would be free and the remainder capped at lower rates. Non-discounted rooms would be priced in the \$250 to \$400 range.





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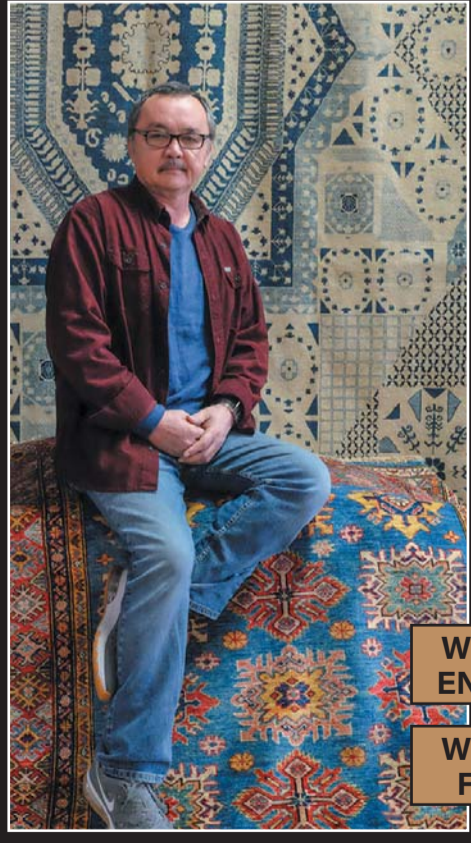




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Sewer fees will no longer come in the mail — they'll be added to property taxes

By KELLY NIX

WITH NEXT year's property tax bills just a few months away, Monterey One Water — also known as the sewer district for most of the Monterey Peninsula — is reminding property owners that their sewer bills will no longer be mailed after July 1 because the agency's fee for wastewater service will start being added to their property taxes.

In February, the Monterey One Water board directed the agency to implement the billing switch, which was proposed last year. The change, which is automatic, does not impact rates for wastewater service.

"Monterey One Water is doing outreach to inform all of our customers about the billing change," spokesman Mike McCullough told The Pine Cone Thursday morning.

The agency's website suggests things for property owners to consider before the change occurs, including making sure that customers turn off automatic bill pay services from their bank or other provider before receiving the final bill for service through June 30.

The agency held public forums last year ahead of the board's approval of the billing switch.

A staff report in February outlined some other things Monterey One Water staff will be doing to prepare for the property tax switch, including converting data from the agency's billing system into a format compatible with the county and working with Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside and other local cities to make sure their residents are billed correctly.

Vendor issues

Monterey One has said that among the reasons it wants to collect fees on property taxes is that the payment vendor it uses doesn't offer paperless billing and online account access.

General manager Paul Sciuto told the board during a February 2023 meeting that the vendor's online computer systems were hacked in 2021 and it affected billing, and that in February 2022, sewer bills mailed to property owners in Seaside and Sand City "were sent out with the

wrong company name and addresses."

Sciuto also said the change is being implemented because about 2,000 customers regularly don't pay their bills. Adding them to property taxes makes it more likely

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POLICE

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turned into an interview room that has become a storage closet. There's only one place to interview suspects, but it's not soundproof — which is important so people involved in a crime don't hear what the others are saying — and presents security risks.

Juveniles can't be held in a locked facility, according to Tomasi, so they have to wait in the lobby, with a dispatcher trying to keep an eye on them until whatever issue that brought them there is resolved.

The building also has a lot of idiosyncrasies, as well as wasted space. The hallways are only 3 feet wide, and in the stairwell leading to the emergency operations center and shooting range in the basement — a former bomb shelter — a door was installed in the wall as an emergency exit, even though no steps lead to it. Tomasi remarked that it's a bit like the Winchester Mystery House.

Maintenance issues

The EOC doubles as a training room sometimes, and officers converted part of it into a gym, but the surroundings are dark and drab, there's water damage to the walls, and the carpet probably dates to the 1960s. Many EOCs are now mobile or can be deployed just when needed, rather than taking up a lot of square footage while going unused 99 percent of the time.

Resident Dale Byrne attended the tour, and though he didn't see anything he hadn't already, he noted, "It is rather

embarrassing every time you see it — like letting your house completely go for 50 years and then waking up one day and realizing that it should be red-tagged."

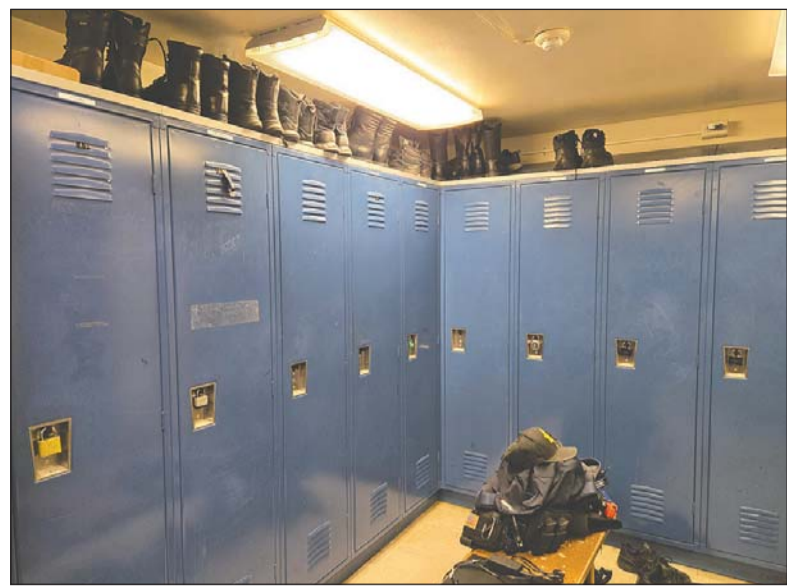
"No one should be expected to work in conditions like that," he said, though Carmel P.D. staff may be inured to it by now.

Byrne also observed that some of the maintenance issues in the police station and the attached public works facilities, such as water dripping on the electrical panel, would cause a building inspector to declare a house off-limits if they were found there.

Trailers

While Tomasi asked tour goers to keep their questions to a minimum in order to keep things moving, one persistent inquiry was whether a new station could be built on the current site. There is certainly space for it, since the corner of Junipero and Fourth where CPD and public works are located was originally intended to be a fully developed compound, according to Tomasi, though the walls and foundations would need some structural work before anything could be built on top of them.

One of the biggest challenges in that scenario is where the police and public works departments would go when construction is underway. He said it's possible trailers could be set up at Vista Lobos to house CPD officers and



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

When the Carmel police station opened in the 1960s, it just had a men's locker room. Today, the room is not only socially out of date, it's haggard.

operations, but that they would likely take up the entire parking lot and would present their own security risks.

"I've never seen an entire department move," he said. "It would take six or seven trailers for the police department, and that's all of Vista Lobos — and then, for how long?"

City council poised to OK housing plan

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL Planning Commission and the city council will hold back-to-back special meetings Monday, April 8, to approve the latest draft of the city's housing plan so it can be submitted to the state for certification before an April 15 deadline.

"Carmel is one of only a few cities in our region on track to have a certified housing element before the State Department of Housing and Community Development deadline of April 15," planning director Brandon Swanson said in an announcement last week.

After strict new state housing mandates were announced in 2022, the city embarked on a plan to comply, with multiple drafts sent to the state and returned with feedback, as well as numerous public meetings at the city level. In late March, the city released its most recent revisions to the plan, which must outline how Carmel will accommodate 349 new housing units over the next eight years, for a seven-day public comment period that closed April 2.

At the Monday meetings, which begin at 4 p.m., the planning commission and then the city council will be asked to give their official stamp of approval to the plan so that it can be certified by the state. For more information, visit homecarmelbythesea.com or ci.carmel.ca.us.

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CONVOY

From page 14A

posted at bigsurkate.blog.

The Kopps were staying at the Pine Inn at Ocean and Lincoln, and had all their possessions there, when they took a day trip to Big Sur Saturday. Later that day, they learned of the road trouble, and discovered they wouldn't be able to return to Carmel until at least the following day.

Seeking a place to charge their cell phones, they stopped at the River Inn, where they met general manager Colin Twohig.

"He listened as we explained our situation and reassured us that the community was set up to help us, and not to worry," the Kopps said. "He introduced us to Rafi, an employee of the inn and a firefighter in the area. He told us that his neighbor, Melina Mara, had a small cabin room to offer us overnight."

Gratitude

After a "scary drive up a long, dark, and winding road" to the cabin, the Kopps "hunkered down for the night." "In the morning, Melina invited us up to her house, made coffee, offered food and comfort, and assured us she would be letting us know of any developments as soon as they happened."

A couple hours later, good news arrived.

"At around 11 a.m., she let us know there would be a convoy of cars allowed to leave in the northbound lane starting at noon," the letter continued. "We left immediately and lined up around nine miles south of the slip point. At exactly noon, the line began slowly moving forward, and by about 1 p.m., we passed the danger spot where seemingly, a bite had been taken out of the southbound lane."

The Kopps soon arrived back at the Pine Inn, where the front desk staff held their room and "welcomed us with open arms."

"This is a community filled with people who opened their hearts and pocketbooks to make a tenuous situation bearable for strangers and we now have a renewed sense of gratitude and appreciation for the importance of helping others whenever possible," they added. "All of your kindnesses will never be forgotten."

JEAN MCBRIDE SCHOLEFIELD

October 30, 1939 – March 21, 2024

Jean Scholefield died peacefully on March 21, 2024. She was born in Galveston, Texas on October 30, 1939, to Doris and Bill McBride. A treasured only child, Jean showed her strong will and theatrical nature from birth. "I was born on a dirt road with a ditch in front" was her nod to her childhood. From there she went on to explore the world – traveling on the Orient Express, going on safari in Africa, walking the streets of St. Petersburg, Russia and circumventing the globe by ship.

Jean attended Texas Christian University. She graduated in 1957 with a degree in drama and moved to Dallas where she taught elementary school by day and performed by night. She adored "the sound of applause bursting ... flowers at my feet and rave reviews in the Ft. Worth Telegram." Then in a red Chevy convertible, she moved to the "land of sunlight and honey – San Francisco."

Jean went on to earn her teaching credential at San Jose State and later a master's degree in early childhood education, with a concentration in literature. For 25 years, she opened the world to her Salinas Valley third grade students by adding opera and playwriting to her curriculum and bringing in delicacies, such as finger sandwiches and caviar, for them to sample. A bit of etiquette, how to properly dispose of a bite of food that disagrees with your palate, was on her teaching menu, too.

In 1968, the theater called Jean back to the Golden Bough Circle Theatre. There she met the love of her life, Wilfred Scholefield. There was a rare and wonderful love. They married in 1973 and proceeded to entertain, travel the world, and adventure together until Wilfred's passing in 2017. Jean's third and final act was moving to Carmel Valley Manor where she made many wonderful friends and lived out her final years.

Jean was a rare personality: charismatic, intelligent, entertaining and charming. People truly enjoyed her presence and often joined organizations or boards because nothing was dull when Jean was present. Even when she tried being a supporting actor, her audience made her the star.

Jean was a devoted member of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church and took great pride in the work she did towards funding the St. Andre's School in Haiti. She was an active member of the Casa Abrego Club, the Peninsula Club, and the Posh Ladies. She was an ardent supporter of the theater, local music festivals, and the many charities that touched her heart.

Donations may be made in remembrance of Jean to St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, CA 93923 or to the donor's favorite charity. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley on Saturday, April 20th, 11:06 a.m. with a reception to follow. That is not a typo. Jean was born at 11:06, married at 11:06, and wanted her funeral to start at 11:06!

At a later date, her ashes will be interred with Wilfred's at St. Mary's Columbarium Memorial Garden.



To place an obituary for your loved one, contact
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Mary Ann Dillon

November 5, 1921 – March 27, 2024

With a waning full moon illuminating waves and sky, and a receding tide, Mary Ann Dillon peacefully slipped away in Carmel on March 27 at the age of 102. Her three children were by her side. They were guided by VNA Hospice and assisted by Halo Specialized Care. The family is forever grateful to daughter Deborah who oversaw her care for nine years, contributing to Mary Ann's enjoyment and comfort. Window views of ocean and wildlife, especially otters, pelicans and oyster catchers, were a blessing. Mary Ann was a peaceful, kind spirit, who always asked, "How are the children?"

The Carmel Pine Cone Nov. 12-18, 2021 issue featured Mary Ann at 100 years "Born too late to be a suffragette, she will never be too old to vote."

In fact, she was a founding member of what became the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City. President from 1980-82, she was honored for 50 years of participation in 2007.

Born in Pittsburg PA, she moved to California with her parents, Charles Park Walker and Helen Duncan Wilcox Walker; brothers David Wilcox Walker and Charles Wilcox Walker. She attended Lowell High in San Francisco, graduating Stanford University Class of 1943. She married Donald Floyd Dillon August 17th. After a short honeymoon at the Fairmont Hotel, he began active duty in the Navy during WWII.



Mary Ann at 102



Don and Mary Ann when he returned from WWII, sitting on a bench above Carmel Beach.

After Don returned to San Diego as Captain of Destroyer Escort 588, they moved to Mill Valley. When their third child, Don Jr., was just home from the hospital, Don, in the Navy Reserves was called up for the Korean War. Mary Ann did the family balancing act until he returned in 1953.

Then they joined Don's parents, Floyd C. Dillon and Mildred W. Shawer Dillon in their fledgling dwarf citrus nursery business, Four Winds Growers. Mary Ann juggled working part time at the nursery and raising a family. Dedicated employees, Fred Real, Barbara Real, Mike Andrade, Don Jr. and the Perez family were key to its success. Mary Ann was very proud that Four Winds Growers is still a successful family business after nearly 75 years. It is now operating in Watsonville under the leadership of her son, Don, and his two children, Aaron Dillon and Lexa Dillon.

Mary Ann participated with Don Sr. in the incorporation of five small agricultural towns into the City of Fremont. Don served on the Fremont City Council (1962-1978) and as mayor. Mary Ann was known as the "Conscience of Fremont," promoting libraries, starting 22 Girl Scout Troops, and recycling through TriCity Ecology. She and Don were active members of the Niles Congregational Church. When the kids were grown, she and Don enjoyed traveling, especially with the Friendship Force International as well as with family and friends. Mary Ann and Don enjoyed 72 incredible years of marriage, until his death in 2015.

Mary Ann is survived by her three children and their spouses, Mary Helen (John), Deborah (Warren) and Don (Donna); six grandchildren, Toby and Galena Seeger, Aaron and Lexa Dillon, Chris and Jennifer Limacher; as well as numerous great grandchildren. She is beloved by her younger brother Charles Wilcox Walker, his daughters and their children as well.

No formal service will be held. She told us, "To remember me, have a picnic on the beach." Her remains will be interred at El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor can be made to the League of Women Voters Education Fund, or the League of Women Voters Fremont/Newark/Union City chapter or a charity of your choice.

Shovels hit the ground at Carr Lake in Salinas

By CHRIS COUNTS

CONSTRUCTION HAS started on Ensen Community Park in Salinas, marking a milestone on a project that the Big Sur Land Trust has been trying to bring to life for

nearly a decade.

The work, which is being done by Bothman Construction, is expected to take about a year to complete.

The 6-acre park at Carr Lake will include amenities such as a children's playground, a basketball court,

barbecues, picnic areas, a skate spot, a dog park and more. It is estimated to cost about \$17 million to build.

Big Sur Land Trust CEO Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis said she's thrilled to see construction underway at the site of the future park.

"Seven years ago, we stood at our project site at Carr Lake with community members and leaders envisioning a green space in the heart of Salinas where people could gather with their families and friends, children could play, and everyone could immerse themselves in the benefits of being outside and in nature," Tuitele-Lewis said "This has been a decades-long dream, and we are thrilled to be taking this major step towards creating a park for everyone."

Salinas Mayor Craig is also eagerly anticipating the park's opening.

"We are so excited to begin construction on Ensen Community Park," Craig said. "This critical partnership between Big Sur Land Trust and the City of Salinas will provide our residents with an opportunity to enjoy amazing open space, trails and a naturally restored habitat in the center of our city."

Salinas is expected to take over the park next year. "Upon its completion in 2025, Big Sur Land Trust will transfer the 6-acre park area to the ownership of the City of Salinas, which will maintain Ensen Community Park," the land trust reported.

City officials have been pushing for a park in the Carr Lake area since the 1970s.

BEVERLY JEAN DOUD

November 14, 1929 - March 17, 2024

Beverly Jean Doud, 94, passed away at her Carmel Valley home on St. Patrick's Day in the loving presence of her two eldest daughters. The youngest child of Felix and Llewella Dowgiallo, Bev was born in Riverside, CA, during the Great Depression. In 1939, she moved with her family to Carmel-by-the-Sea, where her father had been granted a transfer with the U.S. Postal Service. Bev attended Sunset School and Carmel High School, graduating from CHS in 1948. Her studies in journalism at the recently opened MPC led to work as a social editor for The Carmel Pine Cone and columnist for the Monterey Herald.

During this time, Beverly became reacquainted with Toley Doud, the best friend of her beloved older brother, Harvey "Gar" Gardner, a pilot for the United States Navy who tragically died when his airplane suffered a structural failure during routine flight exercises. Through their shared grief over her brother's death, Bev and Toley grew closer, fell in love, and eloped on June 19, 1950. This was the beginning of a loving marriage that spanned more than 56 years and produced five children.

Bev was a devoted, nurturing wife and mother — with impeccable spelling — who created a warm, safe, supportive and loving home in Carmel Valley for her family. She encouraged each of her children's interests and talents, shuttling them without complaint to synchronized swimming meets, the theater, and piano and ballet lessons. She was a true "milk and cookies" kind of mom.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents; her brother; her husband, Toley; her sister, Marian Fischer; and her daughter, Laurie. She is survived by her children, Lindi (Patrick McGibney), Marian Plastini (John), Frances and Thomas; grandchildren, Aimee Landreth (Kevin), Johnny Plastini (Christina) and Melanie Plastini; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank her devoted, long-term caregivers: Becky, Pam, Holly, Amy and Amanda.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, 700 Jewel Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950 or to Food Bank of the Monterey Peninsula. At her request, services will be private.



ROBERT (BOB) JEROME CHORNEY

Robert (Bob) Jerome Chorney, age 86, passed away on March 25, 2024, after a short battle with cancer and a long fight with dementia. Bob was born on July 30, 1937, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bob graduated from Grand Rapids Junior College and was an instructor for the U.S. Army Missile Defense School. After moving to California and taking some classes in the arts at USC and working in retail management, he moved with his family in 1978 to the Monterey Peninsula where

his admirable passion became crystal clear — to help people find, afford, and secure homes. For decades, Bob owned and operated his own business, Pacific Home Lending, in Monterey. He served as president of the California Mortgage Brokers Association, and he was the first mortgage broker in Monterey to spearhead the "First Time Home Buyer's Program," including writing a training book for the First Time Home Buyer, elevating their opportunity of securing a home loan. Additionally, he was an expert in reverse mortgages. He nobly helped countless people purchase and stay in their home.

Bob was an avid reader, a philosopher, a romantic, a movie buff, and enjoyed fine wine and great food. He derived incredible satisfaction when cooking for others, who were the beneficiaries of his culinary delights. He loved his family and doted on his many kitties. Some of his happy places were Hawaii, Yosemite, and just being home on the Monterey Peninsula. He blissfully enjoyed a good cup of coffee and a hand-made pastry while visiting with the locals at a nearby bakery.

We will miss your bear hugs. We will miss your jovial laughter. We will toast to your place in our hearts.

Bob is survived by his daughters, Romy (Michael) Taormina and Denise (Spenser) Lucarelli; sisters, Sandy (Richard) Brown and Deb (Tom) Franckowiak; grandchildren, Coleman and Nathan Taormina and Devin Lucarelli; and nieces and nephews, Mike (Glenda) Brown, Julie (Doug) Kuhn, Dr. Emily (Bret Miller) Franckowiak, Tess (Cam) Daisy, and Abby Franckowiak.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Alexander and Annie (Nowak) Chorney.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Services will be held at a future date.



