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BIG STORM DOES LITTLE DAMAGE





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After Saturday's downpour, water levels in the Carmel River Lagoon rose to near flood stage, stranding the sheep at Mission Ranch (top) and spurring flood control efforts in a low-lying neighborhood (above left). But Sunday morning the sandbar breached on its own, draining the lagoon and producing stunning views of the river flowing to the sea.

■ Five inches of rain in 24 hours

By CHRIS COUNTS

MONTEREY COUNTY workers swung into action last weekend as heavy rains filled the Carmel River Lagoon. But when high tides prevented the safe operation of bulldozers on the beach Sunday, Mother Nature came to the rescue, and by late Sunday morning, the river had broken through the sandbar on its own, alleviating any immediate threat of flooding to nearby homes.

Down the coast in Big Sur, much of Highway 1 was closed for several days as a preventative measure, making it

easier for work crews to clean up the rocks and debris that fell on the scenic route during the storms that hit Friday and Saturday.

Monterey County spokesperson Maia Carroll gave an update on the sandbar later Sunday.

"The tide has begun to recede and the channel appears to be well established," she said. "State parks lifeguards are onsite, and a rope barrier is in place to keep the public a safe distance from the channel."

The Monterey Peninsula Water

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Theis bids farewell as Potter, Dramov and Baron take oaths

■ Council's longest-serving member retires

By MARY SCHLEY

IN HER last official act as a city councilwoman after occupying a seat at the dais for a decade, Carrie Theis voted alongside her colleagues Tuesday to certify the Nov. 8 election that saw Carmel voters choose Alissandra Dramov as her successor. Theis chose not to run for reelection in the race in which Mayor Dave Potter was elected for a third term and councilman Jeff Baron for his

Appointed to replace outgoing council-

'You've done your homework for every meeting, and that's exemplary'

woman Paula Hazdovac August 2012, Theis successfully campaigned for reelection in 2014 and 2018. She was the longest-serving member of council, hav-

ing been in office through the tumultuous years of former city administrator Jason Stilwell's administration — with its wrongful terminations, questionable spending, withholding of public information and other practices that sparked a march on city hall and a petition drive to remove him — and of the harassment allegations against former Mayor Steve Dallas.

First vote

She was key in developing the city's recently adopted climate action plan, having served on the climate change committee alongside Baron, and during her tenure saw the city's budget grow from \$13.4 million when she took office to the nearly \$32.5 million in spending approved this year.

At the Dec. 13 meeting, she recalled the first vote she cast as a member of the council — approval of a new house on Fifth Avenue between Lincoln and Monte Verde that

a neighbor subsequently filed suit over. (The resident's legal battle with the city finally ended in summer 2019, when she opted not to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to take up her

"My first vote ended up in a lawsuit," Theis said.

'Extraordinary experience'

Other milestones she mentioned include getting rid of the porta-potties at the south end of Carmel Beach and replacing them with an architecturally award-winning, albeit expensive, restroom building, pension reform to try to offset the huge financial burden of the state's retirement program and overhauling financial accounting system to make work easier for staff.

"And I'm proud that we, as colleagues, work in a respectful manner," she said. "I think that is really special. As you can see around Washington and around the state, not everybody does that."

Theis told the audience that she and other

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School board to consider late start next month

By MARY SCHLEY

HE MAJORITY of students, teachers and parents who want later start times on schooldays would still like classes to end around the same times they do now, a survey conducted by the Carmel Unified School District revealed.

"So, we want to have our cake and eat it, too," superintendent Ted Knight told the CUSD board of education Wednesday night, though with requirements for a certain amount of "instructional minutes" each day, that would be tough to manage.

"I kind of want to come to work later and leave at the same time every day, too, but I'm not quite sure you guys would be OK with that," he added.

In 2019, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a Senate Bill preventing middle schools

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CHP: Driver error to blame for quadruple-fatal Tesla crash

By MARY SCHLEY

IT WAS operator error, not a mechanical failure or any other factor, that caused a Carmel Valley woman to run head-on into a semi on Highway 156 in Hollister last August, killing herself and her three kids, a California Highway Patrol investigation has concluded.

