

Rock slides cleared from Highway 1 in Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

HIGHWAY 1 in Big Sur was reopened late Wednesday afternoon after wet weather last weekend triggered several rock slides that closed parts of the scenic route for five days. But motorists can expect delays of up to 10 minutes at one critical site where Caltrans workers are making repairs.

By Sunday, the highway was closed between Grimes Point and Ragged Point, a distance of roughly 30 miles. But by Monday, only a 2-mile stretch, from Big Creek to Dolan Point, was off-limits to vehicles.

According to Caltrans, the closure was necessary “to allow for crews to clean up storm debris and repair damaged rock netting.”

‘Areas of concern’

Geotechnical engineers arrived Dec. 5 to assess the damage. An initial assessment Sunday revealed “dozens of areas of concern” along “the entire length of the closure area.”

Road workers were also on site, to repair a damaged rock barrier, and removed rocks and debris from the pavement.

The National Weather Service’s Monterey office reported that over the past month, 7.31 inches of rain fell in Big Sur Valley, while 8.63 inches were recorded atop Anderson Peak. Monterey airport reported 1.57 inches during the same

period.

More moisture is on the way. According to the National Weather Service, rain is expected to fall throughout this coming weekend.

“We have two rounds of rain coming through Friday and Saturday, with Saturday’s being bigger,” meteorologist Roger Gass told The Pine Cone.



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A bulldozer clears rocks from Highway 1 in Big Sur, where slides from recent rains closed a portion of the scenic route. The road reopened Wednesday.

CAL AM WON’T SIGN OFF ON PWM EXPANSION

■ Says PUC will not let it recoup costs

By KELLY NIX

THE GROUP advocating for a government takeover of California American Water blasted the company this week for refusing to help pay for the expansion of a wastewater recycling project near Marina. But Cal Am said the

terms of the deal would prevent it from recouping the cost to deliver water from the plant to its customers.

The California Public Utilities Commission on Dec. 1 OK’d an expansion of Pure Water Monterey, a project near Marina that transforms wastewater into drinking water for Cal Am’s Monterey Peninsula customers. But on Tuesday, Cal Am informed the CPUC that it would not agree to the augmentation plan. Expanding the project would allow it to produce more than 40 percent more water for Monterey Peninsula customers.

‘Urgently needed’

Cal Am’s refusal to agree to the expansion, which cannot proceed without its signature, angered Public Water Now, an anti-Cal Am group that wants a takeover of the investor-owned company’s local system.

“Everyone wonders if Cal Am will ever sign this agreement,” Public Water Now managing director Melodie Chrislock said Wednesday. “Cal Am’s greed is the

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Stevenson School names new president

■ Still no explanation why Hicks left

By KELLY NIX

LESS THAN four months after Stevenson School’s president, Kevin Hicks, was placed on administrative leave because of “employee concerns,” the private Pebble Beach boarding and day school announced Wednesday it had appointed someone new to lead Stevenson.

Stevenson hired Hicks — an alumnus from the Class of 1985 — in 2015 to replace longtime school president Joseph Wandke. On Aug. 26, however, David Colburn, the chairman of the school’s board of trustees, told parents in an email that Hicks had been put on temporary administrative leave,” and that the school had launched an “independent inquiry into certain employee concerns that were voiced to the board.”

This week, Stevenson — which has been tight-lipped

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Police station remodel back on back burner

By MARY SCHLEY

DESPITE THE urgency council members expressed in March to make the 54-year-old police station livable for the officers and staff who work there — and the allocation of more than \$3 million to the remodel — the council decided Tuesday to set the whole thing aside and appoint a committee to take another look.

Several years of push-pull over the project and its scope through various iterations of the council led to plans finally being approved in November 2019, only to have construction bids come in over budget in June 2020. With the coronavirus pandemic in full swing, the council scrapped the project along with almost all other capital work planned for that year.

Plans resurrected

But in March, the council resurrected the 2019 plans, including removing asbestos, installing an ADA-accessible restroom, turning a “marginally used restroom” into a copier and office-supply area, replacing furniture and equipment in the dispatch area, installing new evidence lockers, and reconfiguring the emergency operations center in the basement as a multipurpose room and command center. Heating, ventilation, electrical, boiler and “air handling” systems would be brought up to code, and new fire sprinklers would be installed. Council members then asked for a new emergency operations center, renovated locker rooms and EV charging stations, too.

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Tax break for home raises concerns about ‘equity’

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNERS of a home located at one of Pebble Beach’s most coveted locations will receive a big break on their property tax bill in exchange for spending a lot of money to restore and maintain the house, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors decided Tuesday.

The supervisors voted to approve a Mills Act contract with Chase and Ashley Simmons, who own a home at 3080 Bird Rock Road, that will allow them to restore, maintain and preserve the Spanish-style home while also getting a reduction on their taxes.

‘Master architect’

“The home was built in 1930 and is eligible for listing on the local register as a good example of the Spanish-eclectic style architecture in Pebble Beach and the work of master architect William Otis Raiguel,” county

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The owners of this Pebble Beach home are eligible for a tax break in exchange for restoring it, but a county supervisor brought up “equity” as a concern and questioned who benefits from the deal.

Why’d they remove the mailboxes?



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

REGULAR USERS of the U.S. Post Office on Via Nona Marie were startled at the end of November to discover that the three blue mailboxes that enabled motorists to drop off mail were gone.

“Do you have any idea why the three mail collection boxes outside the post office location on Via Nona Marie have been removed?” one reader wrote to The Pine Cone. “Now, to drop off mail, you must exit your car and go inside the post office.”

The reader speculated that the boxes were removed as a cost-saving measure, but Kristina Uppal of the U.S. Postal Service said that wasn’t the case. Instead, the boxes were destroyed by an errant driver.

“A semi backed into and severely damaged the three collection boxes,” Uppal reported.

Thankfully, one collection box has already been replaced, and the others are on the way.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Sense of self

ZOE WAS washed up at 3. Having run 120 races on a dirt track in Tijuana, the brindle greyhound had completed her servitude and was up for adoption through Greyhound Pets of America. Her people, who had lost Petey, an elegant white courser with black ticking, were ready for another sighthound. They brought Zoe home to Santa Fe.

They also bring her, quite commonly, to Carmel.

Zoe, like Petey before her, stands in silence on the street with trained patience while passersby admire her regal beauty. But only if she's already been to the beach.

"Zoe loves the beach," her person said. "She wants to go first thing in the morning and will nudge our elbows, asking us to get up. We always tell her coffee comes first."

After a lot of treats and training and plenty of reassurance, Zoe is able to scorch down the shoreline off leash without escaping toward Scenic Road.

"She's totally a free spirit in the sand," her person said. "It's a beautiful thing to see. But by the time she gets to the south end of Carmel Beach, she becomes much more mellow. She wanders into the surf up to her knees and pokes around the rocks."

Zoe, now 12, took time to convert from racing stock to family pet. At first, her person says, Zoe had no sense of self, always walking with her head down, having had no choice about anything in her life. Her people became invested in helping her become her own dog.

One Christmas, they bought Zoe who'd always worn hand-me-down coats when the weather turned cold — her very own quilted fleece coat, to give her something new and special. After breakfast, they found she had claimed the coat — and her life — by pulling the jacket onto her bed and lying on it.

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Council thanks Carmel Cares for ‘unprecedented’ donations

By MARY SCHLEY

FOUNDED BY resident Dale Byrne shortly after the start of the pandemic to help keep the city pretty amid significant budget cuts that eliminated most capital projects and several jobs, the nonprofit Carmel Cares was thanked by the city council Tuesday for another round of major donations. Since June 2021, the group has contributed “professional services, materials, and supplies for a wide range of projects, at a number of city facilities and properties, collectively valued at \$150,316 plus 7,808 volunteer hours,” according to public works director Bob Harary.

Dec. 6 marked the fourth time the council thanked Byrne and his group. In October 2020, the council accepted donations of projects, equipment, goods and services worth \$9,262 from Carmel Cares, followed by another \$86,441 in January 2021 and \$29,977 more in June 2021.

That’s a lot

Carmel Cares provides weekly maintenance and landscaping services in many public areas, including the Scenic pathway, Devendorf Park, the Forest Theater, medians and downtown, where volunteers undertake numerous beautification efforts. The group has also taken on specific projects, like rebuilding newspaper kiosks on Ocean Avenue, refreshing the Forest Theater’s bench seating and grounds, and constructing utility housing by Sunset Center. In addition, Byrne has spearheaded volunteer groups with quaint names like the trash-collecting Pickup Posse, the Median Minders to take care of the little islands in the middle of many streets, and the Tag Team that removes stickers and graffiti.

“Our partnership with Carmel Cares has got to be one of the most unique and diverse grassroots public-private partnerships of

all time,” Harary told the council. “Our continued partnership allows us to continue to offer high levels of service to the public that the city alone cannot provide.”

Carmel Cares also assists other community groups and nonprofits, he noted, adding that adopting the resolution to accept the donations includes associated positive adjustments to the 2022-2023 budget and “provides an opportunity for the city council as well as all of us to thank Carmel Cares for its support and commitment.”

Honored to help

Byrne presented a montage of videos featuring some of his volunteers and said his group is “honored to make a significant difference in our village” and has “been working consistently to achieve our mission of keeping Carmel-by-the-Sea beautiful, safe and inviting while taking it from special to spectacular.”

Byrne said he’s proud of Carmel Cares’ collaboration with so many community members, but especially youth groups like the Carmel Youth Center, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County and Carmel Unified schools.

“We know what a privilege we’ve been given and greatly value our evolving partnership with public works, city staff and the council and commissions,” Byrne said. “Combined with the incredible dedication of our leadership team and generous donations of time and money from our supporters in the community, together we have created something uniquely productive that we hope to sustain far into the future.”

Councilman Bobby Richards described the group’s work as “amazing” and praised the numerous opportunities it has created for people to help.

“You are creating a sense of community,”

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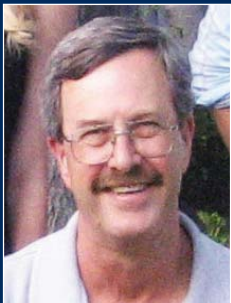
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Police & Sheriff's Log

She worked hard on that foliage

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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost cell phone reported.

Pacific Grove: A 36-year-old female was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for resisting arrest and a misdemeanor warrant for failing to appear in court for DUI and having no insurance. Booked into Monterey County Jail on \$20,000 bail.

Pacific Grove: Info report for a civil issue on Ransford.

Pacific Grove: A 30-year-old male was arrested on Forest Avenue on a bench warrant for failure to appear in court on charges of no registration, no proof of insurance, DUI and driving on a license suspended for DUI. Booked into Monterey County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

Carmel area: A mail theft was reported at a residence on Vista del Pinos.

Carmel area: Deputies conducted a welfare check at a residence on Segundo Drive.

A subject was placed on a mental health hold (danger to self).

Carmel Valley: Deputies were dispatched to a verbal dispute between neighbors on Meadow Road.

Big Sur: A male was found deceased in a remote camp in the Big Sur area.

Big Sur: Business on Highway 1 reported receiving a suspicious call, possibly a fraud attempt.

Carmel area: Deputies responded after reported theft at Safeway at the Crossroads.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost money clip reported by a subject on Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A found camera in a bag on Monte Verde north of Ocean was turned in to the Carmel Police Department.

Pacific Grove: Report of graffiti to a city utility box on Ocean View Boulevard. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a package occurred on Ninth Street.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Nov. 4 — Freddy Gustaf Swanson, 31, of Monterey, was sentenced by Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey to eight years and four months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

On Sept. 28, 2022, after a three-day jury trial, Swanson was convicted of attempted carjacking, vehicle theft, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, evading a peace officer and possession of methamphetamine.

On Jan. 29, 2021, Monterey Police Officer Wayland Kopp was responding to a call for reckless driving when he observed the stolen vehicle driven by Swanson. Officer Kopp attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle and the vehicle failed to stop. During the pursuit, Swanson drove into oncoming traffic and went head-on with an occupied parked vehicle, drove approximately 80 mph in a 25 mph zone, ran a stop sign and ran a red light. The pursuit was terminated due to Swanson's reckless driving and the concern for public safety. Swanson was later apprehended and was in possession of methamphetamine. On April 20, 2021, Swanson posted bail for the above crimes and was released.

On April 29, 2021, at approximately 5

a.m., the victim went out to his parked vehicle to retrieve his smoothie cup. When the victim opened the driver's side door of his vehicle, Swanson was inside in the driver's seat. Swanson exited the vehicle and pushed the victim and a fight ensued. During the fight, Swanson struck the victim in the head and caused a significant injury requiring medical attention. Subsequent investigation showed that the ignition cylinder had been removed and when Swanson fled, he left behind a shaved key.

Nov. 8 — Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that her office will not seek the death penalty against Gustavo Morales, who was held to answer at a preliminary hearing for the first-degree murder of Salinas Police Officer Jorge David Alvarado.

Members of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office discussed the current dysfunctional status of the death penalty with Alvarado's family members. They reached a consensus that seeking the death penalty did not make practical sense.

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More delay for owner of Neutra house

By CHRIS COUNTS

A TECH entrepreneur who has sought for more than a decade to tear down her Pebble Beach home and replace it with a new one learned Wednesday that she will have to wait until January to have her say before the Monterey County Planning Commission — and she isn't happy about it.

Built by noted architect Richard Neutra, the home is located at 1170 Signal Hill Road, just a short stroll from the Cypress Point Club.

The planning commission was set Dec. 7 to weigh in on Massy Mehdi-pour's proposal to demolish a 4,124-square-foot single-family home that's in poor shape and build a new three-level 11,933-square-foot single-family home with an attached three-car garage and other features. But her neighbors, Sam and Betsy Reeves, oppose her plan, and their attorney, Tony Lombardo, was out of town. In response, the commission continued the hearing to Jan. 25.

Mehdipour, who bought the home in 2004, argued that a continuance is typically something that's granted to an applicant, not a project opponent. She argued it is nothing but a delaying tactic.

"They find every reason they can to delay my project," she said. "This is a malicious effort from one neighbor. It seems grossly unfair that we can't get people to sit down and make a decision. Please stop this suffering."

Delays 'unacceptable'
Planning commissioner Martha Diehl

expressed sympathy for Mehdi-pour's views but suggested her proposal would be better served by the postponement.

"I regret we're not able to move forward at this hearing," Diehl said. "I agree the tactic of delay has been used by project opponents in this case. The amount of delay the proposal has gone through is unacceptable."

Diehl made the motion to continue the hearing to Jan. 25, and planning commissioner Amy Roberts seconded it. The



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Massy Mehdi-pour wants to tear down this Pebble Beach home, but she'll have to wait until next month for a county planning commission hearing on it.

motion passed 7-1, with only planning commissioner Rich Coffelt opposing it.

Some preservationists have said that because the original home was designed by Neutra, the teardown request should be denied, and Mehdi-pour should be required to restore the existing home. If the county required her to do that, her only option would be to fight it in court while the home continues to fall apart.

The house is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources and is said to be eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Council adds landscape law
to Design Traditions update

By MARY SCHLEY

THE COMMITTEE of residents helping to overhaul the residential and commercial design guidelines wants a say in other city plans and policies but didn’t get what it asked for Tuesday night. Instead, the city council approved the group’s request to add a landscape ordinance to the project, which is being overseen by consultant Noré Winter.

The steering committee appointed by the city council in April to help with the Design Guidelines 1.5 project includes former councilwoman Victoria Beach, former planning commissioner Don Goodhue, former city administrator Doug Schmitz, Flanders Mansion preservationist Melanie Billig and architect Mary Ann Schicketanz.

At the group’s most recent meeting in November, planning director Brandon Swanson told the council, its members said they want a mission statement to better define their roles and duties and want to weigh in on plans and policies tangentially related to design guidelines, including the state’s recent mandate that the city figure out how to accommodate 349 more housing units over the next several years.

“We know the design guidelines may overlap other documents,” Swanson continued, so the committee wants to review the general plan, municipal code, forest management plan, local coastal program and other rules and regulations that might be impacted.

The committee also requested the city hire a landscape architect to draft an ordinance to dictate what people can plant and where — especially in their front yards.

Hard stop

Revisions to the residential and commercial design guidelines were originally projected to be adopted in March or April

2023 and are now on track for completion next June, Swanson said.

While Winter is planning to close his firm and retire next summer, in addition to drafting updates for design guidelines and the zoning code, his work includes “next steps” documents the city can take and amend as needed in the future.