JAMES WILLIAM (BILL) WEBB

James (Bill) William Webb of Monterey, CA passed away in the early morning on Tuesday, March 13, 2024, at 83 years of age. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Judith A. Webb; his daughter, Jennifer J. (Webb) Baker, son-in-law, John W. Baker; and grandsons, James and Joshua Baker, all of whom he loved beyond measure. He is also survived by sisters, Betty Swanson of Alaska and Bonnie Fordahl of Tennessee; and brother, Bob Webb of Carmel, and many nieces and nephews.



Bill was born to Glenn and Esther Webb in San Jose, CA. He graduated from Los Gatos High School in 1958 and earned a B.S. in industrial relations from San Jose State in 1963. He earned his MBA from Golden State University in 1976. He met Judy (Beall) in the choir loft at the First Baptist Church of Monterey, where they were married in 1961. Their only child, Jenny, was born in 1974.

After college, Bill joined the California National Guard and served as a medic. He began a career in human resources with IBM in 1964. He held many positions in management both in the Silicon Valley and on the East Coast. He also was a guest lecturer in management practices at the FBI's school for international police chiefs at Quantico, VA. You could often see Bill wearing his FBI hat!

After a 30 year career at IBM, Bill became corporate VP of administration and human resources at Solectron Corporation in Milpitas, CA. He traveled extensively including trips to Malaysia, Scotland and France. In 1994, Bill

became the human resources director for the University of Kentucky, including the university, hospital and medical school and the state community college system.

In 1997, Bill and Judy retired to Pacific Grove, CA where he formed his own consulting company, Human Resources Dimensions. The company engaged in senior executive coaching and counseling, HR strategy development, motivational speaking, and business process assessment. Bill's most rewarding experiences involved coaching and mentoring individuals to realize their true potential as they developed as professionals and successful human beings, which he carried on throughout his life.

Bill was an active member of his church wherever he lived. He taught Sunday School and served as an elder. His greatest service was being a friend and mentor to pastors in the challenges of their calling.

Beyond his career, Bill loved to fish. He and Judy discovered the Rainbow Valley Lodge in Ennis, Montana, where they became regular guests, returning every year to fish on the Madison River. One of his happiest times was taking his daughter and family to Montana. Bill was very pleased that Jenny had inherited his skill and enthusiasm for fishing.

Bill enjoyed singing in the Moody Bible Institute Chorale during his first year at college. He and Judy sang together in church choirs for many years. He used his booming bass voice to sing to anyone having a birthday. He was known for his cheerful, boisterous, outgoing personality. He was a surrogate father to several, mentor to many and the kindest, most generous, supportive and loving person we have ever known. He will be greatly missed by friends and family alike.

Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Habitat for Humanity or Samaritan's Purse in Bill's honor.

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Rosemarie Rausch July 20, 1927 - March 19, 2024

Our sweet mom (Rosie /Rose) passed peacefully at 96 years on Tuesday, March 19.



She was born in Arlington, Ohio to Orlie and Buelah Lafferty. Married to Norman Rausch (deceased) for 65 years. They lived and raised their family in Pacific Grove, CA. Rosie and Norman shared many good memories with friends, activities, and especially their loving family. You would often see them cruising around the beach at Lovers' Point in their Model A.

Rosie poured many a cup of coffee over her 60-year career as a waitress on The Monterey Peninsula. Never one to sit, Rosie was out walking to Trader Joe's into her 90s.

Her devoted daughters survive her, Becky Pearson (Howard) of Pacific Grove, Cindy Bitter (Rick) of Pacific Grove; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was a faithful member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for more than 65 years.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service at 2 p.m. April 7, 2024, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 800 Cass St., Monterey, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Central Coast, 2 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite D120, Monterey, CA. 93940 or Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

The family would like to thank Hospice and Del Monte Village for all their living care and support.

Arrangements by Mission Mortuary and Mission Memorial Park.

ROSIE AND NORMAN ARE TOGETHER AGAIN!

DR. DONALD TROUT

After a long illness, Dr. Donald Trout died on January 18, 2024, at his home in Monterey, California with his family by his side. He was 88 years old. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Ann, in 2017; by his sister, Margaret Ponder, his sister, Louise Carpenter; and his brother, Ed Trout. He is survived by his son, Tom Trout; his daughter, Juliann Trout, his two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

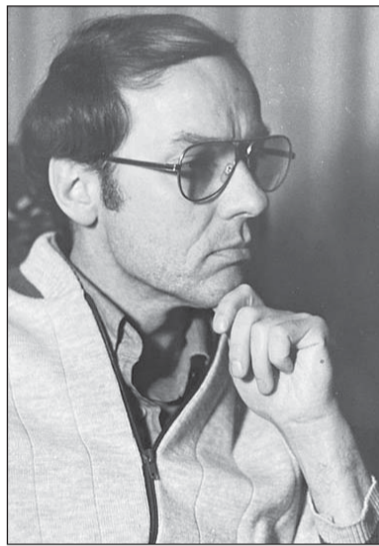


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Donald was born in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. In High school he lettered in four sports and played on the Nebraska state champion basketball team. He attended the University of Nebraska and earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1959. He married Ann in 1958, also from Scottsbluff and also a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

In 1959 Donald joined the Navy. He served two tours of duty as a lieutenant on an aircraft carrier, the USS Kearsarge, and visited Japan and the Philippines. The ship also delivered supplies to Vietnam. After serving for four years, Don resigned his commission in the Navy Dental Corps. He and Ann then chose Monterey to make their home.

Donald established his dental practice in Monterey, California in 1963 and built up a devoted clientele. He pursued further education at University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry. After nearly 40 years as a dentist, Don sold his practice. The current dentists at his previous practice, Dr. Wayne Richey and Dr. Lindley Zerbe, have continued the excellence in dentistry that Dr Trout was known for.

Passionate about music, Don and his wife Ann were founding members of the choral group, I Cantori di Carmel, then directed by Sal Ferrantelli. They performed locally but also in Europe. Don participated in concerts performed in Florence at Cathedral di Santa Maria del Fiore known as "Il Duomo," and in other cathedrals in Vienna, Venice and in the Strasbourg Cathedral in France. Don also traveled with the group to sing in Budapest, Prague, Germany and Luxembourg.

One of his most proud achievements was singing in the chorus of the Carmel Bach Festival for 20 years. He also served on the board of directors of the Carmel Music Society and enjoyed meeting famous musicians.

Ann and Don traveled together to Tahiti, England, Scotland and Ireland. Don participated in many golf tournaments and won the Monterey City Amateur second flight and the SIRs golf tournament in 2017.

After retirement, Don continued with his numerous activities and to donate his time to helping others. He served as an elder at his church and was an active member of SIR. He delivered Meals on Wheels and founded and coordinated a support group for those with peripheral neuropathy. He especially enjoyed meeting people while working as a docent at Point Lobos State Reserve.

The family continues to honor Don's life and encourages others to do so in their own way as well. Any generosity of donations in memorial may be passed to the Carmel Bach Festival.

Patricia Tynan Chapman

Salinas, CA

Nov. 6, 1927- March 17, 2024

After an amazingly full life, Patricia Tynan Chapman passed away peacefully at her home at the age of 96.

A proud native of Salinas, CA, Pat was born in 1927 to L. Michael and Olga Tynan. She graduated from UC Berkeley with honors in 1949. It was from her parents that she learned her love of travel, traveling far and wide throughout her lifetime. She had a great sense of adventure, whether it was learning to fly a plane, becoming an accomplished horsewoman or exploring the world!

Her contributions to her community, especially her beloved Salinas, are almost too numerous to count! The Red Cross, the YMCA, the Valley Guild (Steinbeck House), the California Airshow, the Salinas Centennial Committee, the Salinas CA Rodeo, the Monterey County Symphony Guild, the Salinas Chamber of Commerce and the Salinas Community Center all benefited from her involvement. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church as well the Junior League of Monterey County, and her tireless community contributions also included serving as a member of the Salinas Park and Recreation Commission and chairing the Salinas Planning Commission. She was an original board member of the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation, chairman of the Monterey County Housing Council, and honorary chairman of the National Steinbeck Foundation. She loved her time serving on the Community Foundation of Monterey County (recognized as the Distinguished Trustee in 1998) and her many years on the Harden Foundation. One of the things she was most proud of was starting the Salinas Beautification Committee in 1959 – responsible for the gorgeous Magnolia trees in downtown Salinas.

Pat ran Tynan Lumber Company (founded by her grandfather) for many years, first as president, then chair of the board. She was awarded Construction Woman of the Year by the Salinas Valley Builders Exchange and received the Athena Award for outstanding businesswoman of the year by the Salinas Area Chamber in 1987.

Pat loved spending time with family and friends and was the consummate hostess at home and in her travels. Her Christmas Eve parties were legendary, and she made every guest feel special. It brought her great joy to open her home. Everyone who encountered her always walked away feeling buoyed by her graciousness and kindness.

She married her beloved Bob in 1986 and they shared so many adventures together. They loved traveling alone and with friends as well as spending time at their home in Arizona.

Pat is survived by her son, Dirk (Debbie) Etienne; and her grandchildren, Justin, Michael, Evan and Amanda Etienne.

She was preceded in death by her adoring husband, Bob; her parents; her sister and her two sons, Mark and Geoffrey Etienne.

A service will begin at 2 p.m. April 20, 2024, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas with a reception following. The family suggests any contributions in Pat's memory be made to the Salinas Valley Health Foundation or to the California Rodeo Salinas.

Funeral arrangements by Struve and Laporte Funeral Home. Online condolences to www.struveandlaporte.com



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Editorial

The real Cesar Chavez

‘WHEN THE legend becomes fact, print the legend’ may be a line from a 1962 movie (“The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance”), but it has so much truth in it, your instincts tell you it had to have been uttered by a next-level literary genius like Charles Dickens or Mark Twain, if not Shakespeare or Socrates.

But no, it took two 20th-century screenwriters, James Bellah and Willis Goldbeck, working under the guidance of director John Ford, to perfectly capture the state of American journalism of their era. And, oh, has it gotten so much worse since the 1960s.

Today, it doesn’t take a legend — i.e., a longstanding popular, but false, belief — for the big city news media to blatantly lie about a hot-button issue. Today, the news media make things up on the fly to advance their political agendas.

A perfect example of a modern-day legend that’s completely at odds with historical truth is the life of California labor leader Cesar Chavez, whose birthday last Monday has been turned into an official state holiday in California and several other states.

Chavez, who died in 1993, may be the patron saint of La Raza today, but in his role as founder of the United Farm Workers in the 1960s, he understood full well why illegal immigration was very bad for legal farm workers, whose demands for higher pay and better conditions could easily result in them being replaced with people who were in no position to be as demanding. So vehement was he that illegal immigration aided anti-union growers and harmed their workers that, in 1973, Chavez, along with Minnesota Sen. Hubert Humphrey, led a protest for tougher enforcement along the border.

Not only that, but according to ABC News at the time, Chavez went so far as to “encourage union members to join ‘wet lines’ along the Arizona-Mexico border to prevent undocumented immigrants from crossing into the U.S.” and “accused immigration agents at the border of letting in undocumented immigrants to undermine the labor efforts of Latino farmworkers.”

At times, according to a contemporaneous account in a Phoenix newspaper, the Hispanic hero sounded “like a typical nativist bigot and acted like a right-wing militia member.”

And, according to the 2014 book, “The Crusades of Cesar Chavez,” by Miriam Pawel, Chavez backed a campaign to direct all UFW offices “to document the presence of illegal immigrants in the fields and report them to the INS.”

But today, when illegal immigrants cross the border by the tens of thousands almost at will, not one word of Cesar Chavez’ fight against illegal immigration is mentioned in media accounts of his life or his importance as an inspirational figure for the 21st century. It’s almost like there’s an agreement not to mention it.

Or, as Bellah and Goldbeck might have put it, “When the legend becomes more useful than the truth, pretend the truth doesn’t exist.”

BEST of BATES



“Let’s just say ... if I was a building, they’d condemn me.”

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Fresh seafood

Dear Editor,

I’m not clear why it is newsworthy that a local restaurant is having trouble paying all of its taxes and fees. Wild Fish is an exceptional restaurant and I hope your article doesn’t cause it to go out of business. Many businesses are still suffering the effects of the Covid shutdowns. Please give Wild Fish some consideration.

All of us who enjoy fresh seafood cooked correctly should support this fine restaurant.

Marilyn Ross, Carmel

Dangerous spot

Dear Editor,

As one who spends a fair amount of time along the Big Sur coast, I am happy to hear that Caltrans has lowered the speed limit on certain segments of Highway 1. There is one area that I did not see mentioned that in my opinion is in desperate need of speed

reduction and, I would suggest, flashing lights or even speed bumps to avert an impending catastrophic pedestrian accident. I am referring to the very busy spot in Garrapata State Park where the trailheads to Soberanes Creek and Soberanes Point are located. I have personally seen many near misses and feel like I am taking my life in my hands every time I cross the road in that spot. It is at the bottom of inclines in both directions, which means that cars are gaining speed, rather than slowing down. There is parking on both sides of the road and there is constant pedestrian activity in the area. I sincerely hope that Caltrans will consider making that a safer stretch of highway for locals and tourists alike.

Helen Ogden, Pacific Grove

Water law matters

Dear Editor,

A recent California Public Utilities Commission hearing examined Monterey Peninsula’s water supply-demand issues, but omitted critical game-changing water law facts the public has a right to know:

■ Cal Am’s Certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) confirmed the source feed water for its Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (desal) would come from the freshwater Dune Sands and 180/400 foot aquifers in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (SVGB).

■ The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 preserves and protects the SVGB that is on California’s Critically Over-drafted Groundwater Basin List.

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Chef to celebrities, sure, but celebrity chef? Not interested.

KURT BOUCHER has been a chef for celebrities, run some impressive kitchens, and even competed on the reality TV show, “Iron Chef,” but he has found a home here in Monterey as the executive chef at Monterey. Born in Woonsocket, R.I., Boucher said the seed for loving food was planted when he was 14 and had a weekend job in a mom-and-pop diner. “I worked 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. That’s when they didn’t have labor laws,” he joked. “I liked the rush of being on the line. I could do something that peo-

extremely competitive — reality cooking show that originated in Japan.

“They asked if I wanted to be on the show and I said, ‘Yeah, sure, I’d love to,’ thinking they were kidding,” he said. They asked who he would want to compete against and, without skipping a beat, he said, “Bobby Flay.” When they asked why, Boucher responded, “Because he jumped on the cutting board against Morimoto.” That was a reference to an infamous episode in which a young, cocky Flay took on Japanese icon Masaharu Morimoto. After a grueling battle, Flay climbed onto his work station and raised his arms in victory, disgusting his opponent. Moreover, when the judging was finished, Flay lost. Ever since, however, he’s been known as a fierce competitor with an impressive “Iron Chef” winning streak.

Getting Flayed

The Food Network must have liked Boucher’s answer — and his cooking — because he soon received a packet with instructions to go to New York’s meat packing district to compete ... against Bobby Flay. “It was the fastest hour of my life,” Boucher recalled, “I took my brother with me and an executive chef friend. I made arctic char. We lost. Bobby never loses.”

Although the exposure got him offers to do some celebrity chef types of appearances and jobs, Boucher wanted to be in the kitchen. So, he went back to Pine Creek for about a year and eventually opened his own restaurant in Solida, Colo. “I called it high alpine cuisine,” he said of a menu that included lamb, elk and trout. He created dishes like “cheek-to-cheek” — halibut and veal cheeks with mac and cheese.

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PHOTO/SALLY BAHO

Chef Kurt Boucher of Monterey said his appearance on “Iron Chef” was “the fastest hour” of his life.

Great Lives

By **SALLY BAHO**

ple liked and that made people happy,” he said.

After graduating from high school, he moved to Aspen, Colo., and his love for food flourished. He worked as a dishwasher, in kitchen prep, and as an errand boy for the Pine Creek Cookhouse, where the commute was either by horse-drawn sleigh or on cross-country skis. “My deliveries were done via snowmobile,” he said. He worked under the Hungarian chef and then owner of the restaurant, Kristina Mace, for about seven years before deciding to go to culinary school at Johnson & Wales in Rhode Island, coming back during breaks to continue working in the mountains.

One of everything, please

After graduating, he did a few stages (internships) at Charlie Palmer’s Aureole, the Waldorf Astoria, and the Four Seasons in Philadelphia. Then, Pine Creek asked him to come back.

“I worked as the lunch chef. Then Kristina left, and they bumped me up to executive chef at 27, which is not really heard of,” he said. But following an unexpected turn of events — the restaurant blew up due to a propane leak — he went to work as a private chef for celebrities like Don Johnson, Mariah Carey and Robert Downey Jr. while the restaurant was rebuilt and expanded from 1,200 square feet to 7,000 square feet and from a capacity of 65 people to 250.

One busy summer evening during the Aspen Food and Wine festival, a party of nine ordered the entire menu. Boucher sent out the five appetizers, three salads, 13 entrees, and five desserts. “I didn’t know they were timing me,” he said. The group turned out to be from Food Network and included the executive producer of “Iron Chef America,” a Western version of a campy — yet

HAPPY ACCIDENT OF NATURE BECOMES SCULPTOR’S TRADEMARK

ONE CONVERSATION, accompanied by an eye-opening tour of his Carmel Valley property, affirmed that Mark Schlegel has a green thumb for life.

At 75, he is a supernova of kinetic energy — prolific sculptor, master gardener and landscape artist, twice-a-week

profoundly when the wood is expertly split, separating into a pattern that resembles rippling water.

Schlegel’s property on Esquiline Road, bordered by a stone wall erected by Chinese laborers in 1880, is a gallery of ripplewood art — more than 1,000 different pieces, by his estimate — including sunbursts, clocks, lazy susans, custom furniture, gates, and one-of-a-kind sculptures, wall-hangings and mantlepieces, and cornhole game boards, any

Carmel’s Artists

By **DENNIS TAYLOR**

mountain biker, nature lover, businessman, husband and father.

“That redwood behind you was this tall when I planted it there,” said Schlegel, holding his fingers a few inches apart.

The tree — now approaching 150 feet in height — was a seedling in 1976, sprouting serendipitously next to the driveway of their previous home high in the Santa Cruz mountains.

“On moving day, I stopped the caravan of friends who were helping us and said, ‘Wait, wait — I’ve gotta take something with me,’” he remembered. “I scraped it into a little Pepsi crate, brought it here, put it back in the ground, and that’s what it looks like today.”

The 48-year-old skyscraper might be a metaphor for Schlegel, who was 15 1/2 when he (illegally) began riding his 250 cc Honda Scrambler motorcycle on old logging roads through the forests, inhaling freedom and falling in love with the fragrance of redwoods.

The Ripplewood King

Six decades later, Schlegel’s artistic handle is “The Ripplewood King,” a nod to the unusual type of woodgrain that has become a trademark of his work. The moniker was bestowed upon him by lumberyard workers who would shout it whenever they saw his truck arrive.

The ripple effect — very rare in redwood — is caused by compression of the grain, usually at the base of an old tree attempting to strengthen its trunk. It is visible to a trained eye and reveals itself more

of which also might incorporate burls, stones, driftwood and other materials he finds during his hikes or bike rides.

Stowed in storage compartments are strange-looking birds and what he calls, “my weird Dr. Seuss creatures,” like his “prehistoric armadillo.”

9-foot redwood replica

He built a redwood tree replica — 9 feet high — to greet visitors to a six-artist exhibit at the Monterey Museum of Art’s “Luminata” show in December.

“The base is ripple ... all the branches are ripple ... the show was all about trees and light, so I put LED battery packs in a compartment in the base, and had little LED lights all over the tree. It was fabulous,” said Schlegel of the sculpture, soon to become part of the collection at the Haute Enchilada Art Gallery in Moss Landing.

Other Schlegel creations include:

- A dome-shaped, ivy-covered guesthouse with a skylight and large pentagonal windows — framed in ripplewood, of course.

- A redwood treehouse built for his son more than 40 years ago with carpeting, a skylight, specialty lighting, and an innovative swing — equally popular with adults — nicknamed “The Ring of Courage.”

- The treehouse became a 500-gallon tank that holds potable water that can flow to the house if necessary. Atop the tank is an observation deck with chairs.