On Aug. 14 shortly after 8 p.m., 55-year-old Lisa Biakanja was driving her 2014 Tesla on Highway 156 near Fairview Road when, for unknown reasons, she turned left over the double-yellow lines and ran into the front of a 2015 Freightliner. The car was destroyed, and she and kids Lucy, Leigh and Ben — all three students at Carmel Middle School — died at

Jimmy Panetta got SBF money

■ Says he plans to give it back, or to charity

By KELLY NIX

CONGRESSMAN JIMMY Panetta confirmed this week that he received a campaign contribution in October from cryptocurrency investor Sam Bankman-Fried — who this week was charged with a litany of crimes, including making tens of millions of dollars in illegal

campaign donations.

The U.S. Federal Election Commission indicates that Bankman-Fried donated \$2,900 to the Jimmy Panetta for Congress campaign on Oct. 17, just a few weeks before the election and less than two months before he was arrested. The amount represents the maximum an individual can contribute to federal candidates for president, the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives during a

Uribe.

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the scene. The driver of the truck, 39-yearold Madera resident Araceli Murillozar, was taken to Hazel Hawkins Hospital with minor injuries, including some abrasions.

No car trouble

"There were no mechanical issues found with the Tesla, and the investigating officer found the driver at fault for an unsafe turning movement which caused her to go into the path of the big rig," CHP public information officer Alfredo Uribe told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

The car was traveling at 64 mph when it hit the Freightliner, and while there have been stories of Tesla's autopilot feature contributing to serious and sometimes fatal collisions, autopilot was not available on that particular model, according to

The investigation also concluded that Biakanja was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs when she turned her car into the path of the semi-truck, and no one will ever know what caused her to do so.

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Tess Arthur (left) and Sara Hinds (right) were sworn in Friday by superintendent Ted Knight after being reelected to the Carmel Unified School District board. On Wednesday, they delved into the issue of late start.

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Beach bunny

ROY LIVES in the family fireplace, tucked into a small A-frame house with a mission-style entrance. Everything else he might need fits in there as well, his food and his "facilities," all resting on a soft white rug. At night, after he hops into bed, his family sets the fireplace screen across the hearth, so everyone can rest assured he stays home.

Roy, named after character Roy Kent in the Apple TV show "Ted Lasso," is actually a double-mane Lionhead

Roy isn't keen on the wood floors of his Pacific Grove home since it's too hard to get traction when he hops. Particularly the space between his warren and where the rug ends, which he refused to navigate. So, his people put a pillow in the space, like the bridge over a moat. Ultimately, they bought a larger living room rug to fill the gap.

"Who knew a bunny could be litterbox trained?" said his person, who adopted Roy from The Bunny Trail Rabbit Rescue in Carmel. "They have the cutest rabbits. It's usually good to get two bunnies because they do like companionship, although I think Roy gets enough attention."

Roy has been to the seashore, primarily to Lovers Point, within walking distance from his home. Although





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By Lisa Crawford Watson



he seems to love the great outdoors, he doesn't love his leash and wants nothing to do with anything around his neck. So, the children carry him to the shore and keep him close.

Sometimes the girls bring Roy to The Dance Center in Carmel, where they train. The owner of the rabbit rescue brings additional bunnies for socialization, so Roy gets in on the love.

"Rabbits are wonderful, as long as you get them fixed, so you don't end up with more," said his person.

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After farmworker housing plan gets scaled back, supervisors approve it

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE second time in two weeks, a major residential project was given the green light when the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 3-1 to approve

housing for 360 farmworkers in Pajaro — despite a unanimous vote by the county planning commission in September to reject the plan.

The approval comes after a Dec. 5 vote by the county's Local Agency Formation Commission to approve a request by Soledad to annex 654 acres so 2,400 homes can be built. LAFCO's executive director, Kate McKenna, had urged the commission to require Soledad and the developer, Nader Agha, to scale back the project.