The current goal is to get drafts of the updates in January and February, have the next round of community meetings in March, spend April and May fine-tuning the new documents, and then take them to the planning commission in June for adoption.

He asked the council whether it wanted to accommodate none, some or all of the committee’s requests, but Winter warned that he doesn’t have any capacity for adding to his workload.

“What I want to do is stay focused on the scope of work we have before us,” he said. “My goal is to get closed by midyear, with this being our final project, and I want it to be done well.”

The city council hired Winter to lead the project in February for \$83,610.

‘Enormous effort’

Beach said the committee “is absolutely committed to the best possible result of this enormous effort,” despite the many differences in opinion.

“There are strong views on what kind of architectural styles we should be encouraging in town,” she said. “I hope we can get to some kind of consensus about that.”

But everyone agrees a new landscape ordinance would enhance the forest character of the city, according to Beach.

“This is a point of almost 100 percent consensus,” she said. “That is the biggest ask of the evening.”

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By KELLY NIX

IN THE lawsuit involving a former Pacific Grove Police officer who sued the city for firing him over posts he made on social media, a federal judge has OK'd a confidentiality agreement to prevent the public release of sensitive information — including potentially embarrassing email correspondence among city officials — that could surface in court proceedings.

In February, former officer Michael Gonzalez claimed in a federal civil complaint against the City of Pacific Grove that P.G. Police Chief Cathy Madalone and city manager Ben Harvey retaliated against him when they fired him Jan. 12, 2021, for anonymously posting “F**k Black Lives Matter” and “Free Kyle Rittenhouse” on a social media site. Gonzalez, a conservative Hispanic man, has said the post was meant to criticize the left-wing BLM political organization.

On Nov. 28, United States Magistrate Judge Susan van Keulen signed a “protective order” — which amounts to a confidentiality agreement — to prevent the release of information that’s expected to surface during witness testimony and in court documents in Gonzalez’s case against Pacific Grove.

“Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted,” according to the agreement, which was requested by the City of Pacific Grove but also signed by Gonzalez’s attorney, Caleb Mason.

The order indicates that the case might involve information that is confidential, proprietary, or private for which special protection from public disclosure is

necessary, but it doesn’t specify what that might entail or who is being protected by the secrecy.

On Nov. 28, van Keulen signed the protective order, which is not intended to be overbroad and prohibits “blanket protections” and “mass, indiscriminate or routinized designations” of protected material.

The order extends to not only documents deemed “confidential,” but any information “copied or extracted” from protected material and all copies, excerpts, summaries and compilations of confidential material and “any testimony, conversations or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal protected material.”

Violation of the terms of the agreement by either legal team could mean sanctions or contempt-of-court charges.

Free speech

“I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this stipulated protective order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this order,” reads the document signed by the attorneys.

In his lawsuit, Gonzalez maintained he was exercising his First Amendment rights to free speech when he made the controversial statements on social media site Parler in November 2020.

The posts did not mention the city or his job, were made in his private capacity, and Gonzalez has said he believes he should not have been fired.

In response to Gonzalez’s lawsuit, the city admits that Harvey and Madalone fired Gonzalez for criticizing Black Lives Matter, but it denied that his comment about Rittenhouse — the man acquitted of murdering two people during summer 2020 riots in Kenosha, Wis. — played a part in the decision.

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LAFCO gives Soledad green light to annex land for 2,400 homes

By CHRIS COUNTS

GOING AGAINST the recommendation of both its office and the town’s mayor, the Local Agency Formation Commission voted 6-1 to approve a request Monday by Soledad to annex 654 acres where builder Nader Agha wants to put 2,400 homes, along with 100,000 square feet of commercial/retail space.

LAFCO’s office, led by executive officer Kate McKenna, had urged the commission to require that Agha revise his plans by shrinking the size of the land annexed by 50 percent. McKenna and others also wanted more information about the project’s affordable housing component, how Soledad would provide services and utilities, and where a police/fire station and schools would go. The recommendation included continuing Monday’s hearing to a later date.

Mayor chimes in

Soledad mayor Anna Velazquez, who is an alternate LAFCO commissioner and doesn’t have a vote, agreed with the recommendation.

“I support building housing to accommodate our future growth, but I cannot support this project because it doesn’t meet the housing needs of our residents,” Velazquez said.

Others who spoke out against passing the annexation Monday included former county official Mike Novo. “Soledad certainly has a need for housing, but it needs to be the right type of housing for the right location,” Novo said.

But others defended the plan, including

the two county supervisors who represent parts of Salinas Valley, Chris Lopez and Luis Alejo.

Lopez, whose district includes Soledad, made the motion to approve the annexation. He noted that the project was first proposed 17 years ago.

“I’ve talked to my constituents and they want this project,” he said. “The people I represent are prepared for this. It’s time to move — 17 years is too long.”

Good vs. perfect

While some complained there is not enough affordable housing in the plan, Alejo said there’s enough to justify supporting it.

“We have a severe housing shortage,” Alejo said. “There is a significant percent that will be affordable. It’s time for us to move forward.”

Commissioner Kimbley Craig agreed. “We as a region have to recognize bold plans that are in place, and the incredible need for housing in our community” she said.

Commissioner Warren Poitrus also backed the annexation.

“The pursuit of what is good is being blocked by the ideal of what is perfect,” Poitrus said. “Nothing is perfect about this thing, but nothing is terrible about it either, and we need housing.”

Commissioners Lopez, Alejo, Craig, Poitrus, Matt Gourley and Mary Ann Lefel voted for the annexation, while commissioner Ian Oglesby voted against it. All seven commissioners also voted to extend Soledad’s sphere of influence to include the land for the housing.

Lawmaker wants to increase safety at battery storage places

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A STATE senator has proposed legislation intended to make battery storage facilities — like the one in Moss Landing that caught fire in September — safer for workers.

Sen. John Laird announced this week that he’s introduced Senate Bill 38 to “enhance safety” at such battery storage facilities.

The fire at the Moss Landing facility triggered a 12-hour shelter in place for residents over fear that fumes from the lithium-ion battery fire would be harmful. Nobody at the plant was injured.

“Increasing the state’s battery storage is essential to reaching our clean energy goals, but we also have to ensure that these facilities have safety systems in place to ensure the safety of workers and surrounding communities,” Laird said.



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New P.G. council members sworn in

By KELLY NIX

TWO NEW Pacific Grove City Council members were sworn in this week following the Nov. 8 election in which six candidates competed for three seats.

On Wednesday, the city council said farewell to outgoing council members Amy Tomlinson and Jenny McAdams, who opted not to run for reelection, and welcomed new members Debby Beck and Lori McDonnell.

Incumbent councilman Joe Amelio, who was also on the ballot, was reelected to his seat. The three other candidates for council were Mark Chakwin, Darla Vining and Tina Rau.

Mayor Bill Peake — who was reelected after handily winning a challenge from Pacific Grove newcomer Mike Wachs — thanked McAdams and Tomlinson for their efforts.

“It’s not always easy, but the majority of the community appreciates the work that the council does,” Peake said.

City manager Ben Harvey gave Tomlinson and McAdams flowers and had kind words for them.

The three council members and mayor were sworn in. Beck and McDonnell offered a few words before taking their seats and carrying on with the rest of the council meeting.

“Thank you, residents of Pacific Grove,” Beck said. “I look forward to serving every one of you.”

McDonnell said, “I’m so honored to represent you,” adding that residents’ voices “are important and I want to be a voice for you.”

Tomlinson had some words of advice for the two new council members. “Don’t take everything too seriously and it will be fun,” she said.

Surveillance feedback sought

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE PACIFIC Grove Police Department is holding a community meeting next week on its proposal to install cameras that automatically take photos of vehicle license plates — technology it said would be helpful in solving crimes.

The meeting will be held Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. in the city council chambers at Pacific Grove City Hall, 300 Forest Ave. The meeting will be held in person and on Zoom.

Automated license plate readers are cameras positioned at city borders to capture images of license plates and vehicles, allowing officers to compare plate numbers against

those of stolen cars or individuals wanted in crimes.

Pacific Grove Police Chief Cathy Madalone made a presentation about the cameras at a Nov. 22 traffic safety commission meeting.

The company behind the license plate cameras, Flock Safety, maintains that footage captured by its system “is automatically deleted at the 30-day mark.” The company also said the cameras would only take a photo of the rear of vehicles.

“What is important to note is that there are no people, no facial recognition [technology] and no traffic enforcement” capabilities, a company spokesman said at the November meeting.



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staffer Phil Angelo said during a presentation to the board of supervisors in Salinas. According to Wikipedia, “Spanish-eclectic” was a movement among Spanish painters from 1845 to 1890 that was “named after the tendency by artists to select from among multiple established styles of that era.”

Nice tax break

While the wood-framed home on the 4th Hole of Monterey Peninsula Country Club’s Shore Course was recently assessed at \$2.8 million — which means property taxes are about \$31,000 annually — the supervisors, under the Mills Act agreement, capped the assessed value of the home at \$720,000 with taxes of roughly \$7,500 per year.

“Approval of the contract would result in a property tax reduction of or savings to the owners of approximately \$20,800 annually,” Angelo told the supervisors.

The Simmones told the county they plan on spending about \$500,000 in rehabilitation costs and about \$8,600 in annual maintenance, according to the report presented to county supervisors.

The supervisors also voted to add the Pebble Beach home, called the Charles T. Nounnan house, to the Monterey County Register of Historic Resources.

Monterey Peninsula Supervisor Mary Adams said that Raiguel was the supervising architect for developer Del Monte Properties Company, which later became the Pebble Beach Company.

The home “well represents the historic character of Pebble Beach as it was seen through the eyes of Samuel F.B. Morse,” the founder of the Pebble Beach Company, Adams said.

The Mills Act, legislation enacted in 1972, gives owners of qualified historic properties tax breaks in exchange for their commitments to maintain their properties.

‘Equity’ cited

The California Legislature and governor created the program to help preserve

the state’s historic buildings — a goal they presumably believed would benefit everyone.

But District 4 Supervisor Wendy Root Askew said she “struggled with the issue of equity,” and noted the loss of property tax revenue due to Mills Act contracts.

“When I look at the three contracts that are in front of us today, the cumulative amount” in property tax reductions “is more than almost twice the amount that a minimum wage worker would earn over the course of a year,” Askew said.

Without mentioning the benefit to the community of preserving historic buildings, Askew asked her board colleagues to join her in directing county staffers to determine if “we are, as a county, benefiting from the Mills Act in the way it was intended.”

District 2 Supervisor John Phillips disregarded Askew’s request and made a motion to approve the contract, while District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo said Askew’s concerns could be discussed at a future board meeting.

County staffer Craig Spencer said his department could take another look into the program if the board requested it, but the supervisors — including Askew — ended up approving the contract for the Pebble Beach House minus the request.

Some perspective

The supervisors Tuesday considered and approved two other Mills Act applications — one for a home on Partington Ridge in Big Sur and another in Carmel Valley.

Kent Seavey, who was the historical consultant for all three properties, addressed Askew’s concerns about the loss of tax revenue by offering some perspective. Seavey pointed to actor Brad Pitt’s recent \$40 million purchase of a home in the Carmel Highlands, the \$22 million asking price for Carmel’s Butterfly House, and the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Carmel, which he said is also listed for \$22 million.

“I do not think, Ms. Askew, that you’re going to lose a buck or two over time for the kind of obscene amounts of money that are being paid for property in this county, and I certainly recommend you think about that,” he said.

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STEVENSON

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about Hicks’ leave — announced that its trustees had appointed upper division head Daniel Griffiths as president. Griffiths, who has been with Stevenson for five years, had been the acting president since September.

“Through his roles both at Stevenson and previously as head of upper school and dean of students at the Catlin Gabel School, a distinguished independent day school in Portland, Ore., Dr. Griffiths has a wealth of leadership experience,” Colburn told The Pine Cone. “In the classroom, he has taught biology, environmental science and



PHOTO/STEVENSON SCHOOL

Kevin Hicks had been president of Stevenson School since 2015, until he was replaced this week.

ecology. He received his B.A. from Oxford University and completed his Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge.”

Stevenson did not say how much Griffiths would be paid, but Hicks earned \$662,777 in salary and other compensation, according to 2020 tax forms.

Erased

The announcement that Griffiths had been hired as president came after the school deleted all references to Hicks from its website, including his biography page and his president’s welcome message to students earlier this year.

A source told The Pine Cone last week that Hicks and his family had vacated the on-campus home that the school affords its presidents.

Raised on the Monterey Peninsula, Hicks had the on-paper credentials to lead Stevenson.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies from Yale University and had a doctorate in American literature from Princeton University. He was dean of faculty at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., from 2010 to 2015, and from 2005 to 2010, was dean of Berkeley College at Yale University, where he also taught in the English department.

Apologized

As president, Hicks had to contend with scandals that were not of his own making.

In fall 2020, he formally apologized to several students who reported they had been victims of sexual or behavioral misconduct at the Pebble Beach school (decades before he was president), including an incident in which the wife of a Stevenson teacher performed a sexual act on a male student in the 1980s.

“We sincerely apologize to both graduates and to their families for the sexual misconduct that these graduates experienced, and for the incomplete way in which the school responded, at the time, to the information that it had received,” Hicks said on Sept. 30, 2020.

In 2017, a former Stevenson teacher and coach was one of a dozen adults who had been implicated in a child sexual abuse scandal at a prestigious East Coast boarding school in the 1980s.

The scandal prompted Hicks to reach out to Stevenson alumni to see if they’d received “inappropriate attention” from the man and to contact the school’s attorney if so.

‘Clear vision’

Hicks’ hiring in 2015 came after the school said it spent an “intensive, year-long process” to find someone to replace Wandke. The chairman of Stevenson’s board of trustees at the time said Hicks had “a clear vision for the future of independent schools.”

In accepting the job, Hicks attributed much of his “educational and career success” to his time as a day student at Stevenson.

“Stevenson is where my academic curiosity developed and my intellectual boundaries expanded,” he said. “Becoming president will be a true homecoming for me.”

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Foundation holds virtual auction of gifts

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NONPROFIT Carmel Foundation — which provides low-cost meals and housing, medical equipment loans, classes and excursions, transportation and other resources to older residents — is auctioning off “more than 100 exciting gifts for yourself or a loved one” during the Joy of Giving Virtual Auction, which runs through Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

Among the top auction items are golf for four at Tehama, a private paella dinner with wine for 10 at La Playa, tickets to next year’s Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, and lunch with former White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta.

Potential presents for everyone on your list include an array of restaurant gift certificates, curated wine selections, tickets to performances and museums throughout California. And new to the annual virtual auction are lots featuring two rounds of golf at storied Scottish golf courses, a private sightseeing flight for two, two tickets to a pick-your-own-roses experience, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Naval Postgraduate School. Auction items can be

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charge.

Outside the Salinas courthouse Dec. 7, the victim’s mother and brother told a KSBW-TV reporter they were grateful Butler handed down the maximum sentence of a year in county jail, rather than probation.

“I heard my daughter scream and then I felt the car turn,” Figueroa’s mother, Sylvia, said. “I think about that all the time.” Her brother described Figueroa as “the life of the party” and said the family is thankful Clarke was held accountable in her death.

Mea culpa

In court, Clarke reportedly released a statement taking responsibility for his actions, saying, “It was my fault and my lack of judgment that caused all of this.”


The family also settled a civil suit against Clarke and his mother for negligence and other allegations earlier this year. Clarke’s USAA insurance policy is paying out the maximum amounts to the grandmother and the child, who live in Seaside. The little girl, Camila, will turn 7 Dec. 31. She will begin receiving monthly and annual payouts in July 2034 that will run for five years, and will be paid lump sums on her 25th and 30th birthdays, for a total of \$300,000. The money is being held in an annuity.

According to the settlement, Sylvia Figueroa received \$200,000 “for the massive injuries incurred in the automobile accident which took the life of her daughter, Rosie Figueroa,” and of that, \$4,865 went to lawyer Tom Griffin and the Grunsky Law Firm for legal fees.

perused online at carmel2022.ggo.bid.

The foundation is also launching its Lifting Others Up campaign to raise funds for a new chairlift at one of its senior apartment building. Carmel Gives kicked off the


effort with a \$10,000 challenge grant, leaving the foundation to raise \$50,000. For more information on The Carmel Foundation and the auction, visit carmelfoundation.org or call 831-624-1588.