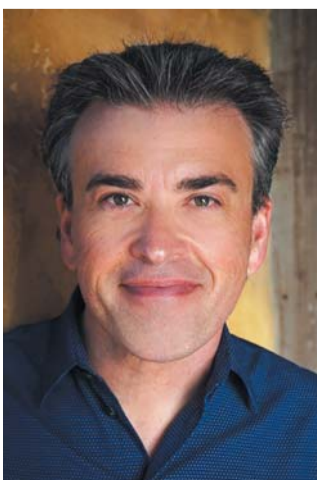
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PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Mark Schlegel, known as “The Ripplewood King” for his work with a special type of redwood, displays some of his favorite sculptures at his Carmel Valley property.

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COUNCIL

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cities. Perrault also noted that the 2022 ballot measure failed by a mere 13 votes, suggesting it's worth asking voters the question again, especially considering LULAC's legal threats.

'Outlier'

Councilman Nick Smith supported a smaller council size in 2022 and said he supports it now, claiming that it would be difficult to carve out six districts given the town's small size. He said four districts make "more sense" and called P.G. a "great outlier" due to the size of its council.

Councilman Luke Coletti — who has warned that opposing LULAC could mean a costly and protracted legal battle with the group — suggested that the city's move to district elections is inevitable.

"The only real process that the voters can engage in, as far as districting goes, is to decide on what size the council should be," Coletti said.

Councilwoman Lori McDonnell said that while campaigning in 2022, most citizens she spoke to were not aware of the possibility of district elections in Pacific Grove.

"I think it's worth bringing it back to the voters," McDonnell said, explaining that the city would hold town hall meetings and other events to make residents aware of the possible switch to districts.

If the ballot measure is successful, the reduced council size would not be implemented until the November 2026 city council election.

Pointing to the threat from LULAC, Mayor Bill Peake said "things have changed" since the 2022 election in which voters rejected making the council smaller.

LULAC "is not going away," Peake

said, adding that he also believes a five-member council is "stronger, as many cities have determined."

LULAC has pointed to the 2001 California Voting Rights Act, a law enacted on the premise that minorities were being denied representation at the local level in cities that had at-large elections. The group, though, has not cited any examples of racial discrimination in Pacific Grove and no local groups have advocated for the switch to district elections.

Pacific Grove Unified School District's change to district elections had the opposite effect of LULAC's intended outcome when the only Hispanic trustee of the school board was unseated by a White woman in the March 2022 election.

GATE

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driveway would be "a 90 percent solution."

"This is moving to the nuisance," he said. "People have always been walking past the house. This is that neighborhood."

"What this says to me is the city should consider another restroom at Eighth Avenue," remarked councilwoman Karen Ferlito, before saying that it's important for the council to support the decisions of the planning commission and other lower boards.

"If we allow gates to proliferate, then we never get to the point where we don't have gates all over town," she said.

Ultimately, the council voted unanimously to send the request back to the planning commission for further consideration. And if the commission votes to deny it again, and if the Chadwicks appeal that decision again, they won't have to pay the appeal fee a second time, according to the council's motion.

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PINE

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letter to the most recent address in the city's own property files was returned with no forwarding address.

"Although this notice was sent to the property owner's last address of record, a response was not received within 30 days," Ono added. "The letter was returned with a label indicating the recipient no longer lives at that address. As such, adequate notice has been given to the property owner, but the nuisance has not yet been

abated."

Since the city hasn't been able to reach Stoesser, Ono initiated the process to have the tree declared a nuisance and removed, "because we can't just go around cutting down trees on people's property."

With the city council's approval, notices will be placed on the property advising of the proposal so that members of the public have an opportunity to protest if they want to. Assuming no one complains, the council will be asked to adopt another resolution declaring the tree a nuisance at its May meeting, "and we'll go cut it down that week."

Since the owner can't be contacted to pay the bill, a lien will be recorded against the property, guaranteeing the city will be reimbursed eventually.

Tragic history

Before a vote on the plan, councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said she'd like to see photos of the tree and the letter Ono sent to the owner, even though it wasn't delivered. She also noted the tragic history of the property and suggested the city could show some compassion by absorbing the costs rather than putting a lien on it to recover the fees.

Considering Stoesser seems to be unfindable, councilwoman Karen Ferlito speculated the city would never recover the costs. She also said that at the time of the fire her husband, Hugo, was interested in buying it but could never get a response from Stoesser or his attorney.

The council voted 4-1, with Dramov dissenting, to adopt the resolution declaring the dead pine a public nuisance.

ADMIN

From page 7A

are at the forefront now, with work on the budget in full swing and impending labor negotiations with the city's general employees and EMTs and paramedics, since their contracts are up in June.

"The other priority for me over the next few months is to just immerse myself in citywide operations outside of community planning and building so that I can be the most effective assistant city administrator possible," he said. "In the slightly longer term, one of my priorities is to work on broader and more communication with the community."

Finding the new guy

Swanson will also assist in hiring a new planning and building director. Rerig said he'll bring in an interim while a broader search by a recruiter for a permanent replacement is underway.

"The challenge isn't just interpersonal skills, but someone who's had a lot of exposure to CEQA and the Coastal Act and

the State Lands Commission and is familiar with the village in a forest by the sea," Rerig said.

"I would be looking for someone who understands that one of the most important things is that the person is available, open to meeting with the community, and understands what the values of this community are before making any decisions," Swanson said.

Of course, the candidate must also have a deep understanding of land use, design review, and local and state policies.

"There are a lot of moving parts and pieces in this tiny 1-square-mile town, because there are a lot of regulations," he said.

Swanson said he'll work with the next director of community planning and building on some land use issues and the effort to update the town's residential and commercial design guidelines.

"I'm not just letting that all go," he said. "Land use is something I really care about."

He said he's also proud of his staff in the planning department and all the good work that's been done there over the past few years.

GAVEL


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the sexual encounter Doe told Saavedra to stop multiple times. Despite being told to stop, Saavedra continued to have sex with Doe. After a short period of time Doe brandished a folding knife and was able to get Saavedra to stop. After stopping the sexual intercourse, Saavedra grabbed a machete and chased after Doe, who tripped and fell to the ground. Saavedra attacked Doe with the machete several times and she sustained severe wounds to her legs that required hospitalization and sutures.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Officer Alejandro Jimenez and district attorney investigator Jose Lopez as well as other Salinas police officers. Jane Doe was assisted by district attorney victim witness assistance program manager Alma Sanchez.

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Janell Webber and Parker Logan are happy to announce their engagement to be married. The pair are both multi-generation California born and raised. Webber, originally from Orange County, is happy to be on the Central Coast where she found true love. Logan is a golf enthusiast and owner of the famous Carmel-by-the-Sea dive bar Sade's Cocktails. Webber teaches at Yoga Shala by the Sea, plans events for Tejido Collective boutique and is an aesthetician at Post Ranch Inn. She has also recently become a volunteer with Carmel Cares. Logan asked for her hand with a romantic proposal in Paris last year. With the blessings of both their families, the couple will wed and reside in Carmel-by-the-Sea.



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EMBEZZLE

From page 5A

suit says. One method he used was to divert funds from Shangri-La accounts to directly pay his and Witt's creditors, landlords and other people they owed money to.

That's how, the complaint says, the couple were able to purchase luxury handbags, jewelry and watches, pay student loan debt and lease the Ferrari. The following is a list of things Shangri-La contends Holmes and Witt purchased with money that didn't belong to them.

- \$35,000 for Audemars Piguet diamond watch
- \$45,950 for Chanel, Louis Vitton and Hermes handbags
- \$127,000 for a diamond necklace
- \$111,000 for a Hermes Himalayan Niloticus Crocodile Birkin handbag
- \$43,475 for private jet travel
- \$53,400 for special events passes at Coachella Music and Arts Festival

- \$12,000 for student loans
- \$5,000 for the Ferrari Portofino monthly lease

The suit claims that Holmes forged Shangri-La's CEO's name in the leasing agreement for Holmes' 2021 Bentley Bentayga and forged documents to take out loans in order to "cover his prior embezzlements which enriched himself, his entities and Witt."

'Unjust enrichment'

Holmes also embezzled funds by transferring money from Shangri-La and its affiliates' bank accounts to his own account by changing the beneficiaries in a payment processing software, the suit says. The 2023 transfers included one sizable \$6 million transfer, another for \$215,000, and six others between \$95,000 and about \$120,000, the suit outlines.

"None of these transactions had any legitimate purpose, such as compensating Holmes for his services or reimbursing Holmes for payments he made on the company's behalf," the complaint says.

Shangri-La alleges breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, conversion, identity theft and negligent interference with economic relations. It's seeking from Holmes and Witt "an amount totaling at least \$20 million" in damages and at least \$20 million "in an amount equal to the financial exposure to third parties, and lost business income attributable to the defendant." It's also seeking punitive damages, which can be awarded in cases of deliberate malfeasance.

Similar to proposals in Salinas and King City, Holmes had big plans to bring a Homekey housing project to Pacific Grove.

In January 2022, P.G.'s then-housing program manager, Anastacia Wyatt, told the city council that the Monarch Resort at 1111 Lighthouse Ave. had been "identified for sale and a potential match" for Homekey housing.

However, the proposal fell apart when it surfaced that the hotel owners said they were unaware of the idea until after the council, at Wyatt's behest, voted to apply for the state program.

In January, King City filed suit against Shangri-La after a deal to renovate a Days Inn there fell apart. The developer got about \$12 million for the project.

LIVES

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"Elevated comfort food is where I'm at," he said.

But he wanted to find something with a better quality of life for him and his daughter, then 12. "I had had full custody of her since she was 8," he said. He worked a few jobs, from chef at the San Francisco Zoo, to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and then Santa Catalina School, until his daughter finished high school.

Like most people in the restaurant industry, Boucher became unemployed during the pandemic. He got back into private chef work for a few years, until he found a job posting for Montrio. "They

were looking for what I was looking for," the Monterey resident said, so he started working there in April 2023.

He said that Ken Donkersloot and Mona Lisa Calis, owners of Montrio's parent company, Coastal Roots Hospitality, gave him plenty of room to exercise his creativity.

"I've revamped the menu, keeping some staples like the scallops and duck breast but adding my touch," he said. Borrowing from his Colorado days, he added a venison osso buco. "A lot of my stuff is real simple," he explained, allowing the ingredients to shine.

At 53, Boucher has found his place here on the Peninsula and at Montrio. "My daughter is 22 and has two sons, so I'm a grandpa," he said with a big smile. "I love it here, this is home."

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LETTERS

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■ The California State Agency Act precludes SVGB water from exportation outside SVGB's jurisdiction.

■ California Constitution, Article X, Section 2 requires aquifer water be put to beneficial use. Cal Am extracts SVGB aquifer water only to release it into the Monterey Bay with no beneficial use. Instead, Cal Am slant wells by design induce seawater intrusion, harming the SVGB.

■ The CPUC employed Cal Am's consultant to both test and monitor its test slant well installed in the SVGB. This slant well inventor/patent holder developed groundwater-level models that applied concealment fraud data tampering to persuade CPUC EIR certification.

■ To guarantee desal implementation, Cal Am obstructed Pure Water Monterey Expansion, caused a \$250,000 two-year SEIR upgrade and construction delay, while refusing to sign a Water Purchase Agreement, thereby prolonging CDO moratorium injunction against affordable housing.

According to law, Cal Am cannot extract SVGB groundwater to use as desal source water. Gratefully, Pure Water Monterey Expansion fulfills Peninsula's supply-demand water equation for 30-plus more years! Kudos to Monterey One Water, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, and Marina Coast Water District!

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll, Marina

Water for Growth

Dear Editor,

Public Water Now (PWN) recognizes all the factors that have restricted water use that Jack Angel's letter (Pine Cone, March 29) raises. But the fact is we will have plenty of water once the 2,250 acre-foot a year (AFY) from the Pure Water Monterey Expansion (PWM Expansion) is added next year.

The PWM Expansion will lift the moratorium and allow homeowners and businesses to increase water use. It will allow for new housing and affordable housing and will meet the pent-up demand of the last 15 years.

Angel claims the more water we use the less we'll pay because of Cal Am's fixed costs. But Cal Am doesn't operate the way most businesses do.

Cal Am has a guaranteed profit called a revenue requirement. No matter how much water we use Cal Am collects its required revenue. If we use less the cost per unit goes up to cover Cal Am's government guaranteed profit.

Eliminating tiered water rates will not reduce cost. When you add \$400 million to our water bills to cover the desal plant, rates will be 50 to 70 percent higher according to the CPUC's Public Advocates Office.

If you eliminated the tiers those who were in tiers one and two would pay much more and those who were in tiers three and four would pay a little less. But everyone would pay a lot more than we do now.

Angel claims we'll have an unlimited supply from Cal Am's desal. But cost will not drop with desal no matter how much water is produced.

There is no limit on how much water you can use now except for cost. Water use has been dropping because of cost and conservation. If the cost stays the same, why would current residents use more water than they do now?

Fifteen years ago, the Peninsula used 14,000 AFY, but water cost 25 percent of what it costs now.

Of course, PWN recognizes the lack of growth due to the moratorium. But how much water do we need for growth? The Water Management District has estimated we'll need about 1,500 AFY more than we use now by 2050. That's three times more than the Peninsula's historic demand for new water for growth before the moratorium. We don't need desal for growth. Cal Am's inflated estimate is not reality. It's smoke and mirrors meant to justify its

proposed desal project.

Susan Schiavone, Seaside

'Propaganda'

Dear Editor,

This spring, the Pacific Grove Adult School is running a class about White racism. The class is called On the Road to Hope and Joy. It is targeted mainly to White baby boomers who might feel guilt and shame about racism committed by past generations. The "workshop" is taught by authors Ann Jealous and Caroline Haskell and is based on a book they wrote 13 years ago.

The book uses the case study approach and focuses on White people who probably have never been racists. Still, because of their race they are guilty. The same words appear over and over in this book. White people are "sad, privileged, guilty, shameful, ignorant, immature, powerless, fearful, damaged and self-loathing." They are

consumed by guilt over White supremacy and their sense of unearned privilege and entitlement.

So where does the "hope and joy" come in? Joy and hope enters in when White people become free from their unconscious bias and not describing themselves as White. Caucasian people, after all, come from different countries mostly in Europe. They should identify their race through the ancestry of that European country. For instance, I am of American-British-Irish-German-Spanish ancestry. The book doesn't say whether Blacks, Asians, Jews and Hispanics should do the same. I wonder how the U.S. Census Bureau would deal with this.

The Pacific Grove School District is paying \$15,000 for this eight-week class. As a student of On the Road to Hope and Joy, I would describe my reaction in a few words: Propaganda. 100-percent garbage.

Carol Marquart, Pacific Grove

On Sunday, you can't drive to Santa Cruz

By CHRIS COUNTS

NOT ONLY are motorists currently unable to travel on Highway 1 through Big Sur, for 24 hours this weekend they won't be able to take the same road to Santa Cruz.

To make way for the demolition of an old bridge carrying Capitola Avenue over Highway 1, Caltrans plans to close Highway 1 between Park and Bay avenues in Capitola from Saturday at 7 p.m. to Sunday at 7 p.m. The closure is needed so work crews can tear down the overpass and haul the debris away.

The work is contingent on good weather and is expected to cause "significant delays" for motorists, according to the California Highway Patrol. A detour will be available.

The state roads agency not only plans to build a new overpass, it will also construct northbound and southbound auxiliary

lanes, and make other improvements to increase safety and reduce congestion in the notoriously busy area.

"The auxiliary lanes will connect the on-ramps with the next off-ramp, thereby extending the weaving and merging distance between the ramps, improving traffic operations, and reducing cut-through traffic diverting to local streets and neighborhoods," Caltrans reported. "The new Capitola Avenue Overcrossing will include enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities to improve connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians between Soquel Drive to the north and the future Coastal Rail Trail to the south."

The project also includes a bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing on Highway 1 at Mar Vista Drive in Aptos.

The 24-hour closure was originally scheduled for March 23-24, but postponed two weeks due to wet weather.

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Section 2

Every lane in the pool is a passing lane — if you're fast enough

A SIGNIFICANT number of decorated swimmers and divers representing Carmel, Stevenson and Santa

Five of those athletes will attempt to defend their championships in six events (Santa Catalina's Riley Barringer won gold twice and Stevenson's boys have a lineup determined to repeat as the PCAL's team titlist).

The Pirates swam away with the boys competition at the 2023 league meet, amassing 400 points last April to outdistance second-place Soledad by a whopping 90 1/2-point margin.

But more than half of the athletes who scored in that meet have graduated, and two others opted to compete in a different sport this spring.

"Losing 15 of our 24 scorers from last season is terrifying," said Pirates coach Franco Pacheco with a nervous laugh. "I just might lose my first dual meet ever this year, which will be humbling after seven years without a loss."

Then again, nobody at Stevenson is throwing in the wet towel.

Wu, Heywood lead Pirates

Among Pacheco's 10 returning scorers are PCAL champions Beckett Heywood, who won the 1-meter diving event as a sophomore, and Andy Wu, who was a freshman last season when he took first place in the 100-meter breaststroke, and second in the 100 freestyle.

Other notable two-event placers:

- Will Mairoana (junior), second in the 200 free, third in the 100 back

- Chris Yang (sophomore), third in the 200 individual medley, fourth in the 100 butterfly

- Isaac Fung (junior), third in the 100 breaststroke, fourth in the 200 individual medley

- Additional varsity veterans who contributed to the scoreboard at PCALs a year ago included sophomore Thomas Mao (200 individual medley, 100 back),

junior Mac Freeman (200 and 500 free), and senior Jack LeTowt (100 fly).

"I expect Andy Wu to take the next step and become the top swimmer in the PCAL, by far, and we're expecting Beckett Heywood to place in the top five this year at the Central Coast Section meet," Pacheco predicted. "I'm also looking at Will Mairoana to win the 100 back and 200 free

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Catalina schools are back in the water this spring, buoyed by high expectations of improving upon their medal-winning performances of a year ago in the Pacific Coast Athletic League.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson sophomore Andy Wu (left) won a PCAL title in the breaststroke, while junior co-captain Emmerson Ferriera was No. 2 in both sprint freestyle events.



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Mina DuPont was the PCAL's No. 2 female diver in 2023, and Beckett Heywood won the boys event last spring for Stevenson coach Franco Pacheco.



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SPORTS

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at the league meet.”

The Pirates also should get a bump from a pair of exceptional freshmen, sprint freestyler Cody Thatcher and 500 freestyler Finn Reilly.

Cortez paces Carmel boys

Carmel's boys are propelled by senior David Cortez, who was runner-up at PCALs in the 100 breast, and fifth in the 50 free, as well as sophomores Landon Onitsuka (fourth in the 50 free, sixth in the 100 free) and Ryan Lin (fourth in the 100 back, sixth in the 100 fly).

Other returning lettermen who scored at PCALs included senior Chase Lander (50 and 100 free), and sophomores Dylan Chhor (200 and 500 free) and William

Drumright (100 breast).

Kameron Rianda, who coaches the boys at Carmel, looks toward freshmen freestylers Jack Balas and Marc Kalman-Zulik to have an impact.

Carmel's girls, coached by Chelsea Peterson, took third as a team (behind Soledad and Monterey) at PCAL.

They return eight point-getters from that squad, most notably sophomore Macey Hill, last year's league champ in the 200 breast and the second-place finisher in the 200 individual medley.

Swimmers who were third-place finishers at the 2023 PCAL meet were senior Sonja Buran (third in the 500 free, fourth in the 200 free) and sophomore Layla Viel (third in the 100 back, sixth in the 100 free).

Other varsity scorers for the Padres at the league meet included seniors Marina Hobson (fourth in the 50 free, eighth in the 100 free), Lillian Paul (fifth in the 100 back) and Fiona Hirschfield (fifth in the 1-meter diving), and sophomores Eva Melentieva and Magnolia Woodruff

Lyons.

Santa Catalina, which placed eighth in the league a year ago, will be led by seniors Riley Barringer (PCAL champ in the 200 and 500 freestyles) and Eleanor Song (first in the 100 back, second in the 100 fly).