After the planning commission voted Sept. 28 not to approve the Pajaro housing plan, the applicant, Rio Vista Group LLC, reduced the size of the development from 60 units to 45 units. Each unit includes beds for eight residents.

As a result, the facility would only be able to house 360 farmworkers, down from 480 in the original plan.

Addressing another complaint, the Rio Vista Group increased the size of a buffer between the housing and adjacent agriculture fields from 100 to 200 feet.

Good project, wrong site?

But the changes weren't enough to satisfy opponents, who included former county supervisor Judy Pennycook and attorney Zan Henson.

Pennycook spoke out on what she said were the development's flood risks. She also complained that the North County had no representation at the hearing because

supervisor John Phillips recused himself due to his former chief of staff's association with the development.

Calling the planning process for the project as "cockamamie" as any he'd ever seen, Henson took issue with the scaled-



An artist's rendering shows what housing for 360 farmworkers in Pajaro might look like.

back plan, which he insisted was "a new

North County resident Steve Snodgrass, who once ran against Phillips for supervisor, said the project is good but in "the wrong location.'

Snodgrass also took issue with the prospect of a vote without a District 2 supervisor. "Here we are with four representatives that do not represent North County," he

Representing the developer, Kathryn Avila of Avila Construction told the

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Police & Sheriff's Log

December 16, 2022

Food driver arrested for carrying drugs

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.

The Carmel Pine Cone

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel Valley: Report of alleged mental abuse at a residence on Via Las Encinas.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact made with a resident of Ladera who made a barking dog complaint to Monterey County Animal Services. All information was obtained, discussed and in the future, the resident will contact the City of Carmel. Contact made with the owner of the dog and information obtained

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Loose dog found in the area of 12th and Junipero. Brought to the station. Returned to owner.

Pacific Grove: Officer was in the lobby of the Pacific Grove Police Department when a person entered to speak with an officer regarding concerns about a facility on David Avenue. This report will be forwarded to investigations for review.

Pacific Grove: A bag containing clothing articles was found at Jewell and 17th and turned in to the police department.

Pacific Grove: Subject went to a gym located in the 1100 block of Forest Avenue and placed her backpack in an unlocked locker. While exercising, her property was stolen by an unknown person.

Pacific Grove: Medical call on Wood Street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury traffic collision with occupied parked vehicle on Rio Road at 1743 hours. The driver at fault, a 41-year-old female server who lives on Mission, was arrested for misdemeanor DUI and two felonies for DUI with prior convictions within 10 years. She was transported to Monterey County Jail and held on \$80,000 bail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from 10th and Carmelo for being unregistered.

Pacific Grove: Medical call on Cedar Street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Pacific Grove: Shoplifting reported on Forest Avenue.

Big Sur: Subject on Highway 1 called to report a residential burglary. No suspect info.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to a report of a subject on Highway 1 making threats.

Carmel area: Subject on Mesa Drive reported a verbal argument regarding an ATM card.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 33-year-old driver was cited at Carpenter and Highway 1 at 2145 hours for warrants and local fresh charges. Vehicle impounded.

Pacific Grove: Custody issue on Congress Avenue. Information only.

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The gavel falls

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

Nov. 15 — Frederico Goncalo Moreira Filho, 33, pled no contest to felony driving under the influence of alcohol causing great bodily injury, including bodily injury to multiple victims. He also admitted that he has a prior DUI conviction.

On Nov. 14, 2021, at approximately 7:30 p.m., CHP officers were dispatched to the Bixby Creek Bridge regarding a two-vehicle collision with injury. The investigation revealed that the defendant was celebrating his birthday at Nepenthe in Big Sur. After consuming alcoholic beverages, the defendant decided to drive to Monterey. Due to the defendant's level of intoxication, he lost control of the vehicle and crashed head-on into another vehicle.