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POLICE

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But Kasavan architects later pulled out of the project after receiving some \$200,000 for the design work so far, according to public works director Bob Harary. In his Dec. 6 report to the council, he proposed hiring the firm of Wald, Ruhnke & Dost to take a look, salvage

whatever plans possible, and return to the council with a comprehensive review of site conditions and updates to the plans so they comply with new building codes and the recently approved climate action plan. The fee would be \$89,115.

Form a committee

He also warned the costs of fixing the station would be higher, now, due to supply chain, labor shortages and other issues.

But the council opted for another track

entirely.

“The police force is in dire need of a facility. There’s no question that something needs to be done,” councilman Jeff Baron commented at the meeting, before Harary and project manager Fred Meurer presented their report. “My only qualm is whether we’re on the right path or need to take a step back.”

He suggested taking a broader perspective looking at options for the Vista Lobos building and parking lot, the public works building and other city-owned property in the northeast corner of town as possible locations for a new police station.

While Mayor Dave Potter and councilman Bobby Richards were open to the idea, councilwoman Karen Ferlito said she wanted to hear more from Meurer and Police Chief Alan Ward about the deficiencies of the station.

There are many, they said. The station’s short-term holding cell doesn’t comply with current guidelines and was subsequently turned into storage. The lockers aren’t ventilated, so sweaty ballistic vests and boots have to be kept elsewhere when officers are done with their shifts.

Crime victims are interviewed in the lobby, a public space. Evidence rooms don’t comply with state standards, and there’s nowhere to safely handle dangerous substances like fentanyl and blood. The doors aren’t reinforced against someone trying to kick them down.

“I’m just touching the surface,” commented Ward, who told the council that when he was hired in June to become police chief, he was most surprised by the shabby condition of the police station. “I have a whole list of things.”

At issue is whether to do work now to bring the building up to the minimum necessary to make it functional — which could trigger requirements for ADA upgrades and other costly changes, too — or to step

back and consider longer-term solutions that would result in a contemporary station that will hold up for a half-century.

The station doesn’t meet state standards for police agencies, according to Meurer, but is grandfathered in for now.

“Anytime you start working on an old building like this, you start tripping over the code,” he warned.

Mission creep

Councilwoman Carrie Theis worried that forming a committee and taking a broader look would lead to a long wish list of additional upgrades that would make it harder to get anything done.

Alissandra Dramov, who will replace Theis on the council starting next week, supported appointing a committee and taking a broader approach, perhaps moving CPD to a new facility at Vista Lobos and turning the old station into housing.

And Carmel Cares founder Dale Byrne urged the council to get on with it.

“At some point, we have to stop doing studies and start actually doing some of these things,” he said. “I really challenge you to finally pick a project and get it done, rather than studying it, because we’ve spent a lot of money on studies that we’ve never acted on.”

The sad state of the police station is a disservice to the men and women who protect the city, he said. “Let’s attack this and get this done.”

Ultimately, the council set aside the proposed contract with Wald, Ruhnke & Dost and unanimously voted to form a committee of Potter and Baron to work with the city’s staff to develop a “feasibility analysis” exploring various options, including tearing down and replacing the police station, or building the station somewhere else and repurposing the existing building. Potter and Baron are set to return with a report to the full council in March.

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DOMINIC CLAYTON BURAGLIO

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Our hearts are broken in announcing the passing of Lieutenant Dominic Clayton Buraglio, an Air Force officer raised in Carmel Valley, California, during his active duty assignment at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was a compassionate, thoughtful, and humble soul who had a positive impact on the lives of many during his short time on Earth.

Dominic attended Tularcitos Elementary, Carmel Middle School, and Carmel High School before earning an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, where he graduated in 2020 with a degree in computer science. He was serving at Barksdale AFB as a Cyber Defense Technician, overseeing a team responsible for maintaining a \$34M weapons system network. Dominic is survived by his parents, Donald and Tiffany Buraglio, his sisters Sophia and Giana, aunts Trina Clayton and Christine (Brian) Nicks and family, and grandparents Sue and Doyle Clayton, Francie and Michael Gundzik, and Rockne Buraglio. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Barbara Buraglio.

From his earliest days, Dominic had a passion for science and technology, and an inquisitive drive to understand the mechanics of how complex systems operated. His childhood love of heavy machinery and trains morphed into a lifelong passion for intricate Lego constructions, which in turn developed into mastery of robotics and drone operation. Dominic was the captain of the Carmel High School robotics team, and active with Remote Piloted Aircraft (RPA) programs at the Air Force Academy. His analytic and methodical mind was a perfect fit for his career in military computer operations and security.

Dominic had an intensely compassionate heart, and a continual desire to serve others, particularly those who are typically overlooked or marginalized in society. At an early age he proposed and organized relief efforts in the wake of natural disasters. He spent every spring break of his high school years performing service work in Mexico, helping to construct shelters and showing love to people in extreme poverty. He was a strong advocate for the LGBTQ+ community, and an opponent of social injustices that harmed groups who are frequently oppressed. His commitment to service fueled his desire to pursue a career in the Air Force, where he hoped to leverage his natural gifts to serve his country, both in protecting our nation from harm, and being a positive influence within the culture of the military. Dominic’s mission ended far too soon, but his sense of duty and his willingness to put others before himself never faltered.

Among other interests, Dominic appreciated the beauty of nature through numerous hikes in the mountains, especially Yosemite National Park. He was supported by a loyal friend group who enjoyed trivia nights, movie marathons, Dungeons and Dragons gatherings, and nighttime adventures in Hastings Preserve. He cherished his sisters and grandparents, and he looked forward to every military leave as an opportunity to spend time with the family he loved. Those are the times we’ll miss the most deeply, but we’re blessed and grateful beyond words for his presence in our lives for 24 years.

Farewell and Godspeed, Dominic. We love you to the moon and back.

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Memorial services will be held at Barksdale Air Force Base for Dominic’s military squadron on Dec. 13, and also at 1 p.m. on Jan. 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in Monterey for family, friends, and community. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Human Rights Campaign, the Read to Me Project in Monterey County, or the Yosemite Conservancy.



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DAN McNAMARA

Dan McNamara died on November 22, 2022 at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. He was 84 years old and longtime resident of Carmel.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jacquie; daughter Molly; son Joseph Patrick (Gloria); and grandchildren, Robbie, Cathryn, Judson, Daniel and Camila. He was predeceased by his daughter Jennifer. He delighted in the time spent with his grandchildren.

Dan was a graduate of UC Berkeley and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He founded his own company in 1975 and worked there until retirement. His career included international travel to New Zealand, the Philippines, Malaysia, China and Australia. Listening to opera recordings was one of Dan’s favorite pastimes. Through the years he had the pleasure of attending opera performances at many of the world’s premier opera houses.

He also enjoyed fishing with favorite destinations ranging from Alaska, Mexico, New Zealand, Chile, Norway and Iceland.

Special thanks to his doctor Georgina Heal and caregiver Beverla Miles. Those wishing to make memorial gifts are encouraged to give to the Ryan Seacrest Foundation that provides a place in children’s hospitals where patients facing serious illness can forget about their medical treatments and procedures through music and broadcast media. (IMO-Dan McNamara)



DESIGN

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Schicketanz reinforced the group’s request and suggested hiring a professional architect to help draft the new landscape law. “Even the best design guidelines in the world” won’t assure good houses, she said, especially with so much debate over style in “a freedom-loving country” where “everybody wants to do exactly what they want to do.”

But the area passersby can see from the street can be highly regulated, she said, by creating lists of acceptable plants and fence styles.

“Then I think you can be a little looser with the houses, because I think that’s always a difficult task, to be more prescriptive with the architecture,” she explained.

Goodhue said everyone the committee spoke with “talked about the forest canopy over the street and how important that is.”

“That’s the place we can have very strong guidelines,” he said.

But Neal Kruse and Karyl Hall of the Carmel Preservation Association objected to the idea that all styles of architecture — and modern in particular — might continue to be allowed under the new design guidelines.

“We feel the landscaping issue is being pushed forward as an excuse to say it doesn’t matter what the architectural style is,” Kruse said. “We are concerned with architectural styles that reduce the character of Carmel.”

Hall said landscaping can’t be counted on to hide “bad design,” because it’s vulnerable to fires, drought, changes of ownership, people removing plants and other factors.

Give them everything

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito favored giving the committee everything it wanted, regardless of Winter’s deadline. “I think we should take into consideration their concerns for doing the very best process possible,” she said, before going on at length later in the nearly four-hour meeting. “I think we should really consider the validity and wisdom they are bringing to us through their collective knowledge of the village.”

Regarding the housing mandate, council members

PWM

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problem here. It doesn’t like the Pure Water Monterey Project because there’s no profit in it for Cal Am.”

Chrislock said Cal Am won’t sign the agreement because “it claims it needs more money from its ratepayers than the CPUC was willing to authorize.”

“This water is urgently needed for new housing and drought protection,” she went on to say. “It could have been approved two years ago, but Cal Am and its allies opposed it.”

The current iteration of the wastewater project produces 3,500 acre-feet of treated water per year, while an expansion would allow the project to produce an additional 2,250 acre-feet every year.

‘Disincentive’

In a letter Tuesday to the California Public Utilities Commission, Cal Am President Kevin Tilden said the company “hoped” to sign the agreement but could not because the state agency did not allow the company to recover the costs associated with building the infrastructure necessary to deliver water to its customers. The company needs to build extraction wells and a pipeline to deliver the water from the Seaside Basin to its customers.

Tilden said that “according to the commission’s own decisions,” the amount the CPUC has allowed Cal Am to recover to build the infrastructure “harms” the company by “setting rates for these facilities significantly below actual costs.”

Cal Am spokesman Josh Stratton told The Pine Cone this week that the CPUC decision “doesn’t honor typical ratemaking principles and denies the recovery of over \$25 million in infrastructure investment needed to extract, move and deliver the new water supply.”

Stratton went on to say that it “levies a large financial penalty on Cal Am for doing the right thing and proposing to enter into the agreement and advancing funding to keep the project moving forward.”

Chrislock said the expansion project “will only cost \$60 million.”

“At this point, the CPUC has authorized \$60 million of the \$81 million Cal Am originally asked for, but that’s not enough,” Chrislock said. “Cal Am wants the remaining \$20 million plus more.”

In any event, Cal Am said it supports an expansion of Pure Water Monterey.

“California American Water appreciates that the commission recognizes the value of the Pure Water Monterey expansion as a supplemental water source and hopes that the commission will reconsider the recovery of critical funding” to allow “the PWM expansion project to succeed,” Tilden said.

Cal Am plans to file an application with the CPUC for the agency to rehear the matter, Tilden said.

differed over whether the design guidelines or the planning should come first.

“You should write the best guidelines possible and let us develop within those guidelines,” councilman Bobby Richards said, while councilman Jeff Baron said the housing plan should come first and the guidelines should be amended accordingly.

Ferlito wanted assurance the Design Traditions updates will be more forceful and less “anemic” than the current standards.

“We had a lot of things happen over this past 20-year period that we probably didn’t intend to happen,” she said,

because the guidelines weren’t strong enough.

City administrator Chip Rerig acknowledged that when the first design guidelines were written more than two decades ago, the committee in charge included developers and realtors who “wanted more flexible design guidelines,” and as a result, the regulations weren’t “strong enough to protect our community character.”

Despite Ferlito’s arguments to the contrary, the council did not opt to give the steering committee everything its members wanted, only adding the landscape ordinance to the project with assurance doing so would stay within Winter’s timeline.



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Patricia Shea Work

January 1, 1930 - November 26, 2022

Pat Work, aged 92, passed away peacefully at her Pebble Beach home on November 26th. A resident of the Monterey Peninsula for over 65 years, she was born in Manhattan on New Year’s Day to Esther Fry Shea and Thomas Edward Shea, the third of five children and the only daughter. She attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart school in New York City and then UCLA (B.A. fine arts) where she met her husband Robert Work (1925-2007), a third-generation Monterey Peninsula boy. They married in 1954 and moved to Carmel soon thereafter.

Pat was actively involved in community life. She served on the boards of the Junior League, Children’s Home Society, Monterey Museum of Art/La Mirada, Casa Abrego, Monterey Symphony and many other charitable organizations. For years, she devoted time to teaching art to Pacific Grove youngsters. A wonderfully creative woman with a fashionable flair and sparky, wry wit, she brought her city style to all her endeavors. She liked a cold martini on the stem, a long chat over a long dinner and a good jazz band. She could and did talk to anyone and invariably found a new friend and fan.

Her grandchildren wrote the poem below for a birthday which captured her so well.

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Including one track star from UCLA.
At Easter she schooled us in egg decoration
She inspires us all with artistic creation
She taught us a lot with an assortment of tales
Of trials, successes and occasional fails.
And so Happy Birthday from those who love you.
We are happy to be here, we hope you are too
From smiling Irish eyes to pedicured toes
We’ll follow our Grandma wherever she goes,
A model of sparkling style and class
To Esther Patricia, let’s all raise a glass!



Pat is survived by her daughters, Susan Ward (Edward) of San Francisco and Alison Sola (David) of London; and four granddaughters, Katie, Emily, Bits and Nina, her sister-in-law Donna Work Silverberg (Jerry) and many nieces and nephews. She was loved and cherished. We will miss her.

The family would like to thank Pat’s dedicated team of caregivers, in particular Doris Ellis, Latasha Ellis and Carolyn Harper for their excellent care over the last many years. There will be a private internment. Donations in her memory may be made to the Monterey Museum of Art.

Peninsula girls go back to courts, Padres level up two divisions

THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE parts are there for another strong girls basketball season at Carmel, Stevenson and Santa Catalina, but some assembly will be required from coaches at all three schools if this year's teams hope to achieve the success they experienced a year ago.

The Carmel Padres have four full-time or part-time

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

starters returning from a 2021-2022 juggernaut that won the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Cypress Division championship with a 10-0 record and went 16-4 overall, including a quarterfinals victory in the Central Coast Section Division 4 playoffs.

Stevenson also achieved local perfection, capturing the PCAL's Mission Division at 10-0 before falling in the opening round of the Division 5 sectionals for an 18-4 finish.

And Santa Catalina enjoyed its first winning season



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Catalina coach Peter Cofresi will count on senior co-captain Margaret Spencer to help lead a young team.

since 2014-2015, achieving an 8-5 overall mark, including a 6-5 mark in the Santa Lucia Division.

Strong leadership and good frontline talent will be on the court for each team again this season, but success will depend heavily upon how well newcomers can adjust to the speed of the varsity game, and whether veterans can mesh effectively with newbies.

“My biggest challenge right now is integrating my four experienced players with the girls I’ve got coming up from last year’s JV squad, and the one freshman we have on our varsity roster this season,” said Tom Dooner, who took over Carmel’s varsity program last year. “Getting those core returners in synch with the new girls is our top priority.”

Similar scenarios confront Lucy Stockdale, who returns three varsity starters at Stevenson, and Peter Cofresi, who rebuilds around three front-line players at Santa Catalina.

Padres leap to Gabilan

Notable is that the PCAL hoisted Carmel High (enrollment: 862 students) up to its big-school Gabilan Division for the upcoming season (two divisions higher than a year ago), where the Padres will battle Salinas (enrollment, 2,620), North Salinas (2,144), San Benito (3,005), Alisal (2,988) and Watsonville (2,319).

“Our expectations are to do as well as we can, but we’re very aware that we’ve been moved up two divisions, where we’ll be competing with schools three times our size,” Dooner said. “The girls are OK with that, but we’re not trying to recreate what happened last year.

“Our roster has seven or eight new players who are forming their own bonds, relationships and team culture,” he said. “We’re trying to be ourselves, which may involve some growing pains.”

The Padres graduated four seniors from their title team, including Elle Bohlman (18.2 points, 3.8 rebounds, 2.7 steals), Summer Castagna (3.9 points, 5.4 rebounds), and Adeline Crabbe (3.8 points, 4.7 rebounds).

But a strong foundation remains this year, starting with senior point guard Abby Shipnuck (6.6 points, 3.6 rebounds, 5.3 assists, 4.3 steals, 1.7 blocks), an all-around dynamo who was named Defensive Player of the Year in the Cypress Division and opened the



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Multi-talented senior Abby Shipnuck is Carmel's offensive playmaker, and was the Cypress Division's Defensive Player of the Year as a junior.

current season with grand larceny — 20 steals in her first two games.

Delaney Castagna, a 5-foot-11 post, scored 8.3 points (second on the team) as a junior, with team bests in rebounds (9.5) and blocked shots (3.3).