“Riley is a fantastic teammate, always excited to do events that other people don't get too excited about,” said second-year Catalina coach Alex Cleveland. “She's a very determined athlete who loves the 500 and 200.”

Barringer is closing in on the school record in both events, while Song is already Catalina's all-time fastest in the backstroke and could break the butterfly record.

Depth for Cougars

Other varsity stalwarts include junior Vivian Edwards (third in the 200 individual medley, sixth in the 100 breast) and senior Elle Edwards (fourth in the 100 free, sixth in the 50 free), plus senior Abby Clarke (a diver and swimmer), sophomores Quinn Connolly, Eva Bradley and Georgia Morrison, and freshman Violet Bradley.

“I like our depth,” said Cleveland, a former sprint-freestyler and backstroker at the University of Tennessee. “We'll have several people in each event this year, which makes it a challenge to decide on a dual-meet lineup. I have so many people that I want to put in each event.”

Stevenson's girls, coached by Allen Garner, were 10th at the league meet, but expect to be vastly improved this

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(Top) Sophomore standouts at Carmel include Macey Hill, at left, PCAL breaststroke champ and runner-up in the individual medley, and Layla Viel, who was third-best in the 100 backstroke a year ago. (Above) Catalina's PCAL champs, Eleanor Song, at left, and Riley Barringer, get starting-block tips from second-year coach Alex Cleveland, a former University of Tennessee swimmer.

year, with a deep lineup topped by four high-placers from the 2023 PCALs.

Emmerson Ferriera, a junior co-captain, was last year's runner-up in both sprint freestyle events, and sophomore Mina DuPont was second in 1-meter diving.

Julie Wang was third to touch the wall in the 100 butterfly, and Jacquelynn Powers placed fourth in the backstroke. Both are sophomores.

Other returning PCAL scorers for the Pirates are senior co-captain Ella White, juniors Sienna Cimoli, Ariel Dale and Rachel Wu, and sophomores Miranda Salinger and Franki Derby-Brown.

A notable newcomer is freshman Anjela Hao, a talented breaststroker from China.

Carmel hosts Monterey on Wednesday, and Santa Catalina and Stevenson will travel to face Salinas at Hartnell College the same day. Both meets begin at 3:30 p.m.

Hartnell College also will be the venue for the PCAL Championships on April 26.

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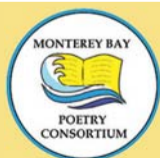
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Choir explores Bach's early works, Sunset stage show celebrates famous duo

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langet mich, BWV 150, and Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden, BWV 230.

"These rarely performed works deal with very essential questions about our human existence," Henriks explained. "These pieces are very blunt about the fact that our lives will end one day and that there is suffering and pain in the world. But they also show the value of life and why we should make the most out of every moment."

The program also includes 17th century Danish composer Dieterich Buxtehude's *Missa Brevis*. Buxtehude influenced Bach's work. "When Bach was a young man, he walked 200 miles to meet Buxtehude and hear him perform," Henriks added.

The concert will showcase four soloists, and the singers will be supported by an ensemble of early music players on period instruments.

Tickets are \$45 for general admission and \$20 for students and active military. The church is located on Junipero just south of Ocean. For more details, visit icantori.org.

■ Touching the soul

Singer and guitarist **Anne Sibley** will be joined by a handful of her musical friends when she plays a family-friendly concert Thursday, 7 p.m., at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

"This concert is more than just a performance," Sibley said. "We're thrilled to share our passion for music with the wonderful community of Carmel Valley and beyond."

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The choir, which features 16 singers and is led by **Daniel Henriks**, made its debut in September. It operates under the umbrella of **I Cantori di Carmel**.

Saturday, the choir performs three early pieces by J.S. Bach — his *Actus Tragicus, BWV 106, Nach dir, Herr; ver-*



The Central Coast Chamber Choir (left) presents its second concert April 6, 7:30 p.m., at Carmel Presbyterian Church. The choir, which includes 16 singers, operates under the umbrella of I Cantori di Carmel. A stage show (right) pays tribute to the music of Simon and Garfunkel Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.

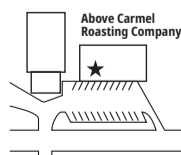


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FOOD & WINE

Chefs embrace spring, whales get their weekend and PBFW arrives

PACIFIC'S EDGE at the Hyatt Highlands Carmel recently unveiled executive chef Alex Fontanilla's menu revamp for the spring. This week, the restaurant began serving a continuous brunch menu from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, featuring a beet-and-berry terrine, the Point Lobos

Soup to Nuts

Benedict — Dungeness and lump crab cake, avocado, fresh herbs, and lobster hollandaise on an English muffin, served with breakfast potatoes — and cioppino with shrimp, scallops, clams, mussels, calamari and halibut in a fire-roasted tomato broth served with bread. Other menu additions include a wedge salad reminiscent of a still life



Pacific's Edge restaurant at the Hyatt Highlands Inn has made some springtime menu changes, including the addition of the cliff-top burger with two patties, fried onions and more.

— a head of baby gem lettuce, generous portions of blue cheese, toy-box tomatoes, green onion, watermelon radish, bacon, herbed blue cheese dressing and delicate edible flowers.

The aptly named cliff-top burger has two patties, herbed blue cheese, fried onion strings, crispy bacon, wild arugula, and house-made tomato jam perched on a brioche bun, with fries and a pickle. For dinner, they've added pan-seared steelhead trout with lemon, thyme and wild-flower-honey-marinated trout alongside sundried-tomato pearl couscous and herb-roasted Brussels sprouts. There's also a Salinas Valley salad — mixed greens, Cara Cara oranges, watermelon radish, fried sunchokes, toasted pepitas, carrots, cucumber and a citrus vinaigrette.

"The effort was very collaborative, marrying chef du cuisine Chris Vaca's experience with my philosophy," said Fontanilla, who said he believes in "honest food."

"Not a lot of bells and whistles. I want you to taste what's in there. I appreciate the flavors that we have around us. Being a California native, I love working with what we have. I'm so proud of it," he said. Pacific's Edge at 120 Highlands Drive is open for brunch daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. Call (831) 620-1234 for more information or to make a reservation.

Stokes spruces up menu

Stokes Adobe at 500 Hartnell St. in Monterey has added new seasonal items to the menu, thanks to executive chef Aaron Rayor and sous chef Kyle Salcido. The historic Monterey adobe has been "lovingly redecorated," its marketing folks say, but there's no mention of whether they've been able to get any of the building's reputed ghosts to vacate the premises. Not that it matters — they don't eat much.

Springtime additions include cavatelli carbonara, which combines handmade pasta, sugar snap peas, pancetta, and prosciutto crumble, which you could order along with a salad featuring greens from Comanche Creek Ranch in Chico tossed with toasted walnuts, fines herbs, Beemster brand cheddar, and a sherry vinaigrette.

Two pizzas are also making a springtime debut. Try shiitake mushrooms with goat cheese, mornay sauce, asparagus, and garlic confit, or dive into the merguez sau-



A seafood-filled bowl of cioppino with views of the Pacific Ocean from Pacific's Edge in the Hyatt Highlands Inn? Yes, please! It's one of the restaurant's many new menu items.

sage pizza, featuring the North African lamb sausage fittingly sharing the bill with eggplant purée, sheep's milk pecorino, imported Aleppo pepper and fresh dill. Other tempting menu items include a 12-ounce bone-in pork chop with fennel purée, English peas, fines herbs and pea tendrils, and diver scallops with spinach purée, puffed forbidden rice and pineapple. Stokes is open for dinner Thursday through Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m.; happy hour is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Call (831) 264-8775 or email reservations@stokesadobe.com to snag a table.

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Chef Christian Ojeda at Bernardus Lodge's Lucia

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FOOD & WINE

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■ A fluke of the calendar

It's Whale Fest time again! Back for its 14th year, the annual cetacean celebration takes over Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf and the surrounding area on April 13 and 14. In addition to "fun and educational activities" like a 43-foot walk-in inflatable whale and more than three dozen educational marine-themed interactive exhibits, there will be live music and plenty of family-friendly fun, not to mention food. On both days, realtor and local celebrity chef Tene Shake — part of the clan that owns several local restaurants — will do a calamari cooking demo in front of the Grotto Fish Market/Kokomo's from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Shake was raised in the restaurant business and attended culinary school, and although he's a successful real estate agent who's been involved with millions of dollars' worth of commercial transactions, he can also still be found managing the family's Grotto Fish Market/Kokomo's on the wharf.



Shiitake mushroom pizza is one of several springtime additions to Stokes Adobe's menu, along with a lamb sausage pizza, pasta carbonara, and a tasty salad.

early on a weekend) nevertheless offers a wide variety of options, from coconut pancakes to polenta and chorizo, or an egg-white omelet with goat cheese, spinach, tomatoes and green chiles, in case you're feeling virtuous. Turn 12 is open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday. Brunch is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit turn12barandgrill.com for more information.

■ Locals tix for PBFW

If you'd like to go to the Tasting Pavilion at Pebble Beach Food & Wine, you can save more than \$100 on tickets to the Sunday session by entering the promo code LOCALS before you check out on the website at pebblebeachfoodandwine.com. The general admission tickets normally sell for \$475 apiece (about \$533 after taxes and fees), but locals save 25 percent (about \$119) and a little bit on taxes, taking the total down to \$400 and change.

The Tasting Pavilion will be home to numerous chefs

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■ Brunch takes a turn

Turn 12 in Monterey has begun offering \$5 mimosas and bellinis (peach purée and bubbly) with the purchase of a meal during Saturday and Sunday brunch. The spot, conveniently located at 400 Tyler St., near the downtown Monterey parking garages, also offers a Meat-Lover's Mary — Absolut vodka, house bloody Mary mix, beef broth, and bacon salt, all garnished with a slice of bacon, or a surf-and-turf version that replaces the beef broth and bacon salt with a prawn.

The very manageable menu (some of us just don't do well with too many choices that



What in the SpongeBob SquarePants is going on here? We're not sure, but costumed sea creatures will be part of the fun when Whale Fest returns to Monterey this month.

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■ Simon & Garfunkel tribute

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Tickets start at \$55. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

■ Live music April 5-11

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Lindsay Beery** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Barmel — **Jazzville** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos just north of Seventh.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pia-

nist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Wednesday at 7 p.m.), Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

Bulldog Sports Pub in Monterey — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly Community Jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 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** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

De Tierra Vineyards tasting room — singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth, 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 — Stereolab co-founder singer **Laetitia Saider** (avant-pop, Friday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and

multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Magenta Spreen** with singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** and singer **Kristen Gradwohl** ("dreamy soundscapes, vocal harmonies, storytelling and mindful melodies," Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — **Andrea's Fault Duo** (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.

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**

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from this area, including Goran Basarov of the Covey Grill at Quail, Ben Brown from the Lodge at Pebble Beach, Mario Garcia of Grasing's, Marc Johnson from The Santa Lucia Preserve, Justin Robarge from Folktale Winery, Michael Rotondo from the Monterey Plaza, Kent Torrey from The Cheese Shop, Rod Uncangco from Spanish Bay, Leo Vargas of The Pocket and Tim Wood from Woody's — quite possibly the only airport restaurant ever represented at the foodie celebration. Food Network stars Marc Murphy and Andrew Zimmern will be on hand along with dozens of other highly regarded chefs from across the nation and around the world, all offering samples of their innovative creations. Guests will also find plenty of wine to try, and music will be provided by DJ Razzvio. Full-price tickets to most other events are still available, as well.

Sally Baho and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week's column.

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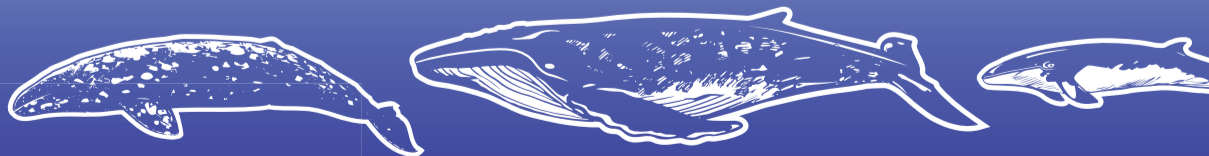
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Sherry (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Juice 'n' Java in Pacific Grove — singer **Collin Masteller** (Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), singer **Jonathan Valverde** ("Broadway, American Songbook and Mexican traditional," Saturday at 6:30 p.m.) saxophonist **Arman Sangalang** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holdiloff** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

La Playa Hotel — guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **The Transducers** (rock and funk, Friday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **John Harris** (jazz, Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). In

the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **The Wharf Rats** (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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 — multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** and guitarist **Bob Basa** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and keyboardist **Carl Oser** and bassist **Tony Bianchini** (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.

The Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove — **The Katherine Lavin Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

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 **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** ("originals, classics and under-the-radar gems in many styles," Tuesday at 5 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, 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.

Phill's Barber Shop in Pacific Grove — **PG-13** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 610 Lighthouse Ave.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **The John Michael Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Matt Masih** (Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.



Saxophonist Arman Sangalang plays "ballads for brunch" Sunday, 11 a.m., at Juice and Java in Pacific Grove.

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

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **3 Mile Smile** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Phil 'n' the Blanks** (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Pacific Jack Band** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Blue Fire** (rock and funk, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Dan Cioper** (Friday at

6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Twisted Roots Vineyard tasting room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Sunday at 1 p.m.). 12 Del Fino Place.

Vin Bar Carmel — singer and guitarist **George Woods** (Sunday at 3:30 p.m.). 237 The Crossroads Blvd.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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The Transducers play rock and funk Friday, 7 p.m., at the Links Club in Carmel Plaza.



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ARTIST

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■ Nearby are several other tanks, one of which holds 32,000 gallons of rainwater for drip irrigation and is equipped with fire hoses and pumps.

■ Schlegel's workshop was converted from a carport

and renovated with a concrete floor, walls, furniture, and floor covering crafted from recycled wood, doors rescued from a dumpster, and windows from condemned barracks at Fort Ord.

■ His sanctuary, inspired by Big Sur, has custom furniture, a manmade waterfall (with lasers that emulate fireflies), driftwood and ferns.

■ His family home, built in 1930, has been expanded and fully renovated by Schlegel through the years. "It took me almost 40 years to put the baseboards in, but it's almost done," he chuckled.

Blue velvet

Mark and Elaine Schlegel met at San Jose State University — she was a freshman English student, he was a senior, majoring in fine art — and became friends before they became a couple.

"I told Elaine and her roommates about a party, hoping she'd come alone," he remembered. "I waited and waited and was about to leave when she came through the door.

"She was wearing a blue velvet cape with tight, blue velvet pants and a silk blouse. The whole room went silent, and she walked straight over to me," Schlegel recalled. "And my line was, 'Would you like to meet my cat?'"

The joke resonated because, as she knew, he was "a homeless college student," residing with his cat, Midnight, in a truck he had customized into living quarters.

"My father actually approved — they hit it off immediately," Elaine said with a laugh. "He thought Mark was ingenious, handy with tools, and had a lot going for him. And my parents trusted my judgment."

That summer, she took a Greyhound from her home in Oxnard to Lake Tahoe, where Mark and his brother, Neal, were working for their father's plumbing company. He picked her up at the bus station on his Honda 350 and took her around the lake in an 8-foot motorboat.

Schlegel Landscapes

They married in 1971 and co-founded Schlegel Landscapes two years later, handling most of the labor as a couple, usually with help from one employee — always a female.

"Elaine always believed women could do the same work a man could, so we always hired another woman ... sometimes two," he said.

Elaine Schlegel also became an independent gardener and landscaper, featured in newspapers and magazines.

By 1978, when their son was born, business was robust and they soon added Melesio Garcia as foreman. In the late '80s, when the company was booming, Garcia recruited extended family members to expand the crew.

"So we had two fathers, their three sons and some cousins — all from Oaxaca, Mexico — working for us," Schlegel said. "All were wonderful people who never left us, and they're all still working for us."

Ten years ago, when Schlegel was diagnosed with prostate cancer, he sold the company to his son, who holds a degree in environmental sciences from UC Berkeley. Paul Schlegel (Carmel High, 1996), now 46, owns it today.

Influential teachers

Schlegel credits Monterey Peninsula College instructors Alex Gonzales and Joe Hysong, and San Jose State professors Herbert Saunders and John Battenburg, with enhancing his art skills.

Mark's father, Dick Schlegel, was well known in the San Francisco Bay area and locally for his mechanical contracting businesses. Mark's mother, Margaret, was a longtime volunteer at Community Hospital and was involved with her husband in the construction and early years of Cypress Community Church.

"My objective has always been to wake up happy every morning and look forward to going to work, not fear whatever might be ahead," he said.

Schlegel typically spends two days a week creating art, devoting the rest of his time to gardening and riding his mountain bike.

"My goal is to still be riding when I'm 85, but I might just bump that up to 90, because I think I can do it," said Schlegel, who credits his good health, in part, to the physicality of 14 years spent as a volunteer firefighter in Carmel Valley.

His sculptures are exhibited at the Haute Enchilada Gallery and Social Club (7902 Moss Landing Road) and in Carmel Valley Village at Avant Garden (13766 Center St.).

His home is an annual stop on the Arts Habitat Artists Studio Tour, and Schlegel hopes to be offered a one-man show someday soon.

Images of his art can be found online at mark-schlegel-wbxx.squarespace.com. Contact him at (831) 238-2180.

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CHS Empty Bowls supper set for April 25

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A unique fundraiser in which guests select student-made ceramic bowls to take home after dinner, Carmel High School's annual Empty Bowls Soup and Bread Supper, which highlights hunger by raising money for the Food Bank for Monterey County, will be held April 25 from 5 to 7 p.m., and tickets are on sale now.

"The student-made bowls are in the final stages of firing and glazing, and the students will have an opportunity the first week in April to preview the bowl they made and to complete a reflection on the project," Diana Vita, ASB accounts and community service coordinator at the school, said last week.

In a tradition that goes back a decade, freshmen make ceramic bowls as a way "to gain a greater understanding



Carmel High School student potters have spent considerable time and effort creating hundreds of bowls for a fundraising dinner later this month. Pots are fired in the kiln, then glazed and fired again.

of the food insecurity issues in parts of our community and to do something tangible to help alleviate the problem," according to Vita. Since its inception in 2014, the project has grown to involve more than 300 Carmel High students annually and has raised more than \$66,000 to help feed those in need.

Local restaurants, as well as the district and the school's parent-teacher organization Padre Parents, pitch in with food and logistical help.

Open house, art show

At the April 25 event, which is being held in conjunction with the CHS Open House and Art Show, 400 colorful and creative bowls will be displayed so dinner guests can choose the exact ones they want to take home "as a reminder of all the 'empty bowls' in the world," Vita said.

Dinner will feature a variety of soups, breads and desserts donated by an impressive number of local restaurants,

including Old Fisherman's Grotto, Jeffrey's, the Lodge at Pebble Beach, Carmel Belle, Rio Grill, Happy Girl Kitchen, Allegro's, Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, Stationary, Folktale, Meals on Wheels, Peppers, Earthbound Farm, Vesuvio, La Bicyclette, Bear + Flag, L'Escargot and Sweet Reba's.

CALENDAR

April 5 - Rachelle Escamilla, Poet Laureate of Monterey County: Seeing Jeffers Landscape through New Eyes. Poetry reading and reception, 7 p.m. at Tor House, 26304 Ocean View, Carmel. \$15. Limited seating. By reservation only: www.torhouse.org. For information: (831) 624-1813.

April 11 - "B4Noon Community Recital", 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean and Junipero, SE corner, featuring **Eun Ha Chung** (organ and piano) and local musicians every Thursday in April. Free.

April 11 - Sons In Retirement (SIR) monthly luncheon at Bayonet Grill, Seaside. Guest speaker is **Mary Pendlay** talking about the legacy of Monterey's **David Jacks**. Email Al Williams at alw831@comcast.net for more info.