Four people were injured in the collision, including two children who were airlifted to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. A 9-year-

old had pain and bruising all over his body and his 12-year-old brother had a fractured ankle. The father of the children had injuries to his hands, and the defendant's passenger had internal bleeding, a fractured arm, and a dislocated elbow.

When officers contacted the defendant, a strong odor of alcohol emanated from his breath, his eyes were red and watery, and he slurred his words. His blood alcohol content was 0.11 percent. On Jan. 25, 2023, the Honorable Pamela L. Butler will sentence the defendant to five years in prison.

This case was prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



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Jail handovers to immigration cut by 99 percent in wake of new laws

By MARY SCHLEY

FIVE YEARS ago, U.S. immigration agents picked up 213 inmates as they were discharged from Monterey County Jail. Last year, just two inmates were taken into federal custody for being felons who were in the country illegally, Monterey County acting Undersheriff John Thornburg told the board of supervisors Tuesday, and so far this year, the total is three — one convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, one for a DUI crash that injured someone else, and one for sexual assault on a minor.

Thornburg reported the data during an annual report required by the state's Truth Act, which took effect in 2016 to "put in some checks and balances regarding ICE access to inmates" and has, coupled with more recent legislation, resulted in a 99 percent decline in immigration handovers.

Disclosures

The law requires that inmates sign consent forms before they're interviewed by immigration agents and that the sheriff's office notify inmates when they are being investigated by ICE for possible deportation when they're released from jail.

Inmates must also be told what information, if any, was shared with the federal agency.

The law also requires an annual report to the county on all ICE contacts.

In 2018, restrictions increased further with the passage of Senate Bill 54, the California Values Act, a law that elevated the state's sanctuary efforts by prohibiting county sheriffs from "sharing non-public information with ICE or cooperating with ICE except under limited circumstances," Thornburg said in his Dec. 13 report. As a result, the sheriff's office's policy for dealing with federal immigration agents states that "under no circumstances shall

a person be contacted, detained, arrested, or have their custody time extended by agency members based solely on his/her immigration status."

Little notice

The California Values Act prevents law enforcement agencies from cooperating with ICE except when inmates have been convicted of felonies like child abuse, sex crimes, robbery, firearms offenses, kidnapping, stalking, hate crimes, gang offenses, murder, torture and mayhem.

"When an inmate is booked and ICE has an interest in accessing the inmate, ICE must provide qualifying charge/conviction information to the jail," he explained. "The jail will verify the criminal history information, validate the conviction to the exceptions list, and determine if the law allows information sharing with ICE. If the charge and timelines are valid, the jail will share the date an inmate will be discharged."

While the Truth Act hearing before county supervisors in 2019 prompted several members of the public, including a few from the local chapter of the ACLU, to ask the board to prohibit the sheriff's office from cooperating with immigration officers at all, supervisors at the time were content with the sheriff's office level of compliance with SB 54 rules and said it struck the right balance.

Since then, the issue has garnered little notice. At Tuesday's hearing, no audience members commented, nor did most of the supervisors.

District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo thanked Thornburg for the report and said it "really shows where the county was in 2017, with 213 people picked up by ICE, versus the three this year."

Supervisors unanimously voted to accept the report from the sheriff's office.

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Investigator sued over 'false' background check for sheriff

By KELLY NIX

A MARINA man who had been hired conditionally by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office alleges in a new lawsuit that a local private eye and his company reported "false" information in a background check that cost him the job.

In a lawsuit filed Dec. 7, Edgar Lopez Ortiz said that the sheriff's office offered him a job in December 2020 provided he met certain requirements. As part of that process, the sheriff's office subjected Ortiz — as it does all prospective employees - to a rigorous background check, and it hired Del Rey Oaks-based Bill Uretsky and his company, Uretsky Security, to do it.

But Ortiz alleges that Uretsky Security provided the sheriff's office with false information about him, which led the agency to deny him the job.

"The report disclosed erroneous criminal records and falsely reported information which has been extremely detrimental," Ortiz said in the lawsuit.