Athletic Caroline Byrne, a 5-11 junior, can play power forward, small forward or center, and is expected to blossom into a prolific scorer and rebounder after averaging 3.8 points and 3.2 boards as a 10th-grader.

And Elise Rydeheard, a 5-5 shooting guard, has returned for her senior year as a stronger, faster, more aggressive player who should blow up her 2021-2022 stats (5.6 points, 2.3 rebounds, 1.7 steals).

Fifth starter will vary

The fifth starting position is likely to be shared by Tosin Oladokun, a 5-11 post envisioned as a rebounding phenom against bigger teams, and Riley Palshaw, a 5-9 small forward who will see action against quicker opponents. Both seniors are returning letterwinners.

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GAVEL

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On March 13, 2019, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order declaring a moratorium on the death penalty. He also ordered a withdrawal of California’s lethal injection protocol and called for the immediate closure of the execution chamber at San Quintin State Prison.

California last executed a condemned inmate 16 years ago on Jan. 17, 2006. Clarence Ray Allen was 76 years old and had spent approximately 23 years on death row. Four inmates from Monterey County remain condemned to death. On average, about 24 years has passed since they received a sentence of death.

Under the Condemned Inmate Transfer Pilot Program, inmates condemned to death can volunteer to be transferred from death row to other state prisons. Inmates participating in the CITPP acquire the classification status of a prisoner serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

A defendant facing the death penalty is entitled to far more expansive pre-trial and post-trial rights than a defendant who is not facing the death penalty. These more expansive rights dramatically increase the amount of time it takes to get a case to trial, and interminably increase the time it takes to uphold a judgment of death by exhausting the appellate process. The post-trial rights in a death penalty case permit condemned inmates to litigate their cases for decades after receiving a sentence of death.

On Aug. 18, Judge Gilbert T. Brown issued a holding order binding Morales over to stand trial for first-degree murder, after hearing evidence at the preliminary hearing, for the case. At a preliminary hearing, the judge determines whether there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed a felony. Brown also held Morales to answer for two special

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circumstances. First, Brown found probable cause to believe Morales Alvarado, a peace officer, was killed while engaged in the performance of his duties. Second, Judge Brown found probable cause to believe that Morales murdered Alvarado to avoid a lawful arrest. He also held Morales to answer for shooting at an occupied motor vehicle, assault on a peace officer with a semiautomatic firearm, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, and carrying a loaded, unregistered firearm in his vehicle. Morales was also held to answer for several enhancements for personally using a firearm.

Morales murdered Alvarado on Feb. 25, at approximate-

ly 10:41 p.m. when Alvarado initiated a traffic stop on East Market Street in Salinas. Morales initially complied with the traffic stop and pulled over in his vehicle on Griffin Street. Almost immediately after pulling over, Morales exited his vehicle carrying a firearm. He rapidly approached Alvarado, who was alone in his patrol car, and fired a barrage of rounds at Alvarado, who was able to return fire during the shooting, injuring the web of Morales’s left hand, before dying.

The charges and allegations Morales faces, if proved, mandate a sentence of life without the possibility of parole. Morales will be back in court Dec. 15, at 8:30 a.m.

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Editorial

When storms hit

THE PACIFIC Ocean off our shores may not be a place that’s very nice for swimming, but we’re lucky it’s so cold, because that’s why we don’t have hurricanes or tornadoes. Meanwhile, since our climate is arid and “drought is the new normal” (as we’re constantly told), newcomers couldn’t be faulted for expecting not to be hit with any major storms here.

But old-timers know that when the skies open up, we can have very nasty downpours and strong winds — things we got a hint of over the weekend, with a lot more probably to come.

Since we live in a semi-mountainous region, rains can bring serious land-slides, as well as flooding. And on a single evening, the winds can easily send a dozen heavy Monterey pines onto the unsuspecting homeowners who live in their shadows.

If a storm is bad enough, the result can be destruction of buildings and cars, the loss of bridges and highways, power outages that last for weeks, and the isolation of whole neighborhoods.

You may think we exaggerate, since such dire circumstances haven’t arisen for a few years. Only old-timers remember well how, in the mid-1980s, Highway 1 was closed through Big Sur for an entire year, how in 1995, the Monterey Peninsula was cut off from the outside world for several days after all major highways were closed due to flooding or rock slides, and how, in 1998, one Big Sur neighborhood was hit with a sudden flow of mud and gravel several feet deep. You never saw such a mess. Even the 2017 slide at Mud Creek that closed Highway 1 for more than a year seems like a different era.

The government is supposed to plan for these eventualities, helping to keep losses to a minimum and rescuing people who need it. In these parts, the rescuing is done a lot more effectively than the preventing of loss, because prevention means removing aging trees, erecting flood barriers and retaining walls and keeping river channels open — things which all run afoul of California’s ridiculously strict environmental laws. And even when rescues are done properly, they can take days (or weeks) to reach everybody affected.

That’s why the regular warnings of firefighters and rescue workers must not be overlooked.

Even if you live in a town, you have to plan for emergencies by keeping supplies on hand, heeding warnings to evacuate, and having someplace to go. It’s also very important to be able (and willing) to help out neighbors who need it.

And for people who live in remote places, such as Big Sur’s Palo Colorado Canyon, the situation is even more dire. These people literally have to be prepared to sustain themselves for up to a week without help from anybody. It’s a difficult thing for them to face, much less to do, but they must.

We don’t pretend to know what this winter’s weather will be. One thing to consider is that a warming climate means not droughts, but an increase in global rainfall. And the next El Niño condition could bring storms to the Monterey Peninsula with up to 10 inches of rain in just a few days, accompanied by winds of 70 mph or even higher.

Moderate storms can be enjoyable, and are actually inspiring as they move on, leaving behind a glistening world decorated with rainbows and fluffy clouds. Enjoy them, of course. But also take them as a warning to be prepared for when the storms get a lot worse.

BEST of BATES



“Are those real or plastic?”

Letters to the Editor

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Police remodel pause?

Dear Editor,

As a former employee of the city and someone who worked in the police building for over a decade, I am writing this letter to express my deep concerns for the safety and health of more than half of the entire city workforce. A workforce that consists of police, public works, forestry, facilities, parking, and dispatch services, all of which currently reside in the police building. I was incredibly disheartened to watch as the remodel project was once again “paused” at this week’s council meeting.

The current condition of the building is due to years of deferred maintenance by the city. As a result, you have a building that is unsafe for employees and a police department that is ill-equipped to handle the dangers associated with modern policing. From 2015 to 2019, staff

worked diligently to get the remodel project approved, including enduring multiple internal fires, water leaks, flooding, electrical shorts and portions of the ceiling collapsing, all with the hope the renovation was coming. After several years and upwards of 20 community meetings, the remodel project was finally approved by council and was ready to proceed in 2020. The remodel would have addressed all the major concerns raised by Police Chief Alan Ward and consultant Fred Meurer during this past council meeting.

Unfortunately, just shy of groundbreaking, the pandemic caused the initial pause of the remodel project as allocated funds were rightfully redirected to continue city services.

Now, three years later, with the city in a financial position to move this project forward, the decision was made to pause it again with terms like expanding the scope, exploring a new land location, and master plan. Does this signify this project will linger in bureaucratic purgatory for many more years if not forever, much like where the Scout House and Flanders Mansion currently live?

I emphatically beg the city to move this project forward and not allow this project to linger. This is a critical building that houses a majority of your city employees, and they deserve better, sooner rather than later or never.

Paul Tomasi,
*former Carmel-by-the-Sea
Police Chief*

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Dennis the Menace’s C.V. Comstock and how it grew

CARTOONIST HANK Ketcham created “Dennis the Menace” in 1950 while living in Carmel Woods. The popular towheaded troublemaker, inspired by Ketcham’s then-4-year-old son Dennis, rocketed to fame requiring a small army of writers and artists to keep up with the demand for Dennis in the daily papers and

Spanish adobe residence and guest cottage overlooked sweeping lawns and gardens leading down to the swimming pool and cabana. On the edge of the orchard stood a Victorian-looking ranch house for the foreman and his family, designed in the 1930s by Wilson Mizner. I felt like I had stumbled onto the Pastures of Heaven.”

The sprawling adobe and redwood ranch house became home for the Ketchams while the large pool-side buildings — much more than just a cabana — became the center for

his team of artists and writers where new “Dennis the Menace” materials were created. It was also there that Ketcham worked with sculptor Arch Garner to finish plans for the new playground equipment they were designing for El Estero in Monterey.

I reached out to the current owner of that portion of the ranch, Jeff Webster, to learn more. The March 11, 2022 Pine Cone featured the home in the “In Your Dreams” section. Webster had recently worked with historical consultant Kent Seavey to document the history and rehabilitate the adobe and redwood home and guesthouse where the Ketchams had lived. The poolside buildings were too far gone to restore but were rebuilt, along with the pool, to complete the setting.

Better bricks

The adobe home was designed by Carmel architect Hugh Comstock for Fred and Etha Wolferman. Comstock is most remembered for his 1920s fairy-tale cottages dotting Carmel, but in the later 1920s, he designed many homes and business along more traditional lines. With the financial challenges of the 1930s, Comstock began experimenting with less expensive building materials. Taking a lesson from early Monterey history, Comstock and his younger associate, John Neikirk, developed a plant in Carmel Valley where they made adobe bricks. Starting with the old process of mixing sand, soil, straw and water, they added bitumul, an emulsified asphalt, that resulted in stronger bricks, dubbed bitudobe, that were water resistant, overcoming the major deficiency of adobe.

These new bricks provided an easily developed, inexpensive material. In a 1936 ad, Comstock promised that “\$1 a running foot builds a 42-inch-high ‘Bitudobe’ garden wall.” The

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

hardback as well as comic books. By 1955, Ketcham needed more space.

An item in the June 16, 1955, Carmel Pine Cone reported “Hank Ketcham, originator of the ‘Dennis the Menace’ cartoons, plans to move from Carmel to Carmel Valley, where he has recently purchased the former Wolferman property. He is also thinking of transferring his cartoon operations, as well as his home, to the new location.”

In Ketcham’s 1991 autobiography, “The Merchant of Dennis the Menace,” Ketcham described the new digs as “a 70-acre ranch situated on an oak-studded hillside in upper Carmel Valley, completely fenced with its own water system. The charming



PHOTOS/JULIAN P. GRAHAM, PEBBLE BEACH CO. LAGORIO ARCHIVE (1955)

Dennis sits on the living room side of the kitchen pass-through while Hank and Alice Ketcham work on the kitchen side (top). The large copper hood above the stove can be seen behind Alice. At the courtyard of his Carmel Valley adobe ranch house, Hank Ketcham (above) builds a fire, with wife Alice, son Dennis, and a dog that looked nothing like Ruff.

Robbins pictured a different career

SHE WAS “basically a latchkey kid — extremely independent, curious, into everything and probably a handful for my mother,” remembered Monterey plein air artist Donna Robbins, who doesn’t regret a moment of her upbringing as she looks back from age 74. Most likely, it helped shape the person she became.

At 18, as she watched so many friends marry straight out of high school, Robbins remembered bridling against the trend, which, back in 1966, almost seemed like a mandate for young women.

“I’d say, ‘Guys, there are other things to do besides get married and have babies!’” she recounted. “I had no interest in doing that. I wanted to get an education. I wanted

At the University of Washington, she majored in studio art, but was perceptive enough to understand that the starving-art-ist cliché was more than a stereotype.

“I knew I wasn’t likely to support myself as an artist, so I minored in English and got a teaching certificate,” she said. “I figured schools always needed English teachers, and thought I also might get to teach art. That’s what I thought I wanted to do.”

Flying balls of clay

Neither teaching plan lived up to her expectations. Robbins spent a summer as a teacher’s assistant in an English class — “I mostly did a lot of typing,” she recalled

— then was offered a gig as an after-school ceramics instructor at a junior high.

“That was a disaster. I was 24 but looked a lot younger, and those kids decided right away that they

weren’t going to listen,” she said. “They mostly threw balls of clay all over the room and goofed off, so I quickly decided I wasn’t all that interested in teaching art.”

But pottery classes at the university brought a very different revelation.

“I sat down at the wheel and immediately felt like maybe I’d been a Japanese potter in a previous life,” Robbins joked. “It came very easily right from the start, and I was good at it.”

Validation came quickly, in a big way, when Robbins was juried into Seattle’s prestigious University District Street Fair, where she sold all but two pots on the first day.

“I came home, laid out \$1,700 on my living room floor, and said, ‘I’m not sure what I’m going to do for a living, but I’m going to do this right now,’” recalled Robbins.

She dropped out of school immediately and spent the next 10 years as a full-time potter.

‘I could live anywhere’

“When I realized I could support myself by being creative and innovative, I knew I could live anywhere

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

to travel. I wanted to go out there and do things before I tied myself down.”

That youthful, adventurous hunger has never dissipated for Robbins, whose life for more than five decades has been characterized by creativity, fearlessness, independence and wanderlust.

“I worked in retail for JC Penney and Sears when I was young, and I was a waitress for a little while, but decided pretty quickly that I didn’t like to work under a boss,” she said.

Since that epiphany, Robbins invariably has called her own shots.



PHOTO/COURTESY DONNA ROBBINS.

Monterey artist Donna Robbins loves plein air painting — even on cold, windy days — at picturesque venues like Asilomar.



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SPORTS

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Among those rising from the JV team are sophomores Chloe LeMaster, a point guard, and Ava Mangiapane, a shooting guard, who represent Carmel’s future in the backcourt.

Vying for playing time will be Lily Grundy, a 6-foot center, freshman forward Tessa Stallcup, and wings Avery Palshaw, Bella Tangway and power forward Savanna Radowicz, all sophomores.

Filling the scoring void

Among the three teams, Stevenson played in the toughest division a year ago — the Mission — going undefeated with mostly underclassmen.

But two all-division standouts, Rhea Cosand (16.3 points, 8.8 rebounds, 2.8 assists, 2.9 steals) and Gabby Perez (13.1 points, 6.4 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 3.1 steals), moved on, leaving a chasm to be filled.

Much of that weight falls upon returning point guard Sydney Clymo (9.3 points, 6.0 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 2.9 steals), a four-year starter with exceptional court awareness and leadership skills.

More will also be asked of 5-10 senior Alex Dalhamer, a post and power forward (4.4 points, 6.0 rebounds).

Clymo, Dalhamer are leaders

“Those are two players I’m banking on to become our leading scorers this year,” Stockdale said. “Sydney brings so much intensity and knowledge to the floor and Alex definitely has gotten stronger. Her ability to dominate down low has skyrocketed.”

A third returning starter, shooting guard Emma Hall, brings an accurate 3-point baseline shot that will stretch opposing defenses.

Also back is vastly improved senior Anouk Catania, who steps into a starting role.

Others who should contribute are junior Maya Chavez, whose towering 3-point shot could become a threat, Sarah Vanoli, a 5-10 force who will see action under the basket, and petite guard Grace Ishii, whose speed, energy and hustle will help push the pace on offense and disrupt opposing defenses.

New to the program are 5-9 sophomore Sabrina Hardin, who might be the strongest physical presence on the



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Left to right, Delaney Castagna, Abby Shipnuck, and Caroline Byrne — tri-captains — are court leaders this season for Carmel coach Tom Dooner.

squad, and a trio of talented ninth-graders, Nadia Patel, Jessie Chen and Molly McAfee.

Different style of play

“I think our game is going to look very different this season,” Stockdale said. “Last year, we counted heavily on Gabby and Rhea to make the big shots. This year we’ll rely more movement and a team dynamic.”

Santa Catalina’s key graduate, Maddy Foletta, averaged 15.3 points — a difficult statistic to replace — and other varsity veterans transferred or opted to play a different sport.

That left the Cougars to rebuild around center 5-10 senior Margaret Spencer, a starter since her freshman season, plus juniors Sofia Luna and Bianca Fritz.

“Margaret has added power to her frame, her wingspan is excellent, and she has matured mentally into a player who can lead the team as our captain,” Cofresi said.

Spencer (5.4 points, 7.8 rebounds) will spend more time on the perimeter, thanks to an improved outside shot.

Fritz, a fast and confident player, steps in as the starting point guard.

Luna, a 5-8 wing, shoots well off the dribble and can play point guard if needed.

Completing the starting lineup will be shooting guard Skyler Smith, whose 5-7 frame also could allow her to play under the basket, and 5-10 power forward Sofia Rodriguez, an athletic freshman who drives well to the hoop.