April 12 - Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, Scottish fiddle and cello duo, St. Mary's by-the-Sea, 146 12th Street and Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. Concert at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets at www.celticsociety.org

April 12 - An Evening of Jazz & Poetry with Charged Particles, saxophonist Tod Dickow and Poet Marc Zegans. A dynamic musical and poetic experience. 5:30 p.m. www.pacificgrovelibrary.org

April 13 - The Monterey Bay Poetry Consortium presents an evening of poetry with Kim Ly Bui and Tony Wallin-Sato at the Pacific Grove Public Library. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Info at: www.pacificgrovelibrary.org

April 13 - Poetry reading featuring student finalists in the 2024 Poetry Out Loud Competition: Trinity Becerra, Sky Brown, & Aurelia Serpa & Monterey County's new Poet Laureate Rachelle Escamilla. 5:30-6:30 p.m. www.pacificgrovelibrary.org

April 13-14 - Don't miss the 14th Annual Whalefest Monterey, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at and around Old Fisherman's Wharf. This free, fun and educational event for all ages includes a fascinating one-day symposium, engaging activities, live entertainment and more than three dozen interactive displays by national marine organizations that help protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. www.whalefest.org

April 15 - "The Harmony of Dance" - Lillian Barbeito, renowned choreographer, current leader of Ballare

The Carmel High Singers and Songwriters Guild will provide entertainment. Tickets to the Empty Bowls Supper are \$20 apiece, and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the food bank.

Tickets can be purchased through the CHS webstore or at the Carmel High School ASB office. Go to carmel-unified.org/Domain/266 and click on "Store" in the upper righthand corner. Carmel High is located on the east side of Highway 1 at Ocean Avenue.

Carmel, Monterey County's first professional dance company, speaks about the influence of modern dance. Includes solo dance performance. 2 p.m. at the Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth. Open to the public. \$10 guests/members free.

April 23 - Authors Douglas Brinkley and Dave Eggers share their insights on what it means to be human in the "Accelerated Age of Everything!" This Carmel Public Library fundraising event begins 8 p.m. at the Sunset Center Theater, Carmel. VIP admission (\$175) with reception, wines and book sales and signings begins 6:30 p.m. General admission is \$45-\$75 and begins 7 p.m. For details, email info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or call (831) 624-2811.

April 26 - Join Gateway Center for "Brighter Days Ahead," at Embassy Suites. Enjoy dinner, dancing, live music, keynote speaker Michael Pritchard and live / silent auctions.

April 27 - The Center for Spiritual Awakening, 522 Central Ave., Pacific Grove, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the public. Tickets \$55. The first 100 people registered receive a free copy of the book "How to be an Adult in Love." Call (831) 375-5441 or www.breakthroughformen.org

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May 3 & 4 - Soapbox Stageworks presents the Spring Fling One Act Series. Performances will be at the newly constructed Enea Sister's Stage at the Lighthouse Cinemas & Event Center. Series will feature five brand new plays that are from playwrights around the world. Tickets are \$35 and are now on sale For more details or to buy tickets please visit <https://www.soapboxstageworks.org/> or contact the Artistic Director at (831) 664-6587.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240652
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NIELSEN BROS MARKET, 7th Avenue & San Carlos, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **NIELSON BROS LLC, 1601 N. Sepulveda Blvd., #146, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Mark Lerman, Manager Member
Date: March 11, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 26, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 401)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240658
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NIELSON BROS LLC, 1601 N. Sepulveda Blvd., #765, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Mark Lerman, Manager Member
Date: March 11, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 18, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 402)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240606
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Protassio, 923 Paloma Rd. Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940,** County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Sergey Protasov
This business is conducted by An Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 02/14/2024
S/ Sergey Protasov

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/19/2024
4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26/24
CNS-3794080#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 403)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240658
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Mission Mortuary & Memorial Park, 450 Camino El Estero, Monterey, CA 93940**
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
FPG California, Inc, 369 N. New York Ave, Suite 300, Winter Park, FL 32789
This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/03/2010.
FPG California, Inc
S/ William Kent Robertson, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/26/2024.
4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26/24
CNS-3790287#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 404)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240613
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PAWSITIVE PET MOBILE VET, 3722 The Barnyard, Suite G-17, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **VME INC, 126 Hammond Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.**
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 May 1, 2014.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Danielle Hettler, CEO
Date: March 20, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 20, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 (PC 409)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240610
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY GOLF PHOTOGRAPHY, Guadalupe 2 SW 5th, Carmel, CA 93921.**
Registered Owner(s): IAN MARTIN, P.O. Box 142, Carmel, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Ian Martin
Date signed: March 20, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 20, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in viola-

tion of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 410)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240495
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WALLY'S, San Carlos 3 SW of 5th, Unit C, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **WALLYS MONTEREY, LLC 519 Pearl Street, Monterey, CA 93940.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 25, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Andrew Chugg, Managing Member
Date: March 1, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 410)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240642
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SPITTING IMAGE AUTO GLASS, 45470 Carmel Valley Road #2, Greenfield, CA 93927.**
Registered Owner(s): PABLO G. MARTINEZ.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 25, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Pablo Martinez
Date signed: March 25, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 25, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 (PC 411)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24CV000983 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ROBERTO CARLOS RAMIREZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: ROBERTO CARLOS RAMIREZ Proposed name: JOHN ROBERT ELLIOTT 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 change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes 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. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: May 3, 2024 TIME: 8:30 a.m. DEPT: 14 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, Carmel. (s) Thomas W. Willis Judge of the Superior Court Date filed: March 11, 2024 Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 2024. (PC 328)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240429 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DIGITAL SECURITY US, 3014 Minaret Way, Marina, CA 93933. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: DIGITAL SECURITY US LLC. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 28, 2024. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). S/Maneeta Maharjan, Manager Date: Feb. 28, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 28, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 2024. (PC 329)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240496 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BEAUTY MARK SKIN STUDIO+ACNE CLINIC, 700 Cass Street #122, Monterey, CA 93940. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: GLOW GIRL AESTHETICS LLC. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). S/Julia Dominguez, Manager Date: March 6, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 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

Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Mar. 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 (PC 331)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240463 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Ivy Park at Carmel, 26245 Carmel Rancho Blvd Carmel, CA 93923, County of Monterey County Registered Owner(s): 26245 Carmel Rancho Blvd OpCo LLC, 4500 Dorr Steet Toledo, OH 43615; Delaware This business is conducted by a limited liability company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable S/ Sharon Makowsky, Manager This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/04/2024 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12/24 CNS-3794325# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024. (PC 334)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240547 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PLAYBIG DESIGN, 288 Pearl Street, #333, Monterey, CA 93940. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PLAYBIG DIGITAL, LLC, 288 Pearl Street, #333, Monterey, CA 93950. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2024. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). S/Scott R. Seeley, Member Date: March 12, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in vi-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240572 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TARA FIRMA GARDENING, 941 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93924. Registered Owner(s): TARA LYNN KEYSER This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Tara L. Keyser Date signed: March 15, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 15, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in vi-

olation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: March 22, 29; April 5, 12, 2024. (PC 336)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240518 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EL PASEO BUILDING, 25575 Arroyo Trail, Carmel, CA 93923. Registered Owner(s): JEAN CLAUDE MOUTON, 25575 Arroyo Trail, Carmel, CA 93923. BIRGIT ELNA MOUTON, 25575 Arroyo Trail, Carmel, CA 93923. RICH PEPE, 9401 Holt Road, Carmel, CA 93923. SANDRA PEPE, 9401 Holt Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a joint venture. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 25, 2020. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Sandra Pepe Date signed: Feb. 28, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 8, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 (PC 339)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240566 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ORT REPAIR, 585 Gamay Pl., Gonzales, CA 93926. Registered Owner(s): JAIME ZEPEDA This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Jaime Zepeda Date signed: March 11, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 14, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 (PC 343)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID NO. 24-02 For the Pavement Improvement Project At Various Locations in The Santa Lucia Preserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District ("District") hereby calls for sealed bid proposals to be received by the Executive Assistant of the District, at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923 on or before Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 4:00 pm U.S. Pacific Time Zone, verified at www.time.gov.

Description of Work: These bids shall cover all the furnishing of all labor, material, equipment, mechanical workmanship, transportation and services which are required for construction of pavement improvement on the Santa Lucia Preserve. The work generally includes, but is not limited to, slurry for approximately 577,380 sq ft, curb seal for approximately 13,401 linear ft, and other items that are required, standard specifications or the Invitation to Bid. Bids are required for the entire work described in the Bid Documents.

Contractor's License Requirement. The bidder and all subcontractors of the bidder shall possess a valid California contractor's license issued by the Contractor's State License Board (www.cslb.ca.gov) for the type(s) of work they are proposing to perform at the time the bid is submitted. The bidder shall possess at a minimum the following California contractor's license Class A or C-12 The Contractor must be properly licensed as a contractor from contract award through contract acceptance (California Public Contract Code § 10164). When the Contractor submits its bid to the District, the Contractor must list each Subcontractor whom the Contractor must disclose under Public Contract Code Section 4104 (Subcontractor Listing Law) and provide all required information.

Contractor Registration Requirement. Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1771.1(a), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. To register, go to: http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html

Bidding Procedures. Bids must be made on a proposal form which is included with the contract specifications and must be signed by the bidder and accompanied by a deposit in the amount shown on the Bidder's Bond which is part of the Proposal and sealed within a bid envelope. The bid envelope is to be addressed to:

"Sealed Bid - Bid No. 24-02 - Slurry, Santa Lucia Community Services District, Attn: Executive Assistant Aimee Dahle, Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923."

The deposit may be cash, cashier's check made payable to the District, certified check made payable to the District (certified without qualification and drawn on a solvent bank of the State of California or a National Bank doing business in the State of California), or bid bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the District, or the bid will not be considered. This deposit is to serve as agreed liquidated damages should the party or parties to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into the contract after the award or fail to give the bond required for the faithful performance of the contract or fail to furnish any other bond required by law.

At 4:00 pm April 4, 2024, the Bid Proposals will be taken by the Executive Assistant of the District and opened and publicly read by her or her authorized representative. All bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The bids, together with a report of the bidders and the respective amounts of the bids, will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

The successful bidder shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond.

Questions. Direct any questions to: Executive Assistant Aimee Dahle Santa Lucia Community Service District One Rancho San Carlos Road Carmel, CA 93923 831-620-6772 csd@santaluciapreserve.com

Obtaining SCHEDULE and CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS may be obtained by contacting the Director of Operations. Each bidder shall furnish the District with the name, address, and telephone number of the firm requesting specifications. It is the bidder's responsibility to regularly check for any addenda that may be issued prior to the bid opening date. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an issued addendum will be cause for a submitted bid to be deemed non-responsive. The Plan Holders' List is available by contacting the District.

Addenda. Any addenda issued prior to the bid opening shall constitute part of the Contract Documents. Subject to the limitations of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5, District reserves the right to issue addenda prior to bid time.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and any or all items of such bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid but if the bids are accepted, the contract for the improvement will be let to the lowest responsible bidder for the Project.

Date of Publication: March 22nd, 29th, and April 5th, 2024

By order of the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Service District. State of California Forrest Arthur General Manager Publication dates: Mar. 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 (PC337)

T.S. No.: 9462-6337 TSG Order No.: 230405963 A.P.N.: 012-354-004-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/08/2013. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 08/14/2013 as Document No.: 2013051307, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by: JAMES E RASLER, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 04/23/2024 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Sale will be held at AUCTION.COM- Main Entrance, Monterey County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1074 HARCOURT AVE, 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: \$187,222.13 (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 1-800-280-2832 or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-6337. 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 855-976-3916, or visit this internet website https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079/, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-6337 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. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC 14841 Dallas Parkway, Suite 300 Dallas, TX 75254 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: 1-800-280-2832. NBS Default Services, LLC, Marissa Adams, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0458291 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 03/29/2024, 04/05/2024, 04/12/2024 Publication dates: March 29, April 5, 12, 2024 (PC340)

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, April 15, 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=XXZ9QXLUAAjcnCJW_13Trss9PIKKSwwmw6QkWSxRb-TYcD. 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@cbs. 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.

Historic Context Statement Phase II Monthly Update Citywide Historic Context Statement Phase II monthly update status report and discussion.

HE 23-209 (Rodriguez) Jeremy McCullough, Agent Camino Real 4 northwest of 11th Avenue Block Q, Lots 11 & 13 APN: 010-275-006-000 Consideration of a determination to list the "J. Henry Ohloff House" located at Camino Real 4 northwest of 11th Avenue on the Carmel Inventory of Historic Resources. APN: 010-275-006-000. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Marnie R. Waffle, AICP, Principal Planner Publication dates: April 5, 2024 (PC406)

Students exhibit photography skills, museum throws block party

HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL businesses and agencies — and teaching young people valuable technical and life skills — the Weston Collective welcomes its third annual Facing Seaside Exhibit to its studio at 1713 Broadway in Seaside, with an opening reception April 11 at 6 p.m.

Besides participating in the Weston Collective's after-school program, the photographers are fifth and sixth-grade students at the Martin Luther King Jr. School of the Arts, and eighth grade students at the Dual Language Academy in Seaside.

The students photographed three Seaside businesses, Two Wolf Design, CA Logos and La Chiquita Market, as well as the Seaside Fire Station. The project encouraged

new pieces evoke a quintessential California vibe with a modern take," Mendez said.

Also new at the downtown gallery is "Fukinsei: The Art of Asymmetry and Irregularity," which features the latest creations of painter Heidi Hybl and painter and printmaker Noro Partido.

The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

■ Art Center throws Block Party

The Monterey Museum of Art hosts its annual Block Party Saturday starting at 11 a.m. According to the museum, the festive gathering "will transform downtown Monterey into a bustling hub of art and creativity" — and it won't cost you a dime.

"Discover local artisans and makers showcasing their unique crafts alongside dazzling performances and a variety of delicious food and drink options," according to the museum. "Participate in interactive arts activities designed for all ages, and enjoy free admission to our latest exhibitions.

Also, everybody over 21 is invited to a Dance Party Under the Stars, which starts Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. For more details, visit montereyart.org.

■ Gallery turns 16

A hub of creative energy in downtown Pacific Grove, Artisana

Gallery celebrates its 16th anniversary Friday from 5-9 p.m. The event coincides with the town's monthly First Fridays gathering — and for one night only, everything is 16 percent off.

"During the last 16 years, we've had to constantly re-invent ourselves, bringing in many known and unknown artists and craftspeople," announced the gallery, which is located at 612 Lighthouse Ave.

The gallery is just one of 16 downtown shops and galleries — including the Pacific Grove Art Center and the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History — that are staying open until 9 p.m. for First Fridays.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

kids to show initiative and get creative. "Not only are we having these students learn how to use a camera and learn about photography as job or career, but students get an opportunity to engage with members of community who own businesses," executive director Zach Weston told The Pine Cone.

■ 'Quintessential California'

A pair of shows open this weekend at the Carmel Art Association, including painter Erin Gafill's "California Atmosphere."

Erin — who presents a free talk Saturday at 2 p.m. — offers "an array of new small and large oil paintings exploring the unique atmospheric qualities of the California Coast," the gallery's Lilliana Mendez said. "From quiet tonal meditations to full color symphonies, these



Painter Erin Gafill's "Storm Break II" is included in a show that's on display this month at the Carmel Art Association. Gafill offers a free talk Saturday at 2 p.m.

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■ This week's cover property, located in Big Sur, is presented by Jonathan Spencer of Compass.
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About the Cover

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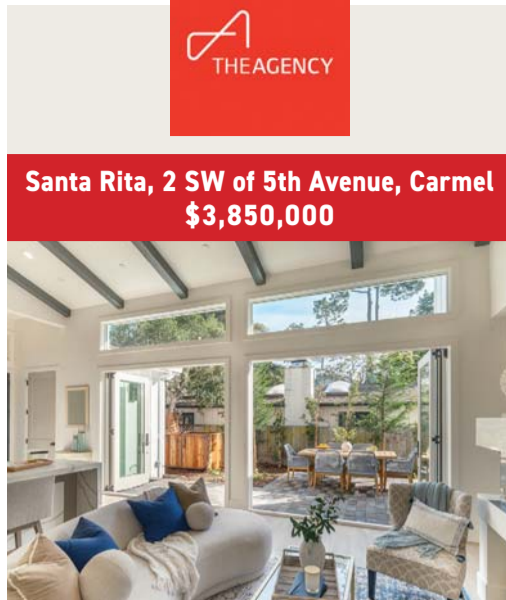
3541 Mesa Court – \$1,100,000

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 APN: 009-231-027

San Carlos Street, SE corner of Fifth Avenue – \$9,822,500

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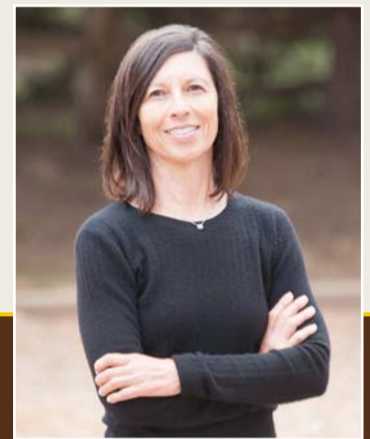
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MY MOTHER never missed dish nights. It was the early 1940s, when premiums were an enticement to lure patrons into the theaters. Not that we needed dishes. Mama had a cupboard full, but she also had a saying, “For free, take, for buy, waste time.” Three rambunctious boys didn’t interact well with dinnerware. Dishes were often the victims of clumsy hands. Mama did her best, exhorting us to be more careful when handling the dishes. That is, until one day she actually encouraged us to destroy an entire eight-place set of fine china.

It was her Japanese cloisonné dinnerware, so delicate that we were not allowed to touch it. Then Pearl Harbor happened. Mama was so angry about the attack, she had us smash the entire set against the bumper of my father’s 1937 Nash Ambassador. She sanctioned behavior that normally would get us a fanny welt from my father’s belt.

Movie palace

But I digress. The Elmwood, a 1,600-seat theater built in 1914, was our neighborhood movie house. It had a Skinner 216 Organ that was often played before the movies started. There was a huge balcony with loge seating for smokers. For an 11-cent admission, you got two full-length flicks, a cartoon, a short subject, MovieTone News and previews of coming attractions that, unlike today, didn’t last longer than the movie itself.

I cannot ever remember checking for movie start times. Walking into the middle of movies was a common thing during the double-feature era. It took a little mental splicing to reconnect the characters and the plot of the initial feature when it rolled around again. “I think this is where we came in” was a common phrase long lost in the jumble

of online tickets and reserved seating.

I was definitely a child of the movies. While my first-grade classmates were heavily into Dick and Jane, I was intrigued with Paul Henreid and Bette Davis in “Now Voyager,” partly because Henreid’s character was named Jerry.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

The movie contained the famous scene when Henreid puts two cigarettes in his mouth, lights them both, then hands one to Bette Davis. It was so cool that, years later, while on a date with Philomena Gugino, I tried the maneuver on her. Just as I reached across the table with the lighted cigarette, Philly leaned forward and I burned the tip of her nose. Bon voyage, prom date.

Everyone knew who all the famous movie stars were — Tracy, Hepburn, Wayne, Grant, Bergman, Fontaine, de Havilland, Flynn, Bacall and Bogart. I collected character actors who didn’t get a lot of recognition but whose performances added to the picture’s enjoyment. Whit Bissell was in more than 200 movies, mostly playing doctors, military



The old Elmwood theater in Buffalo, N.Y., where the flicker of old reels ignited the spark of imagination.

officers and other authoritative characters. I cannot count how many times I saw Strother Martin, the prison captain who hounded Paul Newman in “Cool Hand Luke.” Dub Taylor was in more than 500 films. He was Ivan Moss, who stopped Bonnie and Clyde’s car when they were ambushed by the police. And surely Edmund Gwenn was the real Santa Claus in “Miracle on 34th Street.”

Thomas Mitchell was Scarlett’s father, among his many roles, and Jack Warden was a barracks-mate of Frank Sinatra and Montgomery Clift in “From Here to Eternity.” S.S. Sakall played the lovable, bumbling waiter at Rick’s Café American in “Casablanca.” Franklin Pangborn was humorously obsequious in dozens of movies.