For example, Ortiz said that Uretsky and his company reported to the sheriff's office that Ortiz "transferred back and forth" between Greenfield and North

Monterey County high schools "because he was not interested in going to school or doing homework," and that because of a "low grade point average, was not allowed to return" for his junior year.

'Negative light'

However, Ortiz said that during an in-person, recorded interview, he told Uretsky that the school transfers were "a result of his family moving," which was out of his control. Uretsky also incorrectly informed the sheriff's office that Ortiz had been "academically dismissed three times" from Monterey Peninsula College, even though MPC records indicate Ortiz was not subjected to academic dismissal, his lawsuit claims.

In addition, Ortiz said Uretsky gave the sheriff's office information on criminal history that did not pertain to Ortiz.

"The report disclosed five records with the Soledad Police Department that did not belong to Ortiz," his lawsuit says.

He alleges that Uretsky also erroneously reported to the sheriff's office that he failed an oral exam for the job, even

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SUPERVISORS NAME NEW COUNTY CAO

Sonia De La Rosa

By KELLY NIX

 ${
m A}$ WOMAN who was raised in Monterev County but has spent the last two dozen years in Fresno will be the new county

administrative officer, the board of supervisors announced Tuesday.

Sonia De La Rosa was chosen to succeed retiring county administrative officer Charles McKee, whose last day is Dec. 30. De La Rosa, the deputy county administrative officer for Fresno County, starts her job in Monterey County Jan. 9, 2023. She will be paid \$261,800 plus benefits.

McKee praised the Monterey County Board of Supervisors' selection of De La Rosa, saying it's a "great thing" for the county.

"She comes with a wealth of experience," McKee said.

District 2 Supervisor John Phillips, a former Superior Court judge who is leaving his position on the board, pointed to De La Rosa's experience with various county departments, and he congratulated her and welcomed her back home to the county.

"For me, it wasn't having the first Latina, it wasn't about a woman and it wasn't about race, it was about the best

> person who was qualified," Phillips said. "And that's what I think our decisions always have to be."

> District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez thanked De La Rosa for "stepping up to the challenge" and applying for the

"As you embark on this journey with us, I look forward to supporting you in this new role," Lopez said.

'Right time'

Monterey Peninsula supervisor Mary Adams told De La Rosa "I have no question in my mind that you are the right person for the right job at the

right time," Adams said.

"I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to work with you," Adams told De La Rosa, who was present in the supervisors chambers in Salinas during the

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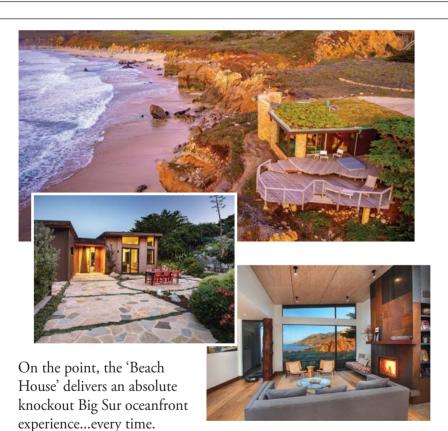
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Police arrest man for drugs, gun

Joshua Kim

By KELLY NIX

A MARINA man arrested by Pacific Grove Police officers late last week for waiving a handgun, making threats and possessing drugs — an event that briefly caused the lockdown of two nearby schools was charged with just one misdemeanor Monday.

On Dec. 8 at about 12:30 p.m., the P.G. Police Department said it received reports of a "suspicious person" in the Fairway Shopping Center parking lot on Forest Avenue who was "behaving erratically and waiving a handgun." A witness told police the man was driving a grey Honda.

Less than 10 minutes later, officers spotted the vehicle at Sydia and Ransford and pulled it over. With guns drawn, they ordered Joshua Kim, 27, to get out of his car. He was taken into custody, and officers recovered

a replica handgun and what they believed were psychedelic mushrooms.

Kim was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail on suspicion of brandishing a firearm, possession of drugs and criminal threats with the "intent to terrorize." He's being held on \$40,000 bail. By Tuesday morning, though, Kim had posted bail and was no longer behind bars.