Key reserves figure to be Elle Edwards, a first-year junior who can play shooting guard or small forward, and 5-5 point guard Fia Enea, an athletic senior in her first year as a basketball player.

New-look Santa Lucia

“The Santa Lucia Division looks different this year, because we lost King City and Greenfield (both promoted to the Cypress Division), but gained Marina (14-0 in the Arroyo Division last season),” Cofresi said. “I haven’t heard much about our opponents, but my sense is that everybody could be in a ‘building’ kind of situation, like us, because the Covid year (2019-2020) impacted the growth of a lot of ninth-graders and 10th-graders. Our JV team this season is entirely first-year players.”

Catalina plays its division opener Jan. 10, a home game against Rancho San Juan.

Stevenson hosts Chico Senior at 6:30 Friday night, Nevada Union at 2 p.m. Saturday and Carmel at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Carmel is at the Pacific Grove Breaker Classic Friday in a 3:30 p.m. clash with Hilmar, and Saturday, a 5:30 p.m. game against Santa Cruz.

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Seniors Alex Dalhamer, 10, and Sydney Clymo, 3, hope to lead Stevenson back to the CCS playoffs this season.

LETTERS

From page 22A

School days

Dear Editor,

During last week’s school board meeting on the stadium lights, I was sorry to see students learning that cheering is appropriate behavior at meetings. I truly believe that if anyone else had done the same, they would have been ushered out. Students learning that loud noise overrules others is not a lesson they should be learning. When someone complained they were threatened, the school board said they were out of order? That sure was even handed ... not.

Oh, and was the meeting moved to Tuesday because The Pine Cone can’t cover Thursday meetings? Thanks a lot for being impartial.

The Hatton Canyon freeway had to be disclosed to prospective buyers, but a drastic change in high school facilities should be expected? Fuzzy thinking, eh? Expecting the community that prohibits front porch lights of more than 25 watts to not want stadium lights that will be much brighter is something we near school should expect? No!

I was asking for new roads and parking to be made from permeable materials, as per Carmel code, but told at the meeting that might undermine nearby property, so I guess the code about no runoff harming neighbors doesn’t apply.

The rest of the code requires adequate drains be built (and, may I add, maintained) but the drain at the school footpath is often. I complained and it was cleared, but must I complain after every rain? Maintenance means ongoing repair, not a one-shot deal, because it has been filled with litter again.

Belle James, Carmel

‘Let them pay for it’

Dear Editor,

Just how many more hotels and tourists do we need? It seems that we, the residents, are paying a high price for water so the tourists can take long hot showers while we have to do without.

I’ve lived here my entire life, and now I find myself a prisoner in my own home on the weekends since I don’t want to deal with the horrific traffic and the rude behavior of the tourists.

If the hospitality folks want desal, let them pay for it.
James Nazzium, Carmel Valley

Santa’s Fly-In postponed

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR MANY the social event of the holiday season in Carmel Valley, Saturday’s Santa’s Fly-In — along with its yearly parade and party — has been postponed for a week due to the weather forecast of rain this weekend. The new date is Dec. 17.

“You can’t land a helicopter in the rain,” explained Teresa Goldberg of the Carmel Valley Youth Center, which is coordinating the fly-in and post-parade party.

As a result of the change of date, the deadline has been extended to Dec. 15 for those who want to sign up to be in the parade, which is being co-organized this year by the local Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. To register as a parade participant, send an email to daniellecarrlson.01@gmail.com.

The two clubs are also seeking volunteers to assist with traffic control. The volunteers must be 18, no longer in high school, and have patience dealing with annoyed drivers. If interested, contact daniellecarrlson.01@gmail.com.

The post-parade party still needs volunteers over 18 to help with tickets for an array of family-friendly activities, such as a bounce house. If interested, visit cvcyc.org and click on a link to sign up.



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‘Make Merry at Cherry’ opens Friday, last art walk of ’22 set for Saturday

A WEEKLONG fundraiser, the Cherry Center for the Arts’ annual holiday art show opens Friday with a reception at 4 p.m.

Titled “Make Merry at the Cherry,” the exhibit includes

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

work by Robin Winfield, Jan Wagstaff, Mary Hill, Dixie Dixon, Kenneth Parker, Richard Cannon and many others — and all of it is for sale.

“Catch the holiday spirit as you mix and mingle with friends old and new,” the center said. “Proceeds will support the Cherry’s ongoing contribution to the arts community of Monterey County.”

The show continues through Dec. 17. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

■ Seeking stocking stuffers?

The final Carmel Art Walk of the year is set for Saturday,

when 15 downtown galleries stay open until 7 p.m.

The participants are mostly artist-owned galleries, and all highlight local artists. The list includes Delia, Joaquin Turner Gallery, Mary Titus Gallery, Lisa’s Studio, Galerie Plein Air and many others.

Many of the galleries have something special planned, including the Carmel Art Association, which is hosting a reception for its annual “The Art of Giving” show, including live music, dessert and wine. The display includes a varied selection of pint-sized pieces of art — one of which might be that perfect stocking stuffer you’re seeking.

Maps are available at participating galleries — look for the green lanterns.

■ Trio hosts pop-up art party

A pair of painters, Bobbie Belvel and Donna Robbins, team up with sculptor and jeweler Rob Holt to present a pop-up Art Lover’s Christmas Party Sunday at Robbins’ home in Monterey.

“We invite you to come and enjoy the company of other art lovers in the cheery warmth of the holidays, meet the artists, make new friends and experience a houseful of paintings, bronze sculpture and jewelry,” announced

Robbins, a plein air painter with an affection for landscapes and seascapes. (See Artist, page 23A.)

The party starts at 1 p.m. To RSVP and get directions, send a text to (541) 482-4743.

■ Last call for ‘Miniatures 2022’

Sunday marks the final day of the Monterey Museum of Art’s annual members fundraising exhibit. Titled “Miniatures 2022,” the show features nearly 200 original works of art created and donated by museum members.

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HISTORY

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bricks were also termite-proof, and when used in construction, provided insulation from heat, cold and sound. Comstock built his first bitudobe home in 1937 for Major Ralph Coote on Eighth Avenue.

The 18-inch-thick bricks weren’t suitable for building on small lots in Carmel, so Comstock also developed what he originally called a bitudobe veneer. A thinner, 9-inch layer of the bricks was applied to the exterior of stud-and-plaster construction to provide the qualities of adobe without taking up as much space.

Space was not a problem at the Wolferman ranch. Comstock used full-size bitudobe bricks for construction of the main house and adjacent guesthouse, which were connected by an exterior courtyard.

Fred Wolferman opened his first grocery store in Kansas City in 1888 and expanded into a multimillion-dollar chain with more stores, bakeries and even a restaurant. He and his family bought the ranch property in March 1939 as a summer getaway, and they began summering there before it was

completed. The Kansas City Star of Aug. 21, 1941, reported, “In Carmel Valley of California, where Grocer Fred Wolferman becomes Cowboy Wolferman beneath a western hat, the Wolferman ranch-house grows a room or two each year, gaining all the while in attractiveness.”

Back in Sunset

The completed three-bedroom home was featured on the cover of the December 1942 Sunset magazine, which called out its large, “highly efficient” kitchen, even “more spacious” living room, as well as a butler’s pantry, servants’ quarters and the two guest apartments in the adjacent building.

Walking though the home 80 years later shows it remarkably unchanged from either then, or a decade later when the Ketchams called it home.

The importance of Fred Wolferman and Hank Ketcham may add to the historic significance of the home, but it is truly Comstock’s design with the bitudobe brick that has allowed it to be listed as one of the county’s historic properties. Sunset will revisit the restored structure in a spring 2023 issue celebrating the magazine’s 125th anniversary.

Webster does not own the entire 70-acre property described and owned by Ketcham. In fact, the Wolferman ranch was only 61.2 acres. The portion with most of the ranch buildings was reduced to 37.4 acres in 1967, and when George Lockwood purchased that in 1971, he subdivided it into several parcels, retaining just under 9 acres that included the main house and pool compound. That is what Webster bought in 2015. The ranch’s barn and 5-acre pasture on the

lower ranch property are jointly owned by Webster and the other property owners in the subdivision.

I remained, however, curious about what Ketcham described as “a Victorian-looking ranch house for the foreman and his family, designed in the 1930s by Wilson Mizner.” My curiosity was further piqued when Jeff Ohlson of the Carmel Valley History Center sent me a copy of the June 10, 1955 Carmel Valley News, which reported on Ketcham’s purchase, adding, “The Wolferman, now Ketcham, estate was designed by the well-known Miami builder Addison Mizner, who lived here years ago.”

I was familiar with Addison Mizner, who became famous for his work in Palm Beach and Boca Raton. He designed a palatial home in Pebble Beach for his niece, Ysobel Chase, giving him a local



PHOTO/ELAINE HESSER

Jeff Webster owns the Comstock ranch in Carmel Valley where Hank Ketcham once lived and worked.

connection. Wilson Mizner, referenced by Ketcham, was his younger brother. Nevertheless, I had not heard of Mizner being associated with Carmel Valley, and neither Webster nor Ohlson could add clarity to the reference. Join me next week, when I will share what I learned about the Mizners and the “Victorian-looking ranch house.”

ARTIST

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... so why not?” said Robbins, who invariably chose to reside in small, artisan communities — “destination spots,” known for their natural beauty.

Robbins moved 60 miles north of Seattle to La Conner, a small town on the Swinomish Channel, where she opened a ceramics studio and sold her wares at local shops and craft fairs — “a meager living,” she said.

At 30, she was married, gave birth to her only child (Jesse Davis, now a machinist and farmer in Humboldt County), saw a need to become a better earner, and returned to college to complete her degree.

After an unsatisfying stint in graphic design (“Too restrictive,” she said), and the end of her brief marriage, Robbins decided to take a different route and became certified in advanced skincare. In 1981, she relocated with 5-year-old Jesse to the picturesque artist mecca of Ojai, where she opened a day spa that specialized in anti-aging treatments, aromatherapy and reflexology massage.

A serendipitous meeting with a cosmetic chemist led Robbins to the development of her own line of skincare products, Cell Renewal Systems, a highly successful business that enabled her to retire just seven years later.

Robbins lived 20 years in Ojai, then relocated to the Shakespeare Festival town

of Ashland, Ore. (home to Oregon State University), where she returned to art on a full-time basis, but this time as an oil painter.

She dabbled in plein air painting in Ashland, but a 2011 retreat to Asilomar introduced her to the Monterey Peninsula, which became her home two years later.

“I joined Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters, met many wonderful painters and found amazing places to paint,” said Robbins, who also became “a workshop junkie,” learning from multiple world-class artists who visit the Peninsula to paint and teach.

Robbins showed her art previously at Monterey’s Venture Gallery and small galleries in Pacific Grove, but has focused over the past five years on participating in the annual Arts Habitat Open Studio Tour.

She also opens her home studio by appointment.

Holiday bash

On Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m., Robbins will collaborate with landscape artist Bobbie Belvel and bronze sculptor/jewelry designer Rob Holt to host her “Art Lover’s Christmas Party” at 14 Caminito del Sur in Monterey. (RSVP to donnarobbins@lithiawater.com).

Additional information and images of Robbins’ art can be found online at donnarobbinsfineart.com, where visitors are encouraged to sign up for her newsletter.

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CARES

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councilwoman Carrie Theis noted, adding that public works has just 12 employees to take care of the city’s buildings, streets, beach, parks, forest and other public spaces. “It’s really nice that you have this partnership with the city to enhance those features and to utilize the talents of the citizens.”

“Your creativity and your inspiration for continuing to find more projects and come up with clever names have made an incredible public-private partnership,” councilwoman Karen Ferlito said. “When we join hands, we become stronger because of it.”

She encouraged Byrne to “come around during budget time,” to request funds for more collaborative projects.

Mayor Dave Potter said he’d like to see Byrne cloned.

“Seventy-eight-hundred hours, for everyone’s perspective, is equivalent to four full-time employees,” city administrator Chip Rerig commented. “Without our volunteer groups, our city would look a lot different. You would have to move resources around. You would have to choose what you didn’t want to do.”

He thanked Carmel Cares and the other volunteer groups for all their help keeping the city beautiful.

Resident Cindy Lloyd said she wanted to echo the accolades to Byrne and his group and that she’s made great friendships while volunteering.

“I look forward to many more years of Carmel Cares caring for Carmel,” she said.

The council unanimously adopted the resolution accepting the donations. Councilman Jeff Baron was absent for the item.



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Hank and Alice Ketcham tend to young trees near their adobe ranch house in Carmel Valley.

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

There's still plenty of time to get into the holiday spirit

By ELAINE HESSER

IF YOU haven't given Santa your list — or done anything else to get ready for Christmas and Hanukkah — there are lot of events coming up between now and the end of the year that will have you hauling out the holly or the menorah.

Don't forget to take a drive through **P.G.'s Candy Cane Lane** on Morse Drive (the well-marked entrance is off Forest and just downhill from David). Put on some holiday music, bring some hot cocoa or coffee and enjoy the beautiful, inspirational and just-plain-silly displays designed to delight walkers and drivers alike. Please cruise slowly and keep an eye out for little pedestrians.

Skaters can head out to **Custom House Plaza** in Monterey until New Year's Day for **Ice Skating by the Bay**. Adults pay \$15, kids are \$13 and skate rental is \$5. Diehard rink rats can get a season pass for \$225, not including skate rental. It's open most weeks from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sundays and holidays. This year, there are blocks of time available for private parties, too. Check the website at iceskatingbythebay.com for details.

When local businesses compete, customers win. We're sure that's true at the **Crossroads**, where many stores are participating in the shopping center's window-decorating contest. Not only can they garner prizes for their efforts, the center's

managers say you can enter to **win a gift package** "full of items from our favorite Crossroads retailers" by snapping a photo of a window that strikes your fancy and posting it on Instagram with [#crossroadschristmas22](https://www.instagram.com/crossroadschristmas22), now through Dec. 25.

'Fiercely festive'

Christmas on the Wharf is underway weekends through Dec. 18 on Old Fisherman's Wharf in **Monterey**. On Fridays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (except Dec. 10, when the fun starts at 6 p.m.) and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., take in the beautiful 23-foot Christmas tree and other decorations, visit with Santa in his house by Abalonetti's, enjoy live music with choirs and dancers, and maybe get in some last-minute shopping or grab a bread bowl of clam chowder. Visit montereywharf.com for a full schedule of performances and special events.

Smuin Ballet returns to **Sunset Center** on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. with a "fiercely festive" version of its annual Christmas Ballet. Promising "surprises and new treats," the company once again sets dance performances to traditional carols and contemporary music. Tickets are \$69 and \$89 and can be purchased at sunsetcenter.org.

On Dec. 10 and 11, **I Cantori di Carmel** will host its annual Christmas concerts at the **Carmel Mission**. Performances begin



Christmas in the Adobes brings history to life — and you can even practice your two-step.

at 8 p.m., when the choir will present J.S. Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" (Weihnachtssoratorium), Cantatas I-III, which describes the birth of Jesus, the announcement to the shepherds, and the shepherds' adoration of the newborn Christ.

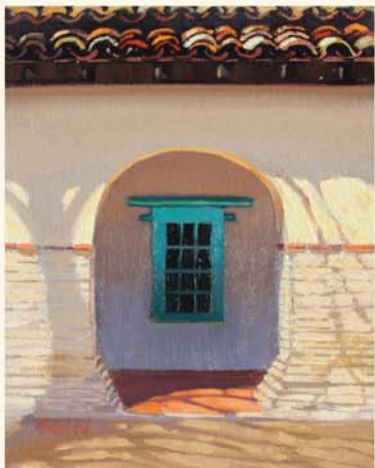
The **Barnyard Shopping Center** will present music by singer and multi-instrumentalist **Dan Cortes** starting Dec. 10 at 1 p.m., along with kid-friendly crafts and a visit from St. Nick from 2 to 4 p.m., with an encore event at the same times on Dec.

11, featuring singer-songwriter **Fred McCarty**.

Monterey's restored art deco movie-house-turned-performance-venue, the **Golden State Theatre**, hosts **The Squirrel Nut Zippers Christmas Caravan Tour** on Friday, Dec. 9.

The Zippers defy pigeonholing (likely because of the squirrels), drawing from jazz, swing, folk and punk, occasionally

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H O L I D A Y G U I D E

Shop here, benefit elephants in Africa

By DENNIS TAYLOR

IN 2019, after an emotional visit to Africa, a Dallas businesswoman abruptly decided she wanted more in her life than being the proprietor of two award-winning restaurants that she had run for 20 years.