Mildred Natwick’s career spanned six decades. She

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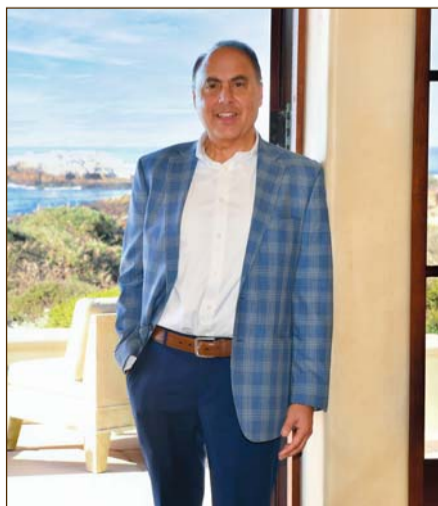


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\$1,799,000 4bd 2ba Sa 12-2
415-417 Foam St Monterey
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\$1,499,000 2bd 2ba Fr 3-5 Sa Su 12-2
216 2nd Street Pacific Grove
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\$1,599,000 2bd 2ba Fr 3-5 Sa Su 1-4
229 Locust Street Pacific Grove
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\$1,999,000 3bd 3ba Fr 3-5 Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
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Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-0971

\$2,450,000 3bd 3ba Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
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\$2,495,000 3bd 3.5ba Sa Su 1-3
3093 Stevenson Drive Pebble Beach
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\$2,585,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa Su 1-3
3020 Sloat Road Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 877-3317

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4138 El Bosque Dr Pebble Beach
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Coldwell Banker Realty 535-8264

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\$1,598,000 5bd 3ba Sa Su 12-3
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ESCROWS

From page 4RE

Highway 68 (con't.)

Olea Investments and Pridey Properties to Stephen and Claudia Tavares
APN: 415-032-008

22277 Davenrich Drive — \$1,100,000

Norman Reed to Ruth Rodriguez and Ismael Nieto
APN: 161-351-014

25375 Camino de Chamisal — \$2,624,000

Pavlos and Kristen Politopoulos to Nathan Voigtschild and Sarah Maloney
APN: 416-321-019

Marina

3072 Abrams Drive — \$553,000



770 Dry Creek Road, Monterey — \$1,895,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Ann Victoria
APN: 031-274-066

2987 Bonte Drive — \$614,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Jacquelyn Espinoza
APN: 031-277-027



1194 Prospect Street, Seaside — \$915,000

3104 Nicklaus Lane — \$755,000

Jeremy and Allida Taylor to Jose Yanez and Aleyda Sosa
APN: 032-221-010

See MORE SALES page 14RE

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Carmel area: Unknown subjects attempted to pry open the rear door of a business on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Carmel Valley: Country Club Drive resident found a drone on his property.

Carmel area: A 45-year-old male was arrested on Rio Road for vandalism, attempted battery on a peace officer and failure to register as a sex offender.

Carmel area: A 51-year-old male was suspected of committing assault with a deadly weapon against a 30-year-old female and a 31-year-old male on Highway 1.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male annoying a juvenile female at Dolores and Second. A 52-year-old male sent a 17-year-old female a

message on Next Door asking her for her phone number. The male did not appear to know the female was a juvenile until she told him. The juvenile blocked the male, and no contact had been made since the initial interaction. Police are still investigating to determine if a crime was committed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a phishing scam at Eighth and San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Grocery store on Forest Avenue called police regarding possible ongoing fraud.

Pacific Grove: Homeowner on Gibson surrendered items for destruction.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral alleging neglect at an East Carmel Valley Road residence.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of sexual assault at San Carlos and 11th.

Pacific Grove: Informational report of a civil issue on Devisadero Street.

Pacific Grove: Verbal argument on Jewell Avenue between ex-spouses.

GERVASE

From page 6RE

was the widow Tillane in “The Quiet Man.”

Agnes Moorehead, Marjorie Main, Zazu Pitts, Mildred Dunnock and Jane Darwell were some of the ladies who made every movie they were in better. Spring Byington had one of Hollywood’s gentlest faces and warmest voices. She was Doris Day’s mother in “Please Don’t Eat the Daisies.” Margaret Hamilton — Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch of the West in “The Wizard of Oz” — was in dozens of movies and TV shows during her more than 50 years as an actress.

My passion for movies started to wane during the Covid epidemic when we were sentenced to home confinement. But even after restrictions were lifted, I went to fewer and fewer movies

because good storytelling, the basis of any film, began to get lost in special effects and implausible superheroes.

My childhood affection for movies was a gateway into the world of spinning a good yarn. I tried writing screenplays, but just as I was no Paul Henreid, I wasn’t Billy Wilder, either.

We’re rolling

I’m sure the movies instilled in me a passion for narrative and creativity. Those wondrous days sitting the velvety dark haven of the Elmwood theater introduced me to a world of wonder and possibility, where imagination knows no bounds. Now, sometimes when I sit in front of my computer trying to figure out how to piece a column together, in the studio of my mind I hear, “Quiet on the set. Places, everyone. Action!” And the words settle into their lines.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240427
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Craft Beer Network Distribution, 73 Oak Rd Royal Oaks, CA 95076, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):

Hillside Brewing Distribution LLC, 73 Oak Rd Royal Oaks, CA 95076
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: 202359617498
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Gabriel Fregoso, Manager

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/28/2024
3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5/24
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except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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tion is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: May 3, 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, Carmel.
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 6, 2024
Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 2024. (PC 321)

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Paul A Alexander, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/01/2024
3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5/24
CNS-3788889#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024. (PC 325)

TSG No.: 8788763 TS No.: CA2300289696 APN: 011-073-001-000 Property Address: 1990 MENDOCINO STREET SEASIDE, CA 93955 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/07/2005. 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. On 04/23/2024 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/13/2005, as Instrument No. 2005036042, in book, page of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California. Executed by: MELITTA HOUSE, TRUSTEE OF THE MELITTA HOUSE 1991 TRUST, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h)(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 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 described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 011-073-001-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1990 MENDOCINO STREET, SEASIDE, CA 93955 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, 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, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 823,074.40. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. **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 or visit this internet website <http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case CA2300289696. 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 if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 <http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case CA2300289696 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772 NPP0457799 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 03/22/2024, 03/29/2024, 04/05/2024
Publication dates: March 22, 29, April 5, 2024 (PC332)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240485
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INTERNATIONAL CAFE, 296 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, CA 93940**.
County of Official Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BKG WOMEN ENTERPRISE LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 5, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).**
S/Gloria Wilgus, Managing Member
Date: March 5, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 5, 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,

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV000894
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LETICIA ELIZABETH RAMOS CRUZ aka LETICIA ELIZABETH VERA, and ANTONIO VERA-ILLEZCAS aka ANTONIO RAMOS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: LETICIA ELIZABETH RAMOS CRUZ aka LETICIA ELIZABETH VERA
Proposed name: LETICIA ELIZABETH RAMOS CRUZ
B. Present name: ANTONIO VERA-ILLEZCAS aka ANTONIO RAMOS
Proposed name: ANTONIO VERA ILEZCAS
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 change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes 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. If no written objec-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240456
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Vinnie Locker, 18450 Foxtail Ct, Salinas, CA 93908, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Paul McIntosh, 18450 Foxtail Ct, Salinas, CA 93908
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 2024
S/ Paul McIntosh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/01/2024
3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5/24
CNS-3788864#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024. (PC 323)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240457
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
School of Self, 61 La Rancheria, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Mary Kathryn Bruzzone, 61 La Rancheria, Carmel Valley, CA 93924
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Mary Kathryn Bruzzone
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/01/2024
3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5/24
CNS-3788882#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024. (PC 324)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240458
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Monterey Bay Recovery, 4701 Teller Avenue Suite 150D, Newport Beach, CA 92660, County of Orange
Registered Owner(s): Monterey Health Services, LLC, 4701 TELLER AVENUE SUITE 150D, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660; DELAWARE
This business is conducted by a limited liability company

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240532
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LINDA JOHNSON, 23 Live Oak Lane, Carmel Valley, CA 93924**.
Registered Owner(s): LINDA SUSAN DRAKE.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 11, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Linda S. Drake
Date signed: March 12, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Mar. 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024 (PC 326)

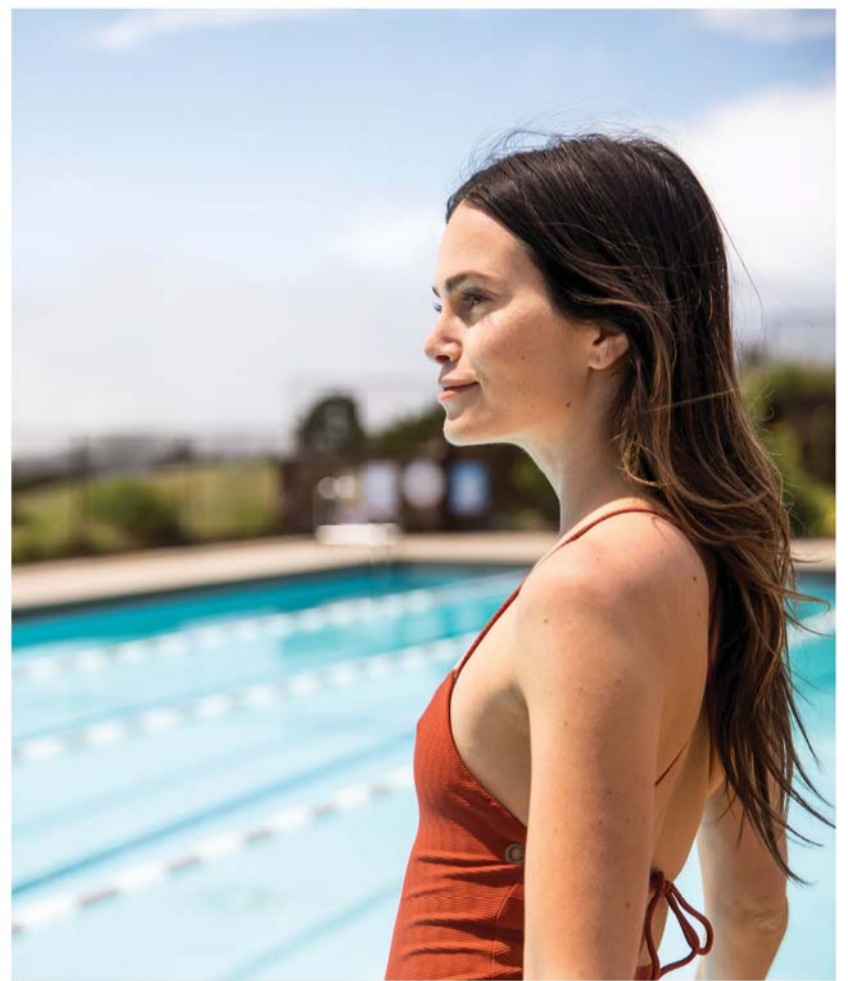
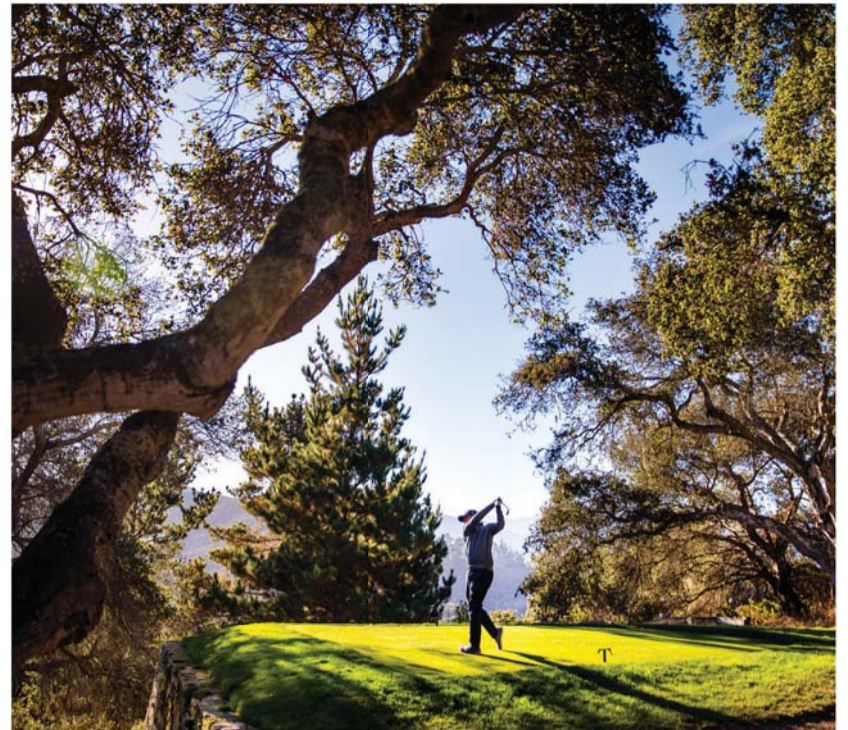
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240507
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
BUCKLES-SMITH ELECTRIC COMPANY, 1315 DAYTON STREET, SUITE A SALINAS, CA 93901, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): REXEL USA, INC., 5429 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 600 DALLAS, TX 75240
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/01/2024
S/JOHN C. GSCHWIND, SENIOR VP & CORPORATE SECRETARY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/07/2024
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Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024. (PC 327)

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Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and /or other misc. items.
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www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
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NAME OF TENANTS
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Karissa Faith Klotsche
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Roryann Stidham
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Marina (con't.)

158 Hilo Avenue — \$810,000

Robert Wilmot to Gerardo and Stephanie Rodriguez
APN: 033-212-002

3238 Isla del Sol Way — \$910,000

Dwarf Star Properties to Jameel Sughair, Anabel Resendiz and Manuel Nieto
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She almost retired, but the world was still calling

By ELAINE HESSER

AS AMERICANS' lifespans have steadily lengthened, conversations about retirement have been evolving. Instead of having life expectancies that extend a mere five years past age 65, people have been routinely surviving for another decade — or three. While some have been waiting their whole lives to spend their daylight hours at Harrison Memorial Library and take leisurely strolls on the beach after the fog burns off, others can't imagine leaving the work world so soon — that whole concept appears to be foreign to them.

Then there are the "retirement fails" — people who tried to quit but found something that got their attention and sparked an exciting new career.

Catalina grad

RoseAnne Ruccello is one of them, and she's taken her career from the hospital laboratory into the world of

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RoseAnne Ruccello books group tours to places like Urquhart Castle in Scotland.

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Pouring their hearts, passion and business savvy into their careers

By SALLY BAHO

THE MONTEREY County wine industry generates 10,491 jobs and just under \$600 million in annual wages and benefits, according to a report commissioned by the Wine Institute and the California Association of Winegrape Growers. Heidi Scheid and Claire Sutton have two of those jobs ... albeit quite different ones. Here's a closer look.

Restaurant manager

Scheid is the executive vice president of Scheid Family Wines, which has been around for 52 years and has changed significantly over that time. Scheid's father, the late Al Scheid, planted his first vineyards in Monterey County in 1972. "Back then we were growers, selling 100 percent of our grapes to other wineries," she said. In 2005, the company began making wine for other wineries and not long after, began producing its own labels. It is now a grapes-to-glass family business focusing on branded wines, such as its namesake Scheid Vineyards, as well as Sunny with a Chance of Flowers, VDR, District 7, and others. It also makes regionally distributed brands for clients and distributors.

Scheid explained that she fell into her job naturally, but not immediately. "I didn't grow up thinking I'd be in the family business or working in wine," she said. Scheid attended USC as a finance major while also working as a restaurant manager in Beverly Hills for the first California Pizza Kitchen.

She went on to earn her Master of Business Administration at USC and then worked for the renowned accounting firm, Ernst & Young, as a senior valuation consultant.

"When I was in my late 20s, I was on

'I didn't grow up thinking I'd be in the family business or working in wine'

maternity leave and I started doing some work for Scheid Family Vineyards. This was 1992 and it was accounting work. There was no (Microsoft) Excel. We used Lotus 1-2-3, and I was very familiar with Lotus from my job," she said. "Our controller, Ernie Brown, was doing everything by hand on green ledgers, so I showed him how to do it in Lotus 1-2-3. I converted all our accounting that was being done by hand into spreadsheets, modernizing our accounting system," she said.

Drafted by Dad

When her maternity leave was up, Al, and her brother, Scott — who were running the business at the time — asked if

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Heidi Scheid worked for a major accounting firm before taking a job with her family winery.

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W O M E N I N B U S I N E S S

Learning from Mom and Dad, passing it on to the kids

By ELAINE HESSER

IN THE Pine Cone’s profoundly unscientific sampling of local realtors’ bios, there seems to be an extraordinary number of people who got into the biz because their parents were part of it. Their folks were realtors, or property managers, builders or speculators, and something about it just got into their systems.

Add to that list Annette Boggs, who founded Above and Beyond Real Estate (the name is based on her initials) in 2022. She grew up in the Central Valley, where her mother was a property manager and her father enjoyed selling real estate.

Thinking alike

She married realtor Kevin Boggs (co-founder of Above and Beyond) when she was 22, and they’ve been together for 38 years. Although working side-by-side with a spouse sounds challenging, Annette Boggs explained, “It’s really weird, we just think alike. Either of us could buy a house for the other sight unseen and know they’d love it.” Considering that some couples don’t trust each other to bring home the right bottle of chardonnay, that’s something.

Boggs said she wanted to be a buyer for a department store, but somehow that got lost along the way. She also tried working for her mom, but, “we were too much alike.” Instead, she took a job at a title company where, she said, “I got my feet wet.” Then Boggs went into lending at a bank in Stockton. When she eventually became a mortgage broker, she had to get her real estate license, and her father, who’d been nudging her to do so all along, just said, “Yes!”

She and Kevin moved here with their

‘I love teaching first-timers the process. A lot goes into it and I love being a mentor.’

two children in 2005, and she started selling real estate in 2006, first working with J.R. Rouse and then the Jones Group. She worked with Sotheby’s for close to three years, and was recognized as a top producer for two of those, when she also sold the most units.

Plenty of recognition

She was also a top producer at Keller Williams, then moved to Coldwell Banker. Over her six-year tenure there, she again garnered plenty of recognition, including being third among the top 10 women in the region. Putting that into perspective, in

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Annette Boggs is a second-generation realtor with her own firm in Pacific Grove.

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W O M E N I N B U S I N E S S

Hip-huggers, Liz Claiborne and making women look good

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

BETTY REALMUTO surveys the soft cashmere sweaters hung in a rainbow spectrum of color, the “flatters-everyone” slacks and the statement jackets in her boutique, B. Real, tucked into the courtyard of the Seven Arts Building at Fourth and Guadalupe. Her mind wanders back to earlier forms of fashion that got her hooked on the look of the day.

“The British Invasion by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones was a game changer in fashion,” Realmuto said. “In the 1960s, I remember wearing go-go boots, hip huggers, poor-boy tops, and even a paper dress. In the ’70s, I wore the first midi anyone here had seen to high school. In college, I worked at Joseph Magnin in San Diego as a salesperson, and I absolutely fell in love with retail fashion.”

She also fell in love with Peter Realmuto. She met him at Bullock’s, a Los Angeles-based department store chain that has long since closed. From then on, each of their careers complemented the other’s. Both were women’s apparel buyers, which sent them on monthly buying trips to New York. There, they would meet with vendors and also shop other stores to see what the competition was selling.

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Betty Realmuto, owner of clothing boutique B. Real, remembers wearing go-go boots and even a paper dress during the 1960s.

‘I absolutely fell in love with retail fashion’

International Woman Sailor is also winning International awards for production in real estate. Katy has been an active sailor in USA, Mexico, and Canada on the race circuit for “Big Boat Series”... even being involved in the coveted Rolex Cup. Katy’s local ties also had her running a sailboat cruise from Monterey’s Fisherman’s Wharf while in her 20’s. She often reflects on how her knowledge and experience on the open ocean prepared her to be a great Realtor for her clients.

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By ELAINE HESSER

IN THE beginning ... Feb. 3, 1915, marked the first issue of The Carmel Pine Cone. And in that inaugural edition, there was no shortage of advertisements from women in business. A little bit of casual flipping through our archives revealed that they seem to have been a lot like the other women you're reading about in today's pages — community-minded, smart and more than a little creative.