Charges didn't stick

On Monday, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint against Kim, but only for being in misdemeanor possession of psilocybin.

Kim "did unlawfully possess a controlled substance, to wit, psilocybin," the complaint filed by deputy district attorney Cristina L. Johnson alleges.

However, the DA's Office did not charge

Kim with the more serious brandishing a firearm and criminal threats, as alleged by the Pacific Grove Police Department.

Asked about the other charges, Johnson told The Pine Cone, "I do not anticipate filing additional charges based upon that incident."

Prosecutors may decline to file charges

if they believe it's unlikely a defendant will be convicted of the

During the incident, Pacific Grove police told the school district to lockdown the two schools.

"The police department placed Pacific Grove High School and Pacific Grove Middle School on lockdown to ensure all students and staff were safe," PGUSD said in the message to parents.

PGPD later explained that it did not direct the district to also lock down

Forest Grove and Robert Down elementary schools because the "event unfolded so quickly."

On Tuesday afternoon, however, PGUSD superintendent Ralph Porras informed parents that he and other district staff met with PGPD Cmdr. David Santos this week to talk about the incident, and they agreed that "improvements" to emergency response protocols are necessary.

For instance, Porras said the district and police agreed to assign one PGUSD staffer to be the point of contact with police and county communications during emergencies, work on "standardizing" language between the police and the district, including clarifying the differences between a "lockdown" and "secure campus," and develop a schedule to train school district staff on how to respond to emergencies.

HOTEL EMPLOYEE IDENTIFIED IN MYSTERIOUS DEATH ON P.G STREET

■ Investigation on how he died ongoing

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY man found critically injured in a Pacific Grove roadway

in November, and who died shortly thereafter, has been identified by police. But the circumstances surrounding the demise of the longtime Highlands Inn employee remain a mystery.

On Nov. 12, a citizen reported to police that a man with a head injury was lying in the middle of Laine Street at Eardley Avenue at about 2:40 a.m. Emergency responders tried saving the man, but he died. On Dec. 8, Pacific Grove Police publicly identified the man as Anthony Talbott, 55, of Monterev.

While Pacific Grove police initially called Talbott's death "suspicious," the department later said that there did not appear to be any foul play. It's not known why PGPD — which routinely withholds important information from the public — kept Talbott's identity a secret for so long.



According to Talbott's Monterey County death certificate, there is a "pending investigation" into the cause of his death, which the document indicates occurred at 3:07 a.m. — about 25 minutes after he was found critically injured on a street in a residential neighborhood.

Talbott worked at the Monterey Beach Hotel and was a hospitality coordinator for the Highlands Inn, now called the Hyatt Carmel Highlands. He worked at both hotels for more than 30 years, according

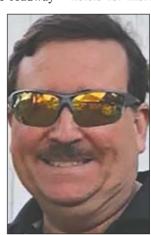
to an obituary in the Los Banos Enterprise.

Talbott, one of four children, graduated from Los Banos High School and attended college in Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo. According to the obituary, Talbott "danced for many years in the Los Banos Basque Group and regularly attended Basque picnics all over California and Nevada."

The obituary said Talbott was a "stranger to no one and found great purpose sharing the success, joys and