Three years later, Susie Bauer has found fulfillment as owner-operator of one of the most unusual shops on the Monterey Peninsula.

“I go to bed every night with a big smile on my face,” said Bauer, who opened Mopane last February in the Carmel Crossroads. It’s a nonprofit store with the single-minded intent of supporting orphaned baby elephants in the Republic of Botswana.

One-of-a-kind goods

Within three months of opening, Bauer had established relationships with multiple vendors — also nonprofit — who supply the store with one-of-a-kind goods, most of which are handmade by artisans from villages in Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Ghana, Senegal, Zambia, South Africa and other countries.

She also has expanded her charitable donations to worthy causes on the Monterey Peninsula.

Mopane, named after a type of tree found in southern Africa, distributes half of its monthly profits to the baby elephant orphanage Bauer and her husband, Richard, visited five years ago.

A display behind the store’s register features large photos of nine baby elephants sheltered by Elephant Havens Wildlife, founded in 2017 in Botswana by Bauer’s friends, Debra Stevens and Scott Jackson, to rescue and restore the health of African elephants orphaned by ivory poachers, trophy hunters, and habitat loss and encroachment.

Foster a baby elephant

Mopane, in collaboration with Elephant Havens, makes each elephant available to be “fostered” through monthly cash donations. The money helps defray the expense of feeding and nurturing the animals, whose names are Bokosmo, Bonolo, Lerumo, MmaMotse, Mofalodi, Sandy, Seloko, Tshepiso and Tsholofelo.

“The elephants aren’t given names until it’s certain that they’re going to live,” Bauer said of the orphans, who range in age from 22 months to 5 and 1/2 years.



Mopane, a nonprofit shop founded by Susie Bauer, in the Crossroads shopping center, donates proceeds from the sale of items handmade in Africa to a haven in Botswana for orphaned baby elephants, as well as other causes. Bauer and her husband, Richard, met MmaMotse and other affectionate orphaned baby elephants during a trip to Botswana in 2017.



Bauer’s interest in global humanitarianism and animal welfare dates to 2002, when she signed up for the Peace Corps, enrolling in a program at the Monterey Institute for International Studies (now Middlebury Institute).

“I was going to be sent to Morocco, then 9/11 hit, and they said, ‘You don’t get to go anywhere, but you can teach in Salinas,’” she said. “So I taught at Hartnell College for a year.”

Just one kiss

The seed for Bauer’s life-changing epiphany on the Botswana trip was planted the moment MmaMotse, whose name means hope, curled up on her lap and kissed her face.

Another percentage of Mopane’s proceeds is distrib-

uted monthly to Peninsula community causes: The Food Bank for Monterey County was the beneficiary in October. Beach cleanup, sponsored by the Monterey chapter of Surfrider Foundation, received money in November and AIM Youth Mental Health will be December’s recipient.

A story for every item

“Everything in the store has a cool story. This old granary door from Mali was made at least 100 years ago by people from the Dogan tribe,” she said of a rustic, but well preserved piece adorned with hand-carved images of crocodiles eating rats, scary faces to ward off evil spirits,

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Wrapping up holiday shopping for teenagers

By RILEY PALSHAW

Shopping for loved ones during the holiday season can be daunting, and when it comes to buying gifts for teenagers, it can be even more formidable. I get it. As a teenager, I understand that adolescents can be hard to read and it can be tough to figure out what your niece or grandson might like. Fear not — here’s a guide that will help you pick out the perfect present for the young adult in your life.

Getting cozy

Normally you don’t wear your slippers outside of the house, but **UGG slippers** make it more than okay, and besides, most teens are reluctant to change out of their pajamas, anyway. Originally designed in Australia, but made popular by Southern California beach culture, these sheepskin slippers will insulate your teenager’s feet with a soft wool lining perfect for keeping warm in or out of the house. Pick up a pair of UGG slippers or boots at **Lloyd’s Shoes, Hedi’s** or at **On The Beach Surf Shop** on Light-house Avenue in Monterey for someone who needs an extra source of warmth this winter season.

In keeping with the changing seasons, make sure to grab a **flannel shirt or jacket** to put under the Christmas tree. A timeless staple in many high schoolers’ wardrobes, plaid flannel shirts are the perfect gift for any young adult, as they’re great by themselves or as layering pieces. Especially with Carmel’s cold winter mornings, a quilted-lined flannel jacket or sherpa-lined flannel shirt could be just



It’s probably won’t snow, but Bliss boutique still wants everyone to stay stylishly warm.

what a high school student needs as they roam their outdoor campus. You should be able to find just the thing at **Coast Carmel, Parts Unknown** or **Ms. Fabulous**.

And of course, the outfit isn’t complete without a **knit beanie**, gifted just in time for ski season. The **Carmel Hat Company** has a variety of beanies to choose from, as does **Zumiez** at Del Monte Shopping Center in Monterey. **Bliss Boutique** also has them, along with a wide assortment of other accessories, which brings us to...

Stylish additions

Accessorizing with jewelry transcends age categories, but for teens, there’s one essential piece that comes to mind: **bracelets**. Collecting bracelets to layer and stack has become a popular trend — especially among adolescent girls — whether it’s with gold link chains, colorful string bracelets or handmade charms. For those who prefer a classic string friendship bracelet look, check out the Pura Vida collection at **On The Beach Surf Shop** for unique and bohemian sets. If a beaded band is more up your alley, look no further than **elizabethW Carmel** on Ocean Avenue between Monte Verde and Lincoln, with a selection of gold bracelets to complete a flawless ensemble.

Another safe option for young adults is a pair of **sneakers** from a popular brand like **Converse** (check with the experts at **Hedi’s** or **Lloyd’s**), or **Vans**, which has a shop in **Del Monte Center**. With women’s, men’s and unisex styles, you’re bound to find a shoe for the young adult in your life. Unsure about what to order? Start with a pair of Converse Chuck Taylor All Star Classics (the high-tops you remember from your own youth) or a pair of classic slip-ons from Vans. They’ll always be a safe bet, especially for teenage boys.

All about tech

This generation of high schoolers might have been raised taking photos with their iPhones, but don’t be mistaken — **disposable film cameras** never go out of style. There’s just something about capturing the peak moments of your high school experience by having to charge the flash, press down a button to snap a photo and wait a week



Coast Carmel (top left) and Ms. Fabulous (top right) have the flannel shirts teens love. Chuck Taylor All Star Classic sneakers and UGG slippers, available at several stores, are always welcome.

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Owners retire, but longtime local stationery store stays put

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

THIS STORY seems lifted right out of a holiday movie. In fact, the temptation to call it “a Hallmark story” was almost overwhelming.

Picture it: Since 1903, Spencers, the town’s longtime resource for stationery and greeting cards, office supplies and all things celebratory, has been serving as a community hub where the shopkeepers know your name and ask about your children. Some say it’s the Belgian chocolate malt balls and the owner’s fancy handmade birdhouses that keep people coming in. But most folks know it’s the customer care.

The conflict in the tale arises once the owners decide it’s time to retire, to slow down their schedule, volunteer in town and travel. Shoppers worry that the store, which is still operating with Covid-shortened hours, will shut its doors permanently. But the owners stay on, searching for the right couple to carry the torch.

The turning point comes when Bill and Kathy Kaminski speak with Jim and Gloria Dougherty, who have helmed Spencers

Stationery (presently located in the Crossroads shopping center) for 40 years.

Cue the swell of happy music. The Kaminskis had shopped at Spencers so often, they decided to buy the place. It seemed almost like a second home, and a match made in business heaven.

Bill Kaminski, who has a background in corporate strategies, business operations, management consulting and banking, will use his skills to take over the back of the house, just like his retiring predecessor. For 40 years, Jim Dougherty has donned his leather apron to work behind the scenes, handling accounting, purchasing and stocking shelves. He plans to keep his apron, but did present Bill Kaminski with a new one.

Kathy Kaminski is a stylist and graphic designer who has a background in decorating and staging homes. She loves to wrap gifts, decorate themed windows, send handwritten notes, and to otherwise engage with people. In her studio at home, she makes gift tags with hand-pressed flowers,



Bill & Kathy Kaminski are the new owners of Spencers stationery shop in the Crossroads.

creates collages and enjoys painting.

She’s already decorated the two front windows in festive holiday decor, a new feature she plans to turn into tradition.

“I love Christmas,” she said. “We sell Christmas-themed cards and stationery, giftwrap and ribbon, table decor and gifts. I wanted to usher customers into the spirit of the season.”

A welcome home

The support from the community as the Doughertys work alongside the Kaminskis during their transition has been amazing, said Bill Kaminski. Almost overwhelming, agreed his wife.

The Carmel Valley couple continued, “Mostly folks want to know if Jim’s going to keep making his birdhouses and if we plan to keep stocking malt balls. Both will remain Spencer’s staples. Jim said we didn’t have to continue to sell the malt balls, but he warned there’d be quite an uproar if we didn’t. We want to embrace the community, not upset them.”

A loyal customer recently stopped in, looked around and said, “You’re not going to change a thing, right? Not a thing.”

The things she and other locals are used to finding in their neighborhood store — like all the dog-related cards for canine-obsessed residents — will stay. “But I might

add a few things,” Kathy Kaminski said. “I do plan to expand our art department to include a crafts section. I even plan to host craft events after hours.” She is working with local artist Alyssa Ramp in those areas.

The Kaminskis also intend to retain the name of the legendary store, understanding that it speaks to tradition, consistency and community. But they’re extending the hours of operation.

“We understand the reduced hours during the pandemic,” Bill said, “but we’ve already increased our hours to 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, maintaining Monday and Tuesday at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and staying closed Sunday. We will continue to add hours as we build our staffing.”

Reportedly, Jim Dougherty was at least the fourth owner of the business, which was established by photographer Louis S. Slevin, who came to Carmel in 1903 and opened a photograph and stationery store as part of the post office on Ocean Avenue.

In 1936, Bob Spencer took over the operation, promptly renaming the place to reflect its new ownership. Even when he later sold it to a Mr. Allen, it remained Spencers, and it has ever since. Dougherty

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Prime minister forges a bond of love between two households

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

TWO YEARS ago, having just moved into their new retirement home, Dale and Neil Agron were happily anticipating their first Thanksgiving at Hacienda Carmel, when Neil suffered a fall, then fell ill and died in early January. Shortly thereafter, their grandson died while still in college. And later that spring, Dale Agron’s 12-year-old corgi, Casey, also passed away.

Agron has always believed there are two ways to survive such suffering. One is to help someone else do the same. The other is to rescue a dog.

“This summer,” said the octogenarian, “I was able to help someone in our community who’d gotten Winston Churchill, a baby French bulldog that wasn’t fitting into the family. She was going to give him back to the breeder, but I had fallen in love with him, so I said I’d take him.”

Even her Bichon Frise and her cat seemed to love Winston. But, before long, Agron realized she’d taken on more than she could handle with the adorable, rambunctious puppy, who ran circles around her, threatening to knock her off-balance and cause a fall.

She said, “Knowing I couldn’t provide Winston the

care and attention he needed, I reluctantly took him to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, from which I’ve adopted dogs before. I knew they would re-home him well.”

Who ya gonna call?

When local animal rescue organizations receive a French bulldog in need, they tend to contact animal advocate and Frenchie fanatic Marci Bracco, who has sheltered and saved dozens of the little characters over nearly two decades. True to tradition, Peace of Mind called Bracco to see if she could come collect Winston.

Bracco had been working late and just wanted to get home. But first, she stopped in Pacific Grove to meet Agron and the year-old Frenchie.

“When I met with Marci, Winston was acting like a young child, but within minutes, he was willing to sit on her lap,” said Agron. “I was grateful to see she had fallen in love with him, too. Then she told me she had other French bulldogs and that Winston reminded her of her dear, departed Hugo.”

Agron’s gratitude didn’t assuage her grief in letting go of yet another loved one and she cried as she drove home. Blinded by her tears, she got into a single-car accident and totaled her Prius on Carmel Valley Road, fortunately escaping without injury.

She said, “Once I finally got home, I was sitting there, feeling very sad, when Marci called and said, ‘I know it was hard for you to give up this dog you love.’ Then she made me laugh by describing his antics in the household. We have spoken every day since, and I know he’s gone to the best possible home any dog could have.”

The next day, “Winston” sent Agron a floral arrangement in rich fall colors, accompanied by a note that read, “I miss you and the Agron family, but I’m having such a good time here,” accompanied by an invitation to Thanksgiv-

ing dinner.

“Dale Agron is family now,” asserted Bracco. “So is Winston Churchill. When we adopted him, we adopted her.”

Agron, who has lived on the Peninsula since 1960, has always had rescue animals. She is hoping to get another car, so she can volunteer for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

“I would love to foster older dogs,” she said. “Peace of Mind makes me feel secure, knowing if anything ever happened to me, my dogs would end up in a wonderful home, just like Winston did.”



Marci Bracco adopted Winston — and his previous owner, inviting her over for Thanksgiving.



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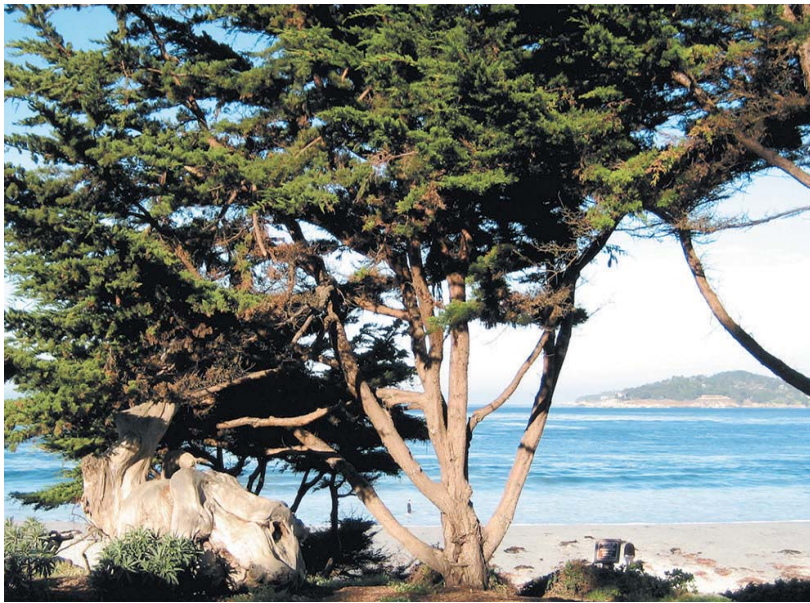
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to get your pictures back. The anticipation can be a lot, but when your teen unwraps this present, they'll also be thanking you a lot.

If taking a blast to the past isn't their thing, there's always some technological updates high schoolers are happy to receive. For instance, your teen might need a new **phone case** to replace the crusty, broken one that's been on their cell phone since the day they got it, or perhaps a new pair of **Bluetooth headphones**, so they can cancel out distracting noises and actually get their homework done. Phone cases come in forms from haute couture to novelty designs, not to mention some that are made to take a real beating on the beach or elsewhere in the great outdoors.

If you're instead looking for some form of entertainment to keep your teen busy,

new **video games** for their gaming console might be the way to go. A bunch of new games were released this year, like Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II or Just Dance 2023 Edition. For help sorting through 2022's titles and making sure you're getting the right game for the right system, visit **GameStop** in Sand City.

Don't give up

Even if you scour the Earth for a one-of-a-kind present, some high schoolers still won't be impressed. As much as you may want to buy a loved one a super-intricate gift, sometimes the best thing you can get a teenager is a **gift card** to their favorite store or coffee shop, allowing them to pick out something for themselves.

Teens are notoriously broke anyway, so why not give them the opportunity to shop around on their own? I promise they won't be disappointed.



(Clockwise from top left) ElizabethW on Ocean Avenue has beautiful gold bracelets to elevate a holiday look. Some teens prefer to stack their wrist wear, and for a more traditional friendship bracelet, check out Pura Vida at On the Beach.

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Tickets for one evening start at \$25, or both nights for \$40, with discounts for youth, active duty military and Monterey State Historic Park members. The money goes

to educational history programs for kids and the restoration of California's First Theater (which will be open for the event). Check out mshpa.org for more information.

Also on Dec. 10, Santa and the Mrs. will arrive by helicopter for the **64th Carmel Valley Fly-In**. After landing on Carmel Valley Airfield around 11 a.m., they'll board a vintage firetruck for a parade into the Village.

Come to the **Carmel Valley Community Youth Center** at 25 Ford Road for photos with the Big Guy, face painting, live entertainment, a petting zoo and bounce houses.