Short-timer

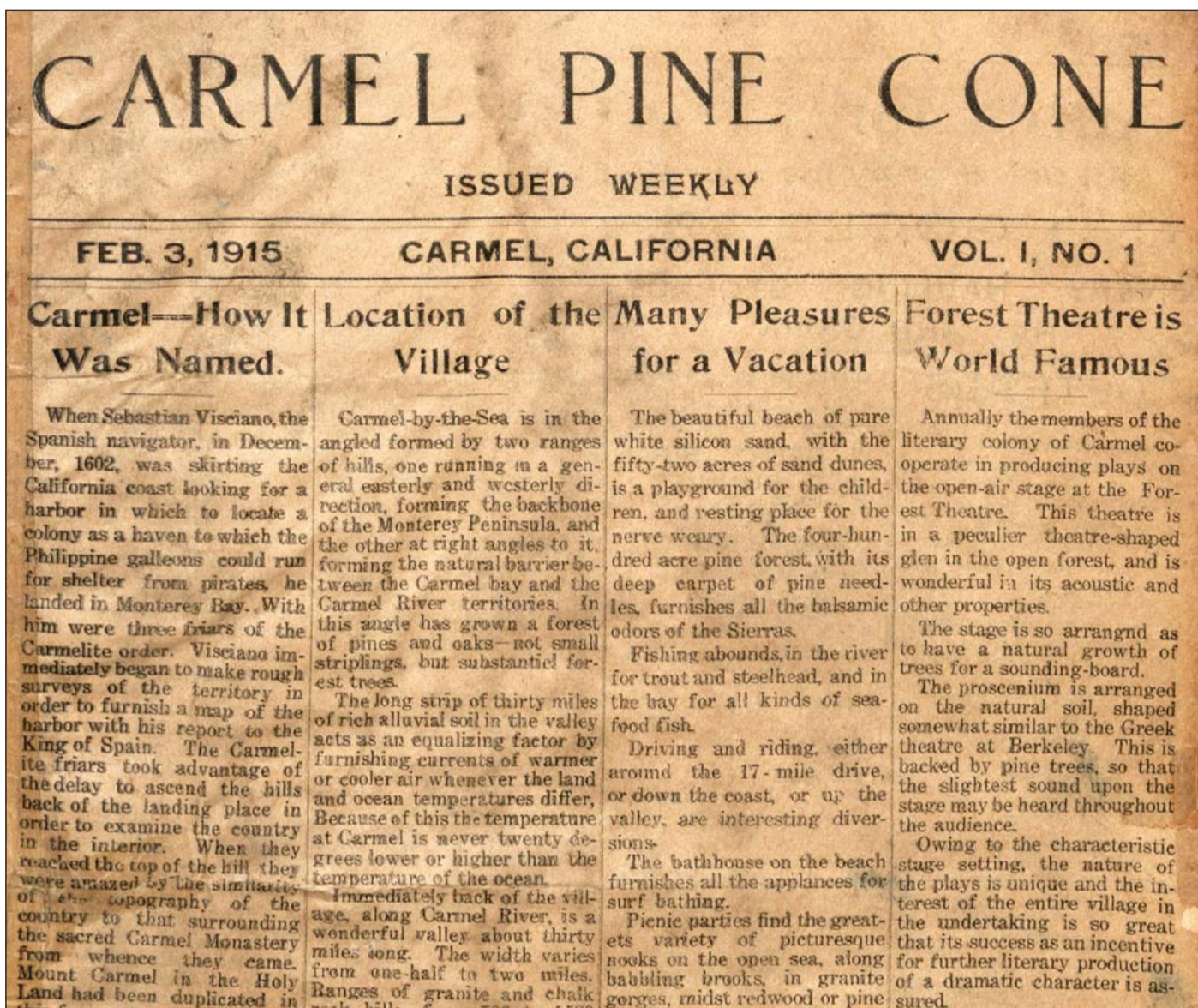
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Sanitation board

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travel, opening her own boutique agency in Pacific Grove. The Monterey native and Santa Catalina school grad went to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where she got her Bachelor of Science in microbiology and medical technology in 1984. In 2008, she earned a master's in management from the University of Phoenix.

Ruccello worked in the laboratory at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for 16 years and then took a job with an independent lab company, where she spent 13 years and became a regional sales manager.

In October 2018, she left that position to become the health director of laboratory strategy within the University of California system — a job that ended for her less than two years later. Over those 30-plus years in laboratory science, she said she refined her people skills, “collaborating, listening and getting the job done.”

Helped a friend

It's also apparent from her resume that Ruccello's exuberance and energy weren't meant to be contained in just one job. From April 2017 to June 2023, her “side hustle” was a business in which she imported olive oils from Italy and helped consumers learn to appreciate the flavors of good oils and find the best quality and value without getting ripped off.

Before that, she spent nearly seven years running a coaching business, helping people achieve “personal, business and corporate success.” Each time she launched a new enterprise, she took deep dives into related subject matter and earned relevant certifications — all while keeping a day job going.

When she left the UC system, Ruccello visited her financial advisor, who informed her that she could retire. Certainly no one

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While RoseAnne Ruccello books trips for all sorts of people, she said she believes that when women can leave their “comfort zones and welcome new experiences,” it changes them for the better.

*‘A lot of women want to travel, but they don’t want to do it alone.
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she would stay. Needless to say, she did and has been thrilled to make a career out of it ever since. “My father used to say, ‘You have to bring something more to the

table than your appetite.’ He wouldn’t have wanted me right out of college,” she said. But by that stage in her life and career, she brought a great deal to the table.

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From left, Heidi Scheid with the late Al Scheid, her dad and the winery’s founder, and her brother and CEO, Scott Scheid.

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could blame her. After years of hard work and setting aside plenty of savings, that's what you're supposed to do, right? And she tried ... sort of.

A friend who was a successful travel agent in Southern California invited her to come and help with her business, and Ruccello thought, "Why not?" She carved out her own niche in the cruise-centric agency by focusing on land travel. She earned her certified tour guide designation

from the International Tour Management Group in 2022 and decided to come home to the Peninsula, where she soon set out on her own.

Like the olive oil company, her latest enterprise, Travel with RoseAnne, is related to Ruccello's Italian roots, which include dual citizenship she acquired in 2016 "by descent." That means it's based on what's called a "blood right" recognized by the Italian government. As set forth on the Italian Consulate for Los Angeles' website, pathways to citizenship include criteria like, "Your mother was born in the United States or in another foreign country; your maternal grandmother was born in Italy and was an Italian citizen at the time of your mother's birth. Your mother was born after Jan. 1, 1948." Ruccello said the application process took three years, and in 2016, she got her Italian passport. "I've never used it, but it's kind of cool," she said.

Close to her heart

Travel with RoseAnne caters primarily to one group of tourists. While Ruccello will happily coordinate tours for individuals, couples and families, she wants to keep women at the heart of her work. "It's my goal to bring women together," she said. "A lot of women want to travel, but they don't want to do it alone. Women like to be together, travel together and have experiences together." She said that includes not only singles and widows, but married women whose spouses prefer to stay at home. Age shouldn't be a barrier, she said. Ruccello's clients are mostly in the 50-to-70 age range, although she said she's

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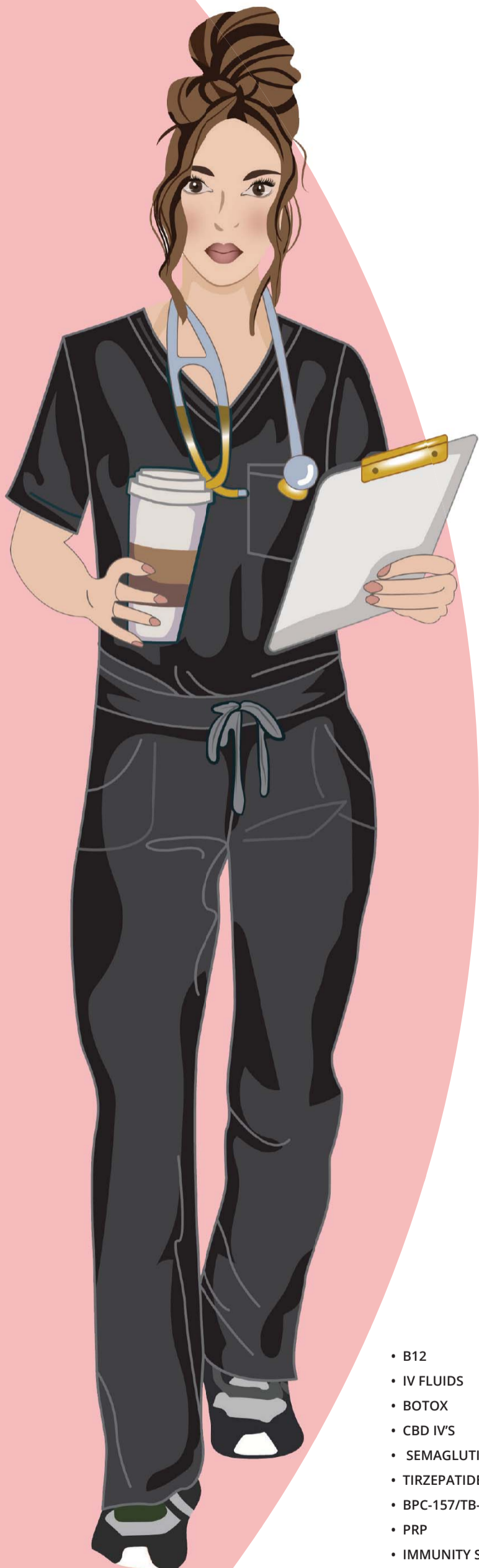
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RoseAnne Ruccello poses inside an ice bottle at the Icehotel in Kiruna, Sweden.



IV LOUNGE



Jamie Slovenski's

life story weaves through realms of creativity and entrepreneurship. Her journey is marked by a pursuit of innovation, compassion and a passion for making a positive impact in her community.

After completing the BSN program at SJSU, Jamie embarked on a career in the medical field, focusing on critical care and forensic nursing.

A daring vision prompted Jamie to leave the hospital and design a mobile service that focuses on health, wellness and beauty. Partnering with Dr. Ken Starr, Injected Artistry, Inc. launched in 2021.

"We strive to provide an active role in assisting individuals on their health and wellness journeys," she explained.

Injected Artistry grew quickly. In 2022, the team opened IV Lounge by Injected Artistry in Pacific Grove. One short year later, they are pleased to announce the soon-to-open IV Lounge in downtown Monterey! Coming soon!

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Over the years, Scheid has grown to love and appreciate wine at a deeper level. “I remember our winemaker at the time, Marta Kraftzeck — the first female winemaker in Monterey County and my personal wine mentor — was comparing our wines to different varieties and regions in Europe. I was a little lost and she told me, ‘If you’re going to be in wine, you need to educate yourself

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‘I think that wine is the most beautiful, intricate, thoughtful, mindful product that has ever been invented in the history of the world’



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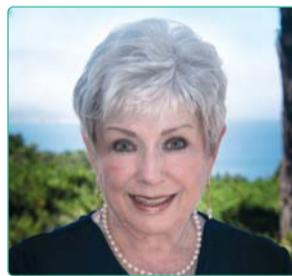
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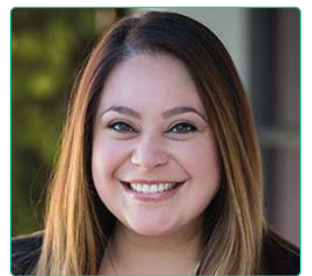
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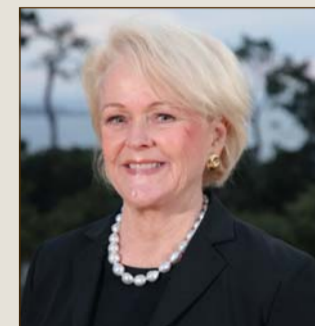
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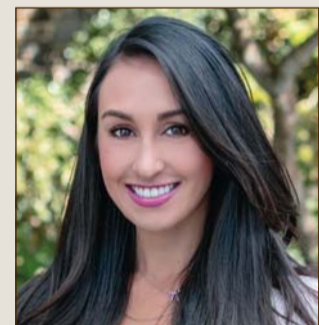
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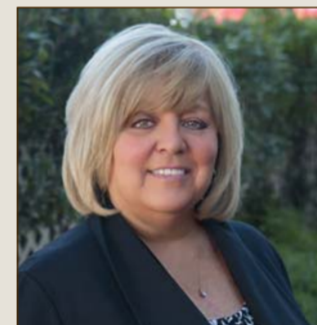
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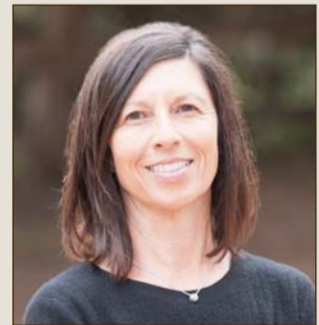
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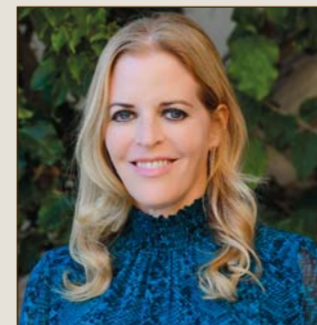
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had quite a few clients in their 80s.

And she's passionate about the benefits of getting out of your comfort zone — "When you live in one familiar place, you think, 'This is how the world is.' If you go someplace else, you experience a different view. You learn to be flexible." She added that learning to do things like navigating a foreign subway system can be quite empowering.

At the same time, many women have justifiable concerns about traveling abroad. The U.S. State Department has a list of guidelines for women who are preparing for a trip, including packing contraceptives and feminine hygiene products that might not be available at their destinations. It also advises preparing for differing perceptions about how females should dress — tight-fitting or revealing clothing might not be acceptable — and suggests using a first initial and last name without a title (Mrs.,

Ms., or Miss) when registering at hotels.

Matchmaking

Another hassle for solo travelers of either sex is the dreaded singles supplement, a way hotels and cruise ships make up for the money they lose when people don't travel in pairs. (If you travel alone

long enough, you start to wonder if that was the reason Noah only took animals two by two.) The surcharges can range from 10 percent to 100 percent or more. Ruccello said she helps travelers avoid the extra fees by matching people up within the group.

She also prefers traveling at a more leisurely pace. Group tour itineraries often

involve waking up in a new city almost daily, with longer stopovers only scheduled in cities like Washington, D.C., Paris, or London. Ruccello said she'd rather visit three cities for three nights each, as in a recent trip she was planning for Spain. "If

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'If you go someplace else, you experience a different view. You learn to be flexible.'



Many women enjoy traveling with others — and this diverse group Ruccello was part of for a trip to Egypt proves it.

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on the world of wine,” Scheid said. With Kraftzack’s encouragement, Scheid studied and became a certified specialist of wine through the Society of Wine Educators. “It was invaluable to me,” Scheid said. “I think that wine is the most beautiful, intricate, thoughtful, mindful product that has ever been invented in the history of the world. I can’t think of another product that has so much thoughtfulness and so many people involved to make a bottle.” She loves being a part of something that brings people and families together.

Equally enthusiastic about wine, Claire Sutton is the owner of Sovino Wine Bar & Merchant in the plaza adjacent to the Portola Hotel in Monterey.

‘Living room’

Her business serves wines from all over California by the flight, glass and bottle — and a few local beers. She also sells charcuterie boards to go along with the drinks. She has created a wine-centric “living room” for locals as well as a destination for tourists to try California wines in

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When Claire Sutton (right) opened Sovino Wine Bar in Monterey 10 years ago, she was 26 years old. Since then, she’s been through a pandemic and other changes, but business is going well.



Brynie Kaplan Dau

is a small animal and exotics veterinarian. She grew up in Pacific Grove and is happy to be back in her hometown serving the community that she loves. Dr. Dau holds a master’s degree from Moss Landing Marine Labs and California State University, Monterey Bay in marine science and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. She works with a wide range of exotic pets in addition to cats and dogs. Her main interests include feline medicine, soft tissue surgery, dermatology, behavior, dentistry, and ultrasound.

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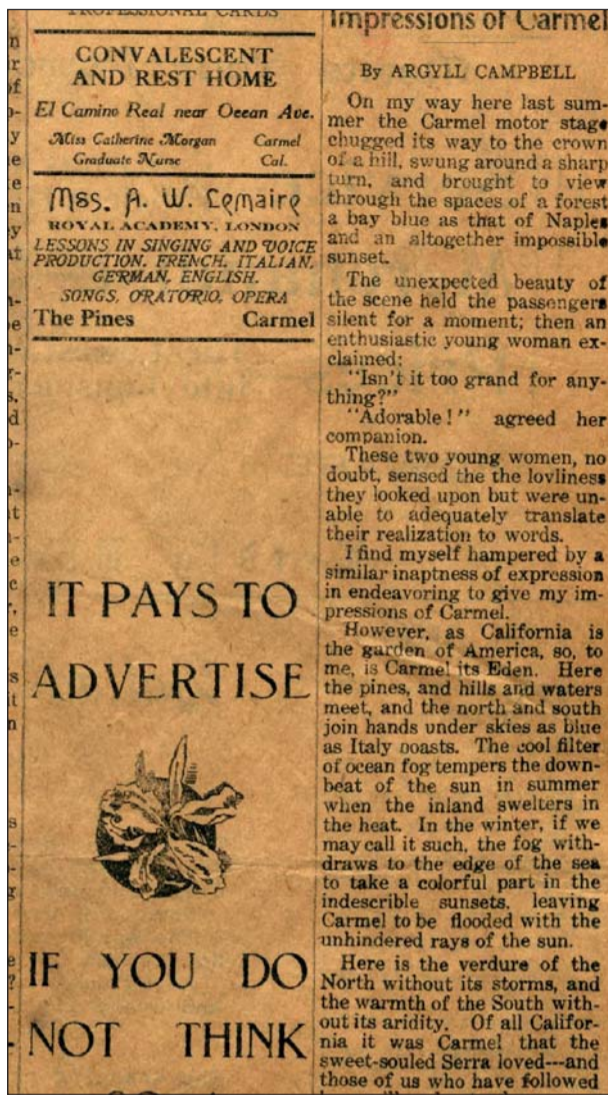
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On Feb. 17, it was reported that Morgan invited some friends to her home for a "Victrola concert," comprising 19 musical selections played on one of those new-fangled phonographs. She also joined friends at the Blue Bird Tea

Room on Camino Real near Ocean Avenue. Founded in 1915 by Mae Crawford and Pearl Ridgley, the Blue Bird had several incarnations and locations, changing hands a few times before returning to Crawford and Ridgley in 1939, and then passing to another woman, Elizabeth Smith.

Meanwhile, Morgan was appointed to the city's board of health in 1917 and became a city trustee the same year. She later joined the Arts & Crafts Club and remained active in the community for at least a decade.

COMMERCE *cont. on page 23W*



In the upper left corner of this clipping from an early Pine Cone, you can see ads from some of the city's first women in business.

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Carole Strauch Heinrich was raised in Memphis, TN, in a large family with four siblings before she attended the University of Oklahoma. At the university she met her future husband Ben Heinrich and they later moved to Carmel with their son Grant in 1976. Here she worked as a stockbroker and subsequently as a mortgage Broker and in 1987 she achieved the designation Certified Financial Planner®, the highest designation among financial planners and built an extensive clientele with her easy-going manner and professional attitude. In 1990 Carole started her career as a licensed Realtor and together with her husband built a successful Real Estate business. Her team is consistently in the top 1% of Coldwell Banker Northern California Agents. Ben and Carole enjoy living in Carmel Valley with their rescue dog Puddin', the Heinrich Team mascot.

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a comfortable setting.

Originally from Prunedale, Sutton studied wine business at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. After college, she had an internship at Eberle Winery in Paso Robles and then a job at a winery in Lake Tahoe. Eventually, she moved back here. "I knew I wanted to start a business, but I didn't have the space," she said, although perhaps surprisingly, "At the time there weren't many wine bars in the area." Serendipitously, she found a former wine tasting room for sale on Craigslist. She bought it and opened for business 10 years ago this May 5th. Not long after that, she decided to pursue training to become a sommelier.