Supporters of **YOSAL** (Youth Orchestra Salinas) can take a drive to **Sherwood Hall** in **Salinas** to enjoy the group's winter concert on Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. More than 200 students from Salinas and South County will perform "a diverse program of classical, cultural, and holiday music," and will be joined by -, a professional Mexican band. Tickets are free, but must be reserved by Dec. 6 at www.yosal.org.



Shops at the Crossroads are festooned with colorful holiday windows.

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The **Monterey Chamber Singers** — established virtually in 2020, during the pandemic — offers a performance on Dec. 17 at the **Church of the Wayfarer**. Titled “Glory and Splendor,” it will feature the premiere of director and organist Dr. Cyril Deaconoff’s “Hagia Sophia,” for choir, instrumental ensemble and analog synthesizer, “recalling the Byzantine culture and acoustics of the great cathedral in Istanbul.” Selections from local composer **Alan Silvestri**’s music for “The Polar Express” will be included, along with an eclectic selection of other numbers. The music starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by emailing montereychambersingers@gmail.com.

Sunday, Dec. 18, the **Carmel Bach Festival Chorus** invites locals to come caroling with them — no auditions required, and song sheets will be provided. Meet them at 1 p.m. at **Carmel Plaza** for a one-hour musical stroll down Ocean Avenue.

Whether 2022 was great or awful, give it a proper sendoff. **First Night Monterey** celebrates its 30th year with another alcohol-free evening out in Old Monterey. From the lawn at Colton Hall to the Conference Center, park your car and enjoy as many of the 65 expected indoor and outdoor performances as you can. **Kids’ Night Out** begins at 3 p.m. with a twilight parade at 5:30 p.m. After that, get ready for another seven hours of music — classical, jazz, bluegrass, samba and folk, to name a few. You’ll find spots where you can dance,



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and others where you can just sit and listen. If you want to toast the New Year, local restaurants and bars will welcome you in for a glass of cheer. Buy a button at firstnightmonterey.org — still a bargain at \$22 and up for early birds (before Dec. 12), \$30 each after. Youth and family pricing is also available.





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scythes the tribe used to harvest wheat, and the snakes and mice that ate their grain.

“These antique wedding baskets are from Zambia, made from makeenge root, which grows in water near the Zambezi River,” Bauer said. “The baskets are passed down through families from generation to generation, and each one has a unique design pattern relating to the family lineage.”

Hanging on a wall of the store is a ceremonial mask — a crocodile dubbed Bobo, more than 4 feet long — made in the West African country of Burkina Faso.

Another, named Bozo, was crafted in Mali.

A trio of brilliantly colored church panels were originally decor for a Coptic

Christian church in Ethiopia.

Old-school toys

Colorful, sturdy children’s toys from Zimbabwe, crafted from recycled garbage, include rhinos, elephants, lions, leopards, zebras and giraffes. Those items were made by an East African nonprofit called RefuSHE. Its mission is “to create a comprehensive, holistic model to address the unique needs of the young women (refugees) in our programs. We are investing in the next generation of leaders and ensuring that they have the skills to succeed.”

Mandy Stein, a 2009 graduate of Carmel High School, founded Tanzanian nonprofit Neema International, which has supplied Mopane with handcrafted African-print beach bags, computer bags, and

cosmetic bags.

“Mandy went to Tanzania after graduating from Carmel High, built two schools and an orphanage there and never came back,” Bauer said.

Mopane also displays handcrafted jewelry from Ghana, a 400-pound handmade chandelier from Malawi, scarves and beach wraps from Nairobi, and many other one-off gift items.

“For me, the shopping is fun,” said Bauer, who often travels to find merchandise, sometimes abroad. “I spent the past week in a warehouse in Phoenix, crawling around, going through boxes, getting filthy dirty. I had a blast.”

Additional information about the store and its mission can be found online at mopane.org.



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bought the shop in 1981, and thanks to the Kaminskis, the legend continues.

“The community has been so supportive of Spencers over the last 40 years. We will miss that camaraderie,” said Gloria Dougherty. “But we have been volunteers in the past and are looking forward to reestablishing our volunteerism as a way to give back to this community. And we are so thankful the legacy of Spencers will continue in the capable and creative hands of Bill and Kathy Kaminski.”

In 2015, the Kaminskis, who lived in the East Bay for 15 years, bought a weekend place in Carmel Valley. Increasingly reluctant to depart on Sunday evenings to return to a place where shopkeepers didn’t know their



Spencers is ready for Christmas.

names, they spent time in Carmel until it had become their primary home. Before long, they began looking for ways to contribute to their new community.

Kathy Kaminski, who worked at Bloomingdale’s during college and for Lord & Taylor after grad school, absolutely loves life on the selling

floor. Her husband appreciates the solitude of the back of the business.

He’s passionate about coffee; she loves chocolate. They complete each other’s sentences.

“Thirty years into our marriage, this is not where we

expected ourselves to be,” she said. “But we feel so fortunate to have found such a great business in our community. This is a whole new way to spend time together. We really are living in a Hallmark Christmas movie.”

It seems somebody had to say it, after all.



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I CANTORI DI CARMEL BRINGS BACH MASTERPIECE TO MISSION THIS WEEKEND

CELEBRATING the town’s favorite composer and its most important historical site, **I Cantori di Carmel** performs Bach’s *Christmas Oratorio* Saturday and Sunday at the Carmel Mission. The concerts start at 8 p.m.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

A six-part piece that Bach wrote nearly five centuries ago, the *Christmas Oratorio* is a familiar piece of holiday music in Europe, but isn’t played here often. The first three parts will be played at the mission this weekend.

“It’s like the German *Messiah*,” music director **Daniel Henriks** told The Pine Cone. “Christmas doesn’t start in Germany until you’ve attended a performance of the Oratorio.” About 25 instrumentalists will share the stage with 50 singers, including eight youngsters who are part of I Cantori di Carmel’s new Vocal Arts Academy.

“They are emerging artists from all over the country who were chosen from more than 100 applicants,” Henriks said.

Hendriks said the mission is the perfect venue for the concert. “It’s a sacred place that offers perfect acoustics for this beautiful and uplifting work,” he added.

Tickets are \$35 with discounts for active military, students and kids. While proof of a vaccination won’t be required, masks are. The mission is located at 3080 Rio Road. For tickets, visit icantori.org.

Family-friendly and free

A local husband-wife duo, **The Whiskey Wasps**, team up with others to present a free family-friendly holiday concert Sunday at the Golden State Theater in Monterey.

Showtime is 5 p.m.

Featuring singer and multi-instrumentalist **Billy Schmidt** and singer **Rachel DuVall-Schmidt**, the couple will be accompanied by four musicians — including guitarist **Jedi Horca** — who play music during weekly Sunday services a Monterey church presents at the downtown theater.

The program, titled “Melancholy Holly,” includes a mix of holiday favorites and originals, including a new cover version of “We Three Kings” that the duo is releasing as a single.

While the Whiskey Wasps never set out to specialize in holiday music, audiences seems to have other ideas. “Our Christmas album is the most popular thing we’ve ever put out,” Schmidt explained. “Our Christmas music been used in thousands of projects around the world.”

The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St.

‘Jazz at the Cherry’

In the latest installment of its “Jazz at the Cherry” music series, the Cherry Center for the Arts welcomes **Along Came Betty** Sunday. The music starts at 2 p.m.

Founded in 1998 to celebrate the hard-bop jazz of the 1950s and 1960s, the quintet has opened the Monterey Jazz Festival three times. Its lineup includes multi-instrumentalist **Brian Stock**, pianist **Biff Smith**, saxophonist **Paul Tarantino**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Patrick Tregenza**.

According to executive director, **Robert Reese**, the Cherry Center’s theater provides a friendly and intimate place to listen to jazz. “Jazz At The Cherry always feels like a family event,” Reese said.

Tickets are \$25. The Cherry Center is

located at Guadalupe and Fourth. Visit carlcherrycenter.org.

Two trios play Sand Box

The Sand Box in Sand City has two shows this week, including one on Tuesday that pairs violinist **Edwin Huizinga** with **Penny Vieregge**, a 95-year-old Big Sur resident and **Deva Munay**, who plays singing bowls. Vieregge will read the poetry of Hafiz, a Persian poet who lived in the 14th century. Tickets start at \$25. and the music begins at 5 p.m.

Also at the Sand Box, a trio that includes Huizinga, cel-

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I Cantori Carmel presents Bach’s *Christmas Oratorio* this weekend at Carmel Mission. More than 80 are performing, including some youngsters from far away.



ETHIOPIA: UNDERSTANDING THE CONFLICT AND THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

Colonel Bruce Sweeney U.S. Army (Retired)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

11:30 am: Registration 12:00 pm: Luncheon 12:45 pm: Program
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The Horn of Africa, which includes Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, and South Sudan, is one of the world’s most conflict prone and fragile regions. This strategic area has been immersed in conflict in one form or another since 1974. In addition, both protracted conflict and climate-driven drought have also propelled widespread famine of crisis proportions in the Horn of Africa. Recently, a ceasefire appears to have been established in Ethiopia and peace talks have started, allowing food aid to be delivered to starving people in the Tigray region of the country. Thus, in at least one part of the world, politics may end on a hopeful note at the close of 2022.

Our December speaker, Colonel Bruce Sweeney, served as Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 2012 to 2014. In his talk, Colonel Sweeney will discuss the strategic area of the Horn of Africa, with a special focus on Ethiopia, its history, and the difficulty of keeping its neighbors and provinces at peace.

Most recently, he served as a Military Professor and the Foreign Area Officer Chair in the Department of National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey. An Army Foreign Area Officer, Colonel Sweeney speaks French, Hungarian, and Russian. His most recent assignment before NPS was as Defense Attaché and Senior Defense Official in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He has also served as Defense Attaché in Paris, Kabul, and Budapest. Colonel Sweeney has extensive overseas experience in almost every region of the world: Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Pacific, and South Asia.

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to enjoy, too, while they wait. And since this is the season of giving and good will, the airport’s popular restaurant, Woody’s, is offering \$10 meals to servicemen and women traveling for the holidays. Patrons can give a gift of a free meal by sending \$10 to Venmo at @woody-sattheairport or donating it in person at the restaurant by asking the server to add \$10 to their bill for a servicemember meal. The free meals will be made available to those visiting in the Military Lounge, which is located at the administration office on the second floor of the terminal. For more information, contact the airport at (831) 648-7000, and for large groups, email operations@montereyairport.com. Visit montereyairport.com for more information.

will hold a fundraiser at The Habit Burger Grill in Salinas from 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 11, when 20 percent of all food sales will be donated to the nonprofit. Vicky’s Art School was launched in 2019 and hosts therapeutic art sessions and events designed “to encourage, inspire and provide opportunities for healing through art,” according to founder Victoria Lee. “The charity provides an open, supportive and creative space for children with disabilities and social disadvantages, ensuring its students can find healing and mindfulness through art and creative expression.” To ensure their purchases benefit the charity, customers should make sure employees know they are there for the fundraiser when they’re ordering. The party on Sunday will also have Lee and her staff giving toys and gift cards to children who participate. The Habit, which Lee said will honor the donation drive through Tuesday, is located at 1602 N. Main in Salinas.

■ **Breakfast with Santa** The Portola Hotel will offer Breakfast with Santa Claus Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with Jacks restaurant favorites like buttermilk pancakes, classic eggs benedict, huevos rancheros and mimosas. Santa Claus will be visiting diners and posing for photos in the festively decorated hotel lobby and restaurant. Reservations are recommended. Call Jacks Monterey at (831) 649-7830 or email jacks@portolahotel.com.

■ **Ugly sweaters** Wine fans wanting to get in the spirit should dig up their ugly sweaters and head to Comanche Cellars Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. for the Ugly Christmas Sweater and Dumpling Party. The \$40 fee includes Emily Lippe’s

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Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

open to active duty military travelers every day from 4 a.m. through the last flight of the evening, offering free meals, snacks, beverages, comfortable seating and wifi while they are waiting for flights home to visit their families or to go on duty. Twisted Roots winery is donating wine for guests



Nielsen Bros. Market will offer a free tasting of three Chandon sparklers, including the refreshing Garden Spritz.

■ Cookies for good

During Christmas on the Wharf, which runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 18, Old Fisherman’s Grotto will sell Christmas cookies to raise money for The Salvation Army’s Monterey Peninsula Corps. Baked by chef Juan Ponce and his staff, the cookies will be available for purchase Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. For more information, visit the Christmas on the Wharf page on montereywharf.com or call (831) 238-0777 or email info@montereywharf.com.

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dumplings, while wine will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Lippe will provide all the ingredients and lead guests through the process of making dumplings. Wine-dumpling pairing suggestions will also be provided.

Comanche Cellars Wine Room is located at 412 Alvarado St. in Monterey. Order tickets at comanchecellars.order-port.net/wines/events.

SantaCon Monterey

Santas of all shapes and sizes will take over downtown Monterey Saturday, Dec. 17, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for a pub crawl and toy drive.

Participants are encouraged to don their favorite Santa garb or other festive attire — all holiday themes are welcome — and bring an unwrapped new or gently used toy for a kid of any age to the SantaCon starting line by the tree at Colton Hall on Pacific Street. The toys will be given to an organization serving autistic kids by Mark Arellano of the Moose Lodge, and donors will be given their Santa Maps showing chosen destinations for the evening. But first, they’ll gather for a group photo at 6:45 p.m.

“Move on from here as you like: Follow the group, follow the map, go out to dinner, take a stroll, create a caroling group — get creative,” said organizers Elsa Rivera and Bill Cox.

The second official stop will be Stokes restaurant or Alejandro’s, followed by other locations, and the Santas will reconvene at the skating rink at Custom House Plaza at 9:30 p.m.

“Support each local business on the map until it’s time to move on to the next stop as a group or move at your own pace,” they said. “Dancing encouraged everywhere!”

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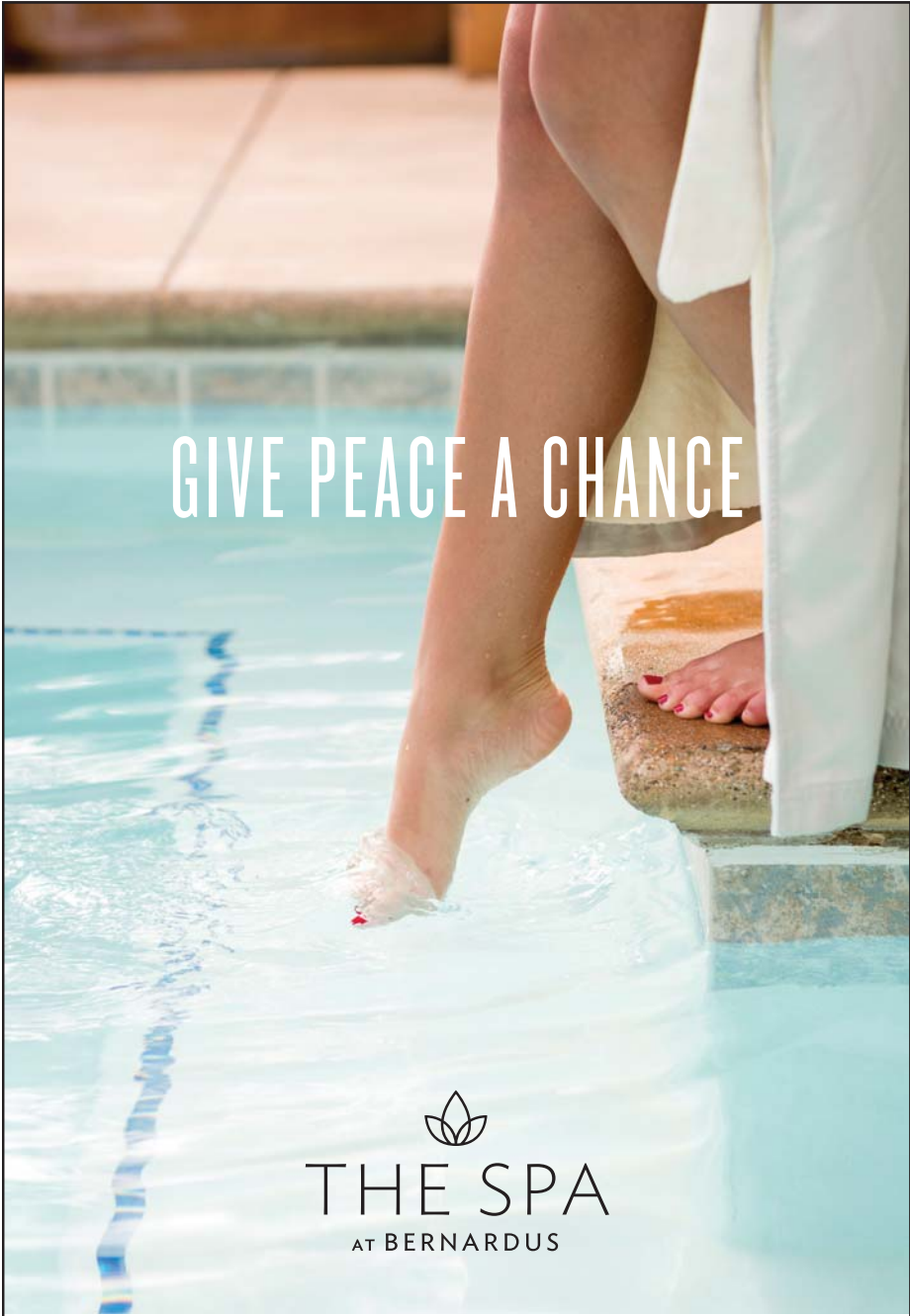
The owners of the new Great British Bake Shop in Salinas so much want people in Carmel to enjoy their food that they’re now offering free midweek delivery. The English expat husband-and-wife team of Lesley Everett and Chris Swainson recreate traditional family favorites, from savory pies, pasties and hot breakfast bakes to sweets such as shortbread and Bakewell tarts.

Customers in Carmel can order at thegreatbritishbakeshop.com, with deliveries made Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The shop also delivers to Sweet Reba’s in the Crossroads shopping center and provides ham and egg pies, sausage

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Special Christmas cookies sold by Old Fisherman’s Grotto on weekends through Dec. 18 will benefit the local Salvation Army corps.



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■ Holman Ranch holiday party

The Holman Ranch tasting room in Carmel Valley Village will host its annual holiday party Dec. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m., with tickets available to club members for \$50 and the general public for \$65. Guests will be treated to mulled wine, chili and cornbread from Paradise Catering, and sweet holiday treats from Paris Bakery. A glass of Holman Ranch wine is included with each admission as well.

Members are eligible to receive up to four discounted tickets. The discount will be applied at checkout when signed in with the same email used with wine club membership. For more information, email wines@holman-ranch.com or call (831) 659-2640, ext. 2. The tasting room is located at 18 W. Carmel Valley Road. Visit holman-ranch.com.

■ Happy Girl's parklet plea

Todd and Jordan Champagne are asking fans of their Happy Girl Kitchen store and café on Central Avenue to fight for their right to keep the parklet they've had since 2014. "The City of Pacific Grove has been strategizing on what to do with outdoor seating now that the pandemic is over, and their recommendation is to get rid of most of the parklets in Pacific Grove, including our beloved little parklet," they recently announced. "If you have enjoyed our parklet over the years and want to see it stay, then now is the time to raise your voice."

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They encouraged supporters to email pgparklets@happygirlkitchen.com and promised to keep people apprised of when

the city council will take up the matter. The couple also urged residents to reach out to elected officials directly. “It is important they hear our voice on how amazing parklets are for the community,” they said.

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Wild Fish brunch

Wild Fish Restaurant at 545 Light-house Ave. in Pacific Grove is now serving brunch on weekends from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The menu includes shrimp Louis with iceberg lettuce, avocado, chorizo-rubbed shrimp, hard-cooked egg, cherry tomatoes, watermelon radish and green mojo dressing, gravlax tartine with soft scrambled eggs on Ad Astra bread with crema and radish, a breakfast burrito (eggs, soy cho-rizo, jack cheese, hash browns and ancho

mole), popovers with butter and preserves or honey, and sweet potato beignets with vanilla bean icing, toasted pecans and sour huckleberry sauce.

Book reservations at wild-fish.com/make-a-reservation or call (831) 373-8523.

Monterey P.D. food drive

Monterey Police Department at 351 Madison St. near Pacific is collecting dona-tions for a holiday food drive. Through Dec. 21, the cops are seeking nonperish-able items for the Food Bank for Monterey County, which helps feed families and kids in need. The collection bin is located inside the lobby at MPD.

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list **Michelle Djokic** and violist **Liz Prior** will plays Bach’s *Goldberg Variations* Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$20.

The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz. For tickets, visit sandboxsandcity.com.

Students raise \$\$ for food bank

Student-musicians from Monterey High School, Santa Catalina School and Stevenson School will play a benefit concert Sunday at Santa Catalina’s Johnson Recital Hall. The concert begins at 6 p.m.

Participants in the Youth Leaders Academy of **Chamber Music Monterey Bay**, the students will play music by Vivaldi, Leclair and Shostakovich. They’ll be joined by pianist **Eun Ha Chung** and violinist **Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu**. The latter is the new artistic director of Chamber Music Monterey Bay.

While the concert is free, the school

is collecting donations. Proceeds benefit the Food Bank for Monterey County. The school is located at 1500 Mark Thomas Dr.

Live music Dec. 9-15

The Barnyard shopping center — singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** plays in the garden (Saturday at 1 p.m.). 3601 The Barnyard.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Haley Jane** (rock, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.) and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.). On Carmel Valley Road at Laureles Grade.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (’60s music, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel.

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

Cuz’s Sportsman’s Club in Seaside — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Transducers** (rock and funk, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Tony Miles** (Sunday at 4 p.m.). 594 Broadway Ave.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Deb-**

bie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Kris Angelis** (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** (Saturday at 3 p.m.), **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Monday at 3 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Thursday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Golden State Theater in Monterey — **The Squirrel Nut Zippers** (swing and jazz, Friday at 8 p.m.) and **The Whiskey Wasps** and others (free, Sunday at 5 p.m.).

417 Alvarado St. For tickets, visit goldenstatetheatre.com

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd., (831) 899-5825.

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

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Friday at 5 p.m.) and **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (jazz and blues, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Jon Dryden** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Andy Weis**

See LIVE page 49A



Singer Rachel DuVall-Schmidt and singer and multi-instrumentalist Billy Schmidt team up with others to play Sunday in Monterey.



CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

5:00 - 9:00PM | \$75** per person

Join us at Covey Grill this Christmas Day for a festive three-course, prix fixe dinner. Choose from holiday favorites such as Miso Buttered Scallops, Herb Roasted Prime Rib, and decadent desserts. Reservations required for dine-in.

To-Go options also available!
Reservations at <https://linktr.ee/coveygrill>

8205 VALLEY GREENS DRIVE, CARMEL | 831.620.8860



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Two-Course Dinner \$34 to \$57

STARTERS

HOUSEMADE CREAM OF WILD MUSHROOM SOUP

BABY SPINACH SALAD
Pomegranate dressing with walnuts, beets and blue cheese

CRISPY SHRIMP SPRING ROLL
with sweet-hot dipping sauce

CAESAR SALAD
Topped with Caesar Dressing and Parmesan Cheese

ENTREES

SALMON WELLINGTON \$44
Basil-seafood mousse in a pastry crust, topped with orange-butter sauce

 BUTTERNUT SQUASH RAVIOLI \$34
Housemade ravioli stuffed with butternut squash & mozzarella cheese, topped with tomato-butter sauce

DUCK OUR WAY \$44
Confit leg of duck & duck mousse ravioli with orange sauce and mashed potatoes

BRAISED SHORT RIBS \$44
Boneless short ribs and red wine sauce with mashed potatoes

RIB EYE STEAK \$56
12 oz. Black Angus topped with red-wine sauce, served with mashed potatoes

RACK OF LAMB \$57
Encrusted with dijon mustard/red wine sauce, served with mashed potatoes

No SPLIT DINNERS PLEASE
An 18% gratuity may be added for parties of 6 or more • Not responsible for lost or stolen articles • Sorry we do not accept checks
Go to www.maxgrill.com to make reservations online or call 831.375.7997

Christmas on the Wharf



Come Visit Santa on the Wharf and Join Us for Our Sixth Annual Celebration!



FRIDAYS | December 2, 9, 16 | 5:00pm to 9:00pm
SATURDAYS | December 3, 10, 17 | 11:00am to 9:00pm
SUNDAYS | December 4, 11, 18 | 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Presented by Fisherman’s Wharf Association | montereywharf.com

FOOD
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Business HOF

Central Coast business leaders, including farmers and a winery owner, will be honored at an awards lunch organized by Junior Achievement of Northern California. The 2023 Monterey Bay Business Hall of Fame inductees will be celebrated at a luncheon at the Inn at Spanish Bay Jan. 27.

“Laureates are nominated and selected based on their accomplishments in five key areas: business excellence, courageous thinking and actions, vision and innovation, inspirational leadership, and philanthropy,” according to the organization. A committee comprising past inductees and current JA board members selected the winners.

Those to be recognized include Greg Ahn, CEO and founder of Folktale Group (Folktale Winery, Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, Rise + Roam bakery and Roam restaurant), D’Arrigo California President and CEO John D’Arrigo, and John Metzger, owner of Metzger Farms in Gonzales.

Hall of Fame committee chair Nick Pasculli said the selection committee “seeks to identify local leaders who stand out not just for their success in business, but for their commitment to responsible business practices and community support.”

Proceeds from the 2023 Business Hall of Fame awards lunch will help fund JA programs for more than 5,000 students in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. For more information or to reserve a table at the luncheon, email taranbh@janorcal.org. More information can be found at norcal.ja.org.



The Holiday Military Lounge is open to active-duty servicemen and service-women traveling through Monterey Regional Airport.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20222030
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CRESSIA BEAUTY, 159 18th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
Mailing address: 4037 Los Altos Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
Registered Owner(s):
THALIA GEORGIANA CRESS, 4037 Los Altos Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93950.
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/Thalia Georgiana Cress
Date signed: Oct. 5, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 5, 2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022. (PC 1203)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20222279
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Central Coast Security, 8635 Sierra Madre Court, Soledad, CA 93960
Registrant(s):
Canyon Security Specialist & Consulting LLC, 8635 Sierra Madre Court, Soledad, CA 93960
This business is conducted by a limited

LIEN SALE AUCTION ADVERTISEMENT
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.

Auction to be held at **1pm on December 16, 2022** at:
www.selfstorageauction.com

The property is stored at: **Leonard’s Lockers Self Storage, 816 Elvee Drive, Salinas, CA 93901**

NAME OF TENANTS
Adriana Sanchez
Samantha May
Elizabeth Lee Ann Dedmon
Marisa Lopez
Cynthia Ann Savala
Shaun Romo

Publication date: Dec. 2, 9, 2022 (PC1215)

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, December 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Board will visit some or all of 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.

Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 has allowed local legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.

To that end, **this meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall** located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. Mask requirements for this meeting will be posted on the agenda no later than 72 hours before the meeting at this link: <https://ci.carmel-ca.us/meetings>.
To participate via teleconference, copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/88991263922?pwd=TFVQTUeFMjA5c1l2StdDQU94VlIQUtO9>. To attend via telephone, dial +1 253-215-8782. Meeting ID (if needed) is 889 9126 3922, and Passcode (if needed) is 930 359.

All interested persons are invited to attend via teleconference 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 bswanson@ci.carmel-ca.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 the City’s YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Historic Resources Board meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

DS 21-436 (Libreri)
Tom Meaney, Architect
San Antonio Avenue 1 northwest of 9th Avenue
Block 1A, Lot E. 110’ of 10
APN 010-301-020
Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Design Study application, DS 21-436 (Libreri), for alterations to the historic “Casa Laiolo” house located on San Antonio Avenue 1 northwest of 9th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Park Overlay District, Beach & Riparian Overlay District, and Coastal Commission Appeal Jurisdiction.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson, Community Planning & Building Director
Publication dates: Dec. 9, 2022 (PC1216)

Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022. (PC 1206)

PUBLIC AUCTION
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.
Auction to be held at 1:00 pm on December 20, 2022 at:
www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Coastal Storage, 575 California Ave, Sand City, CA 93955

Name of Tenants
Amanda Quinn Smith
12/2, 12/9/22
CNS-3647707#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Dec. 2, 9, 2022. (PC 1207)

PUBLIC AUCTION
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.
Auction to be held at 1:00 pm on December 16, 2022 at:
www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Marina U Store Self Storage, 475 Reservation Road, Marina, CA 93933
Name of Tenants
Cesar Antonio Ventura
12/2, 12/9/22
CNS-3647697#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Dec. 2, 9, 2022. (PC 1208)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20222345
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **A. T. ORGAIN FARMS, 1700 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.**
Mailing address: 32 S. Hebborn Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.
Registered Owner(s):
ANTONIO TOMAS CHAVEZ SANCHEZ, 32 S. Hebborn Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 28, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor

SUMMONS
(Citacion Judicial)
CASE NUMBER: 21 CV003323

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(Aviso al demandado)
Flora Juana Garcia Garcia
Ignacio Gusman Ramirez

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(Lo esta demandando el demandante)
Westlake Services, LLC
dba Westlake Financial Services
NOTICE: You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al

punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Antonio T. Chavez Sanchez
Date signed: Nov. 28, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 28, 2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022. (PC 1209)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA MILDRED FREIFELD aka BARBARA FREIFELD, Decedent Case Number 22PR000590
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BARBARA MILDRED FREIFELD aka BARBARA FREIFELD.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LENORA SHAW in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.
The Petition for Probate requests that LENORA SHAW be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: January 4, 2023

demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.
The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de le corte es):
MONTEREY COURT
1200 AGUAJITO ROAD
MONTEREY, CA 93940
The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Joshua M. Moonesinghe, Counsel - Bar #316620
Westlake Services, LLC dba Westlake Financial Services
4751 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90010
(888) 333-0192
Date: Oct. 19, 2021
(s) Rowena Esquerra, Deputy

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LA VERNE SINCONIS, AMENDED Case Number 22PR000545
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LA VERNE SINCONIS.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RICHARD I. SINCONIS in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.
The Petition for Probate requests that RICHARD I. SINCONIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: January 4, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: January 4, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a

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You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Julie King, Esq. and Tricia L. Manning, Esq.
2100 Garden Road, Suite G
Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 275-1002
This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Nov. 29, 2022.
Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 2022. (PC 1210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20222328
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Travel with Intention, 817 King Street, King City, CA 93930, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Michelle R. Muncy-Silva, 817 King Street, King City, CA 93930
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Michelle R. Muncy-Silva
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/22/2022
12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22
CNS-3648612#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022. (PC 1213)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20222408
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALL AMERICAN PRESSURE CLEANING, 107 Midway Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.**
Registered Owner(s):
MAURICIO IVAN JUAREZ, 107 Midway Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 5, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Mauricio Ivan Juarez
Date signed: Dec. 5, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 5, 2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022. (PC 1215)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LA VERNE SINCONIS, AMENDED Case Number 22PR000545
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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: January 4, 2023
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Dept.: 13
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Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a

general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
ROBERT E. WILLIAMS
215 W. Franklin Street
Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 372-8053
This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Nov. 7, 2022.
Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 2022. (PC 1214)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20222277
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. DANNY SKY MUSIC PUBLISHING
2. DANNY SKY
3. COLLEGE RADIO DIRECTORY
470 Churchill Way, Salinas, CA 93906.
Mailing address: 1628 N. Main St. PMB 259, Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
DANNY SKY MUSIC PUBLISHING LLC, 1628 N. Main St. PMB 259, Salinas, CA 93906.
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 Oct. 10, 2022.
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Date: Nov. 14, 2022
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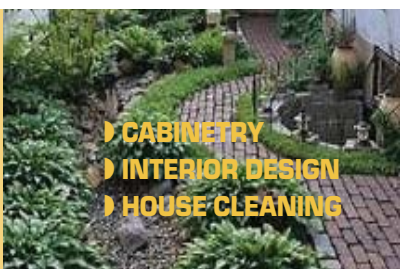
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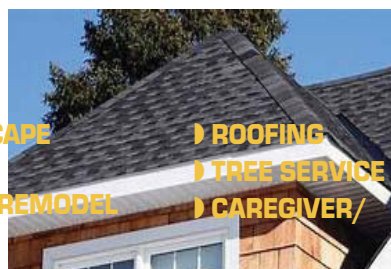
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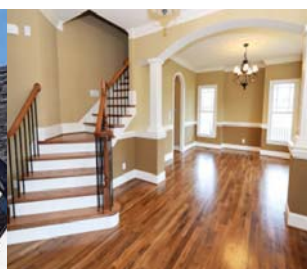
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