The only employee

"I was 26 when I opened. I was much younger than most business owners in the area," Sutton said, and she felt like a minority among all the men. "Just walking into a trade tasting or chamber event, they would look at me like, 'Who is this little girl?' Not that anyone said that, but a lot of people have owned businesses here for a long time." The first year was brutal, she explained, because she was figuring it out and, "I was basically the only employee." But as she learned how to run a business and sales increased, things got easier. "That was really rewarding," she said. Within a few years, other businesses with younger owners opened around her, and that was helpful, too.

Sutton has grit, a love for wine, and an even greater love for the people she serves. "You meet so many interesting people from all over with world with wonderful stories. I love to swap stories with other people in, or who have been in, the hospitality industry ... it makes you feel better. And people are always stoked to talk about wine. I equally enjoy talking to someone who is

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Non-natives?

Mrs. A.V. Cotton, sole proprietor of a nursery called Mil Arboles Gardens, submitted a poem called "What Do We Plant?" by Henry Abbey, to The Pine Cone's first

edition, where it was retitled "Plant Trees." If a branch from an aging pine has fallen on your car, you probably can't blame Mrs. Cotton, however. She was a bit more pragmatic, at least based on her choice of verse. The poem read in part, "What do we plant when we plant the tree? We plant the ship, which will cross the sea; we plant the

mast to carry the sails, we plant the plank to withstand the gales..." It similarly enumerates the wooden parts of a house. This was no Joyce Kilmer arboreal rhapsody. It was more of an ode to lumber.

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<p>An Art Commission. A bill has been introduced in the California state legislature to create a state art commission of five members, the governor, architect, a painter and a sculptor and two others interested in art, all to serve without compensation. Senator Birdsall is the author. No works of art to become the property of the state unless approved by the commission, and supervision over the ulterior aspects of bridges, highways, parks and other state property is given the commission.</p>	<p>We live close to nature. We rejoice in color, we think in color, and we express our thoughts in color. Every thought has beauty in it. Carmel is a musical center, for either the ocean or the pines fill our hearts with song and psalm every hour of the day.</p>
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<p>A Talk on Trees. On Friday evening of this week H. A. Green of Monterey will give "A Talk on Trees" at Arts and Crafts Hall. The public is invited. There is no admission charge. The affair is given under the auspices of Riverside reading circle.</p>	<p>The woods are yours; they are full of jewels --- feathered jewels; watch their ariel flight, not with gun, but with sympathy in your heart. Go down to the beach and see the dainty, delicate seabirds assembling for their morning parade of beauty. Climb Carmel and gaze out upon the varied scenes which spread themselves for your special joy. Wander through the canyons and find the grace of God in flower, plant and fern life, and then thank the Master of the Universe that He made Carmel for you, and that He directed your steps to the valley of peace, the home of beauty and the place where the souls of all good thoughts have their abiding--in the shadows of the dawn and in the golden mist where the sun says good-night to Carmel.</p>
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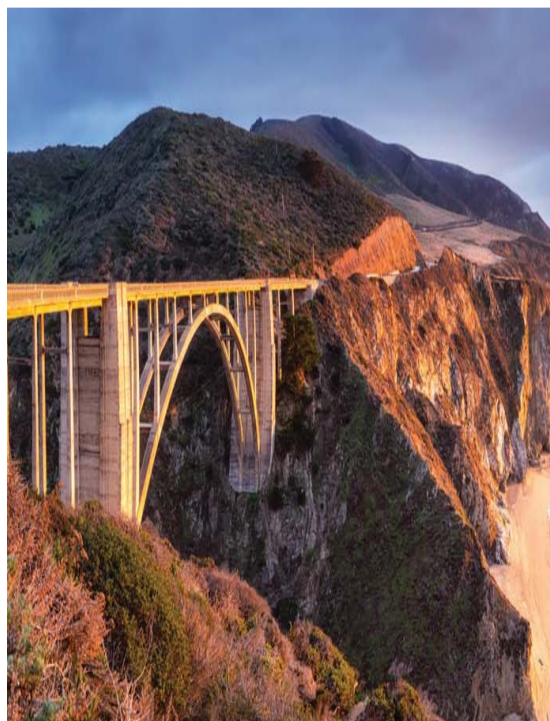
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a master sommelier as I enjoy talking to someone who is out wine-tasting for their first time," she said.

Same-day delivery

As a wine bar owner, she hosts a lot of activities, "Karaoke and trivia are super

well attended," she said. She also does regular paint-and-sip events, where people get step-by-step instructions for a painting by a professional artist — as they drink wine, of course. The locals love the activities. "Some people come to trivia night every week," she said. And having activities brings people in who might not normally go to a wine bar.

The pandemic offered a unique challenge, but Sutton met it with her characteristic grit and ingenuity. "I offered same-day wine delivery, which people loved," she said.

She spent the better part of the lockdown driving around the Peninsula delivering wine to her loyal local clientele. Ever-changing and growing, this weekend

Sutton is introducing coffee and "brunchy charcuterie," to her offerings.

You can visit Scheid's Carmel tasting room to try its wines at San Carlos and Seventh and learn more at scheidvineyards.com. Check out Sovino Wine Bar & Merchant at 241 Alvarado St. in Monterey, and find out more — including info on upcoming events — at sovinowinebar.com.



Scheid Family Wines' tasting room at the corner of San Carlos and Seventh is a popular spot for tourists and locals, thanks to a knowledgeable staff and comfortable decor.



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APPAREL *cont. from page 6W*

“It was alright to learn by visiting other stores,” she said, “but our CEO didn’t want to see us with any shopping bags from them.”

French literature

A look at Realmuto’s retail provenance suggests the maven knows exactly what she’s doing.

She graduated from UC San Diego with a degree in French literature — her father was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and had lived in Paris after World War II, and that influenced her decision to study French — she was hired by Bullock’s. She started as an assistant manager in accessories, which led to a position in the buying office in intimate apparel, followed by a return to the stores as department manager.

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2020, Boggs had 50 transactions totaling more than \$60 million.

Highlighting the differences between Central Valley and Monterey Peninsula real estate, she said that after her first big sale in Pebble Beach — about \$1 million — her dad asked to see a picture of “the house.” She had to explain that it was just an empty lot.

Her largest sale to date was in P.G.

— one of the Holman Building’s luxury penthouses that went for about \$3.5 million. She said she’d love to share a photo of it with The Pine Cone, but the building wasn’t finished at the time.

Masked and gloved

Boggs reflected on how the business has changed since she got her start in this area. “Everyone was selling bank-owned properties,” beginning in about 2006 and leading into the mortgage crisis of 2007-2008.

“It was wild.”

During Covid, of course, people realized not only could they work from home, but for many of them, home could be anywhere. So why not make it somewhere beautiful? And with exceptionally low interest rates, she said she was “crazy busy,” donning a mask and gloves to show each property and trying hard not touch anything.

Recent interest rate increases have slowed things down, but she urges people to consider the advantages of buying now and refinancing when rates decrease. She said since fewer people can afford the higher rates, buyers face less competition.

Boggs earned her associate degree in business administration and management from San Joaquin Delta College in 1983 and uses what she learned in marketing to help her sell houses.

“You can’t just stick a sign in the yard,” she said. She enjoys assembling videos and a nice portfolio of marketing materials, working with social media and all the

other details. “You have to do all of it,” she said. “You never know where the buyer will come from.

Educating clients is also fun. “I love teaching first-timers the process. A lot goes into it and I love being a mentor,” she said.

‘All their lives’

And what about those kids? They’re in their 30s and both are in the business. “I never thought we would all have our licenses,” she laughed. Although Boggs said she never pressured her son and daughter, “They’ve just been around it all their lives. They’re the third generation, going back to Grandma and Grandpa.” She and Kevin are grandparents themselves, thanks to their daughter, Nikki Lucido, who has three children.

The family has flipped properties and had investment properties together. Son Peter Boggs works with Coldwell Banker, while Lucido is the transaction coordinator

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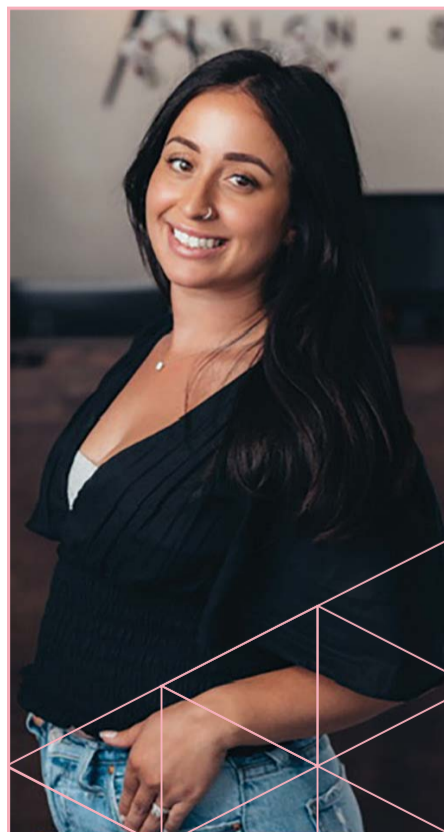
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Another ad for Cotton's nursery (in the same issue) offered plants, ferns and trees — "native or otherwise." One hopes that did not include the dreaded eucalyptus.

Big family

The Misses Guichard, with a business somewhere on Ocean Avenue, were promoting "notions, dry goods, dress-making and millinery." They were a bit harder to track down, but you can read that in 1915 the Guichard sisters spent Christmas in Ben Lomond with their family, and another sister, Etna, came to visit them the following year. There are references to Stella and Mae Guichard in the paper's early pages, but by March 1916, Stella seems to have taken over the millinery. Hers was the sole name in a March 22 advertisement that read, "Before buying your Easter hat, see my stock of millinery," which also included "children's beach and outing hats." (To which you are surely saying, "brrrrrrr.") Mae must have moved away at some point, because in 1918, it was reported that she was in town to visit her sister.

When Christmas 1916 rolled around, the business had been rechristened L'Accommodation, with S.J. Guichard as proprietor. It offered customers a selection of men's ties and handkerchiefs, ladies' "fancy handkerchiefs and silk hose" wrapped in "Xmas boxes, ribbon and tissue paper." Guichard continued to be a savvy marketer, promoting dresses for balls and other social events, even as the paper reported an indeterminate number of sisters and relatives came to visit — as happens when one has a home here.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that in 2018, California had the highest number of women-owned businesses in the country, with 149,927 firms employing more than 1.3 million workers with \$57.4 billion in annual payroll. It makes you wonder

— what would the female entrepreneurs of 1915 think about that?



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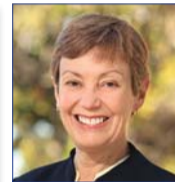
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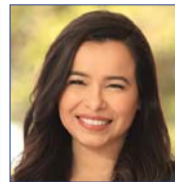
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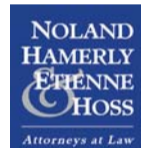
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Ultimately, she was promoted to buyer for designer clothing by Carol Little and Liz Clairborne — in their heydays, the largest-volume women's apparel lines at Bullock's.

After Bullock's was bought by Macy's in 1988, Real-muto went to The Broadway in Los Angeles, where she bought "better dresses" and then young menswear for the department store chain.

"That wasn't a good fit for me, so when an opportunity arose for me to branch out on my own, I bought a women's 'better clothing' store in Naples, Long Beach, called

FASHION *cont. on page 29W*



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Ruth Waters,” she said. “I was in my early 30s. It seemed like a fun idea, it would put my skills to good use, and I could work for myself. So, I took a chance.”

Three years later, Realmuto’s former boss from Bullock’s bought the boutique from her, and she followed her husband to Houston, where he’d landed a job as a retail executive. She became a buyer for Tootsie’s, a “fun, cool, hip” upscale women’s apparel store along the lines of Joseph and I. Magnin, she said.

Mississippi, Oregon

After a few years, the Realmutos returned to California and settled for a time in Fresno, where Peter became an executive in women’s apparel for Gottschalk’s, while she bought for the juniors’ department, one of the few women’s departments her husband didn’t manage.

“And then we took a risk and moved to Jackson, Miss., where Peter took a job as senior vice president of women’s apparel at McRae’s, a division of Saks department stores. When he took a job as executive vice president for The Emporium in Eugene, Ore., it was a great environment, but everything changed after 9/11,” she said.

The company folded, and the Realmutos needed to regroup and plan their future.

Somewhat serendipitously, in 1998, while the Realmutos were living in Fresno, they bought a house in Carmel. Born in San Francisco and raised in the Silicon Valley, Betty Realmuto had encouraged her widowed mother to come to live in the house in town. After 9/11, the Realmutos decided to come to Carmel, as well, and open a store similar to the designer boutique Betty had purchased in Long Beach.

“We moved into the Carmel house, and my mother moved to Del Mesa,” she

said. “And, in 2003, we opened B. Real on Mission Street. After three years there, an opportunity arose to lease a small space closer to Ocean Avenue, on Lincoln. We kept both stores open until we were able to expand the Lincoln store into the adjacent space, at which point we closed the Mission location.”

Nine years later, the Realmutos opened a second store in Healdsburg, right on Healdsburg Square.

“B. Real caters to women over 40,” Betty Realmuto said. “We offer a focused assortment of casual sportswear, including sweaters, knits, jackets, pants and jeans, but not dresses, skirts or collections. Helping women look their best every day is our passion. Particularly in this place we call home.”

‘Helping women look their best every day is our passion’

PROPERTY *cont. from page 26W*

at Above and Beyond.

Boggs’ parents both passed away several years ago, but she remembers her father’s influence on her life fondly.

“Everything I do today is coming from him. He always told me, ‘You have the best background to be a real estate agent, from lending and escrow to your personality.’

When he died (at 78) he still had escrows in progress,” and was selling homes to grandchildren of his early customers.

She seems to be equally passionate about her work. “I love my job. It doesn’t matter if it’s a \$300,000 house or a \$3 million house — everyone gets treated the same. This is the largest thing most people will ever buy, their biggest asset, and I want it to be a good experience.”



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you go too fast, you lose the flavor of the city," she said.

On group trips, she'll schedule one or two activities where everyone is together, but also allow ample time for people who want explore on their own. Average group size is about eight people, although she said as many as 12 would also be great.

Finally, Ruccello wants people to know that you can look at travel brochures and social media all you want, but everything is different when you see it in person. In a recent trip to Swedish Lapland, about 1,500 miles from the North Pole, she saw the aurora borealis — the northern lights — for the first time, from a frozen lake.

'Traveling is magic'

She stumbled a little, trying to find words to describe the phenomenon. "When you see it with the naked eye, it's an intense mint green and white. It moves and gets bigger and smaller. It goes away, then comes back..." then she trailed off.

"Traveling is magic," she said.



A tour group (left) shares a special Limoncello experience in Positano, Italy, in the Amalfi Coast region, where they also enjoyed beautiful views. When in Peru (right), Ruccello recommends hiking Rainbow Mountain. A three-hour drive from Cusco, the multicolored beauty is a staggering 17,000 feet above sea level.

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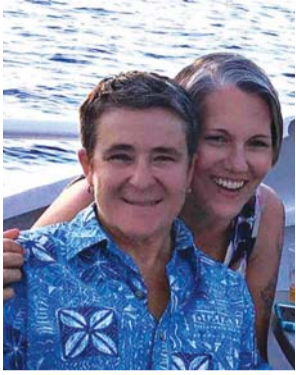
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ADRIANNE JONSON & SANDY HAMM ARTISANA GALLERY



Adrienne Jonson (jewelry designer/ photographer) & Sandy Hamm (jade sculptor/ carver) are artist/ owners of Artisana Gallery in Pacific Grove. Established in March 2008, this year marks the 16th Anniversary of Artisana Gallery. During the last 16 years we've brought in many known and unknown artists & craftspeople, creating events: First Friday Pacific Grove, P.G. Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, Artists in Chautauqua, PG Art Center Artists Fair. Adrienne is currently serving as Board Chair of P.G. Chamber of Commerce & P.G. Art Center. Both women present their artwork exclusively at the gallery, open 7 days a week for your perusing and shopping enjoyment. Stop by and explore the many wonderful local, independent & fair trade art available here.

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Host House was born out of a love for all things home and entertaining. Based in Carmel, Robin utilizes her 25 years of experience in event production, design, and retail brand marketing to curate Host House services and offerings. Robin's new retail location in downtown Carmel features entertaining essentials, serveware and barware, furnishings, decor and accessories, and unique hostess gifts. Locally in Carmel, Host House offers interior styling, furnishing and stocking services for homes and investment properties. Robin also designs, plans and produces private client events. Visit the shop now open on 6th Avenue at San Carlos Street.



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DEBBIE LEMOS LEMOS 76



Debbie Lemos, a 76 Service Station dealer in Carmel. She became involved into the family business in 1992. She proudly credits her father-in-law as her mentor that established the business in 1961. With all the challenges in the gas, oil and corporate industry today her hard work and perseverance continues to keep Lemos 76 going strong. Lemos 76 celebrating 61 years locally owned and operated.

Debbie is very involved and gives back to the community in many ways. Her business management, marketing skills, work ethics as well as her high standards and loyalty for her customers, employees and the community were a contribution to be prior recipient of the Carmel Chambers' "Small Business Award" and The Golden Pine Cone voted Lemos 76 as "Best Gas Station" the last 7 years and "Best Repair Shop" on the Monterey Peninsula. Being involved in an established entrepreneur family business has given her an opportunity to turn challenges into opportunities for women leaders, what is normally a male-dominated industry.

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KIM ENGLAND FLEURS DU SOLEIL



For as long as Kim can remember, her love for floral design has been inherent. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley she spent a year abroad in Paris which further ignited her passion for floral design. Soon after, she gifted her sister with her wedding florals and it was then she went abroad to the South of France, where she studied floral technique. Upon returning, she opened the doors to her flower atelier, Fleurs du Soleil. Her extraordinary floral designs at weddings, events and resort venues have created a highly sought after service in an area where spectacular events demand spectacular floral designs.

In 2017 Kim expanded her business by taking over the remodeled Myrick's building next to El Estero Car Wash at 598 Fremont St. in Monterey. Her vision of expansion has encompassed a European-Urban style retail floral and lifestyle store featuring grab & go arrangements & wraps, contemporary gifts, home goods, one of a kind furniture and daily deliveries.

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When we relocated to Monterey a few years ago, the space to create a Wellness Studio became a reality in 2022. M8 Wellness offers our community classes for movement, workshops to connect, and online programs for whole body health. While we are still growing into our dream, the studio and the community are a source of uplifting energy. Our classes are designed to align, balance, and improve our bodies.

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Dr. Kristina enjoys her free time with her 3 boys, biking, surfing and hiking with their Great Dane and Bull Dogs!



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JENNIFER CHAPMAN BOARD & BRUSH MONTEREY



Jennifer opened Board & Brush Monterey three years ago when she saw a need for hands-on art for adults in the Monterey area. She was an Art Docent and volunteer in the community for 20 years before taking a step to open her own business. She provides a fun environment in a beautiful studio where guests learn how to make wood decor items in a workshop. Board & Brush loves hosting team building events for local businesses or out of town work groups who stay at the local hotels. The event is also perfect for bachelorette, wedding, and birthday parties, or date nights and friends night out. Keeping on trend with new projects monthly, one can choose from over 800 designs to make in any workshop.



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WENDI KIRBY MUSIC



Wendi Kirby is a pianist, composer, and educator. She has received national recognition for her contributions in music education. Wendi has released two albums of her own original music on Pastiche Records (Bloom and Wings) and performs on stages throughout the US and Europe. Wendi shares her passion for music and creativity with the community at her space at 550 Hartnell Street, Suite F in the heart of Old Monterey. This beautiful space hosts all things creative - concerts, events, celebrations, creative team building, music lessons and workshops for all ages.



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She is also a leader in her local community, serving on the Pacific Repertory Theatre Board of Directors in Carmel by the Sea, the Monterey Museum of Art Event and Planning Committee, and the Santa Catalina School Parent Association. When not traveling overseas or working passionately on a staging project, Roseanne enjoys time with her husband and three children, playing tennis, fly fishing and snow skiing.



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