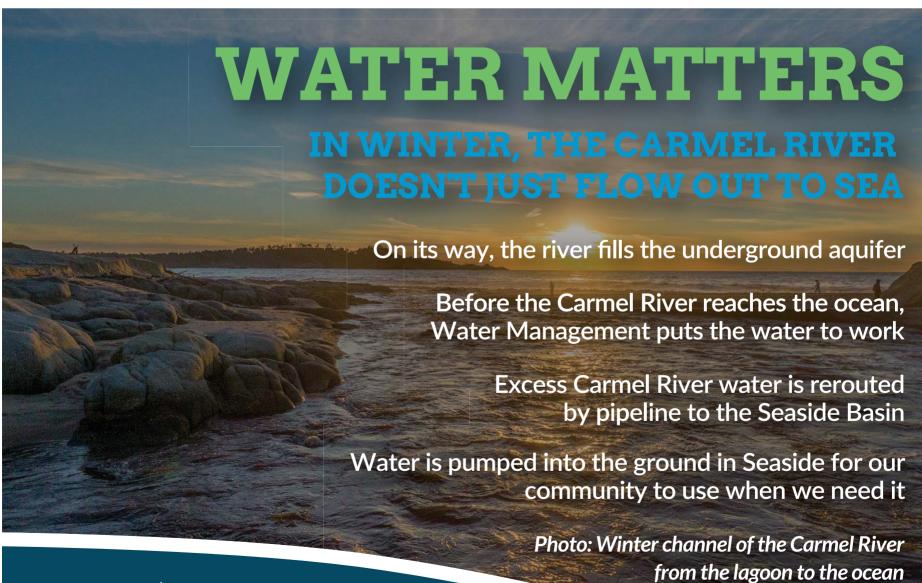
challenges of all around him. He was authentically and wholeheartedly there for those in his life," including his mother, Marlene Talbott of Los Banos.

It's not clear what Talbott — who lived on Spencer Street in Monterey — was doing in Pacific Grove in the early morning hours before his death. An autopsy was performed to help determine how he died. A toxicology test was performed, but it's unclear if a lab has released the results to law enforcement.



Anthony Talbott

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COASTAL COMMISSION LETS WHARF RESTAURANTS KEEP OUTDOOR DINING

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER WARNING restaurants on Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey that much of their outdoor seating had to go because it was interfering with public access, the California Coastal Commission this week agreed to allow it to stay through the end of 2023.

Without the extension, the outdoor seating was set to end just weeks from now.

In July, the powerful state watchdog group sent a letter to wharf restaurant owners contending that all of them "appear to be impeding general public access on the wharf." The agency reported that their investigation was triggered by a complaint.

At one point, the agency told the city that the restaurants had just two weeks to remove the offending outside seating.

But this week, the coastal commission backed off its earlier hardline stance.

"We acknowledge the present difficulties that wharf businesses continue to face with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, coupled with the seasonal surge in other respiratory illnesses," the agency announced in a letter this week. "We fully understand the role that outdoor dining plays in navigating this challenge."

The executive director of the Fisherman's Wharf Association, Wendy Brickman had warned the mandate would cause 30-40 percent of workers there to lose their jobs and cause the restaurants to lose 30 percent of their sales.

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Police, fire lend hand to Braxton's Toys

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

BRAXTON'S TOYS — the toy drive started by the parents of Braxton Stuntz after he died at Garrapata Beach in January 2019 when he was just 18 years old — is getting a little extra help this year from men and women in uniform. As a kid, Stuntz collected toys for other children in need, and his parents are continuing his legacy.

"We are hosting a drop-off location at the police department and working to collect toys in addition to CPOA donations to the effort," said officer Joe Martis, president of the Carmel Police Officers Association. "Monterey Fire is also donating to Braxton's Toys through us, along with their own toy drive."

Martis said he and his fellow police officers simply want "to support the good work they are doing."

Nurse Ruth Baltes, Stuntz' mother, said this year's is the third toy drive organized by the Braxton Stuntz Foundation, which she and the late teen's father, surgeon Mike Stuntz, started shortly after the Stevenson School grad's death.

"From a young child, Braxton would give toys to the local collection bin," she said, so they're carrying on his "compassion for others through various causes in the community."

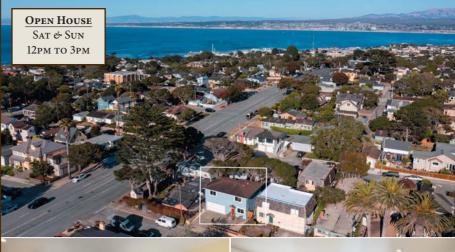
In addition to CPD at Junipero and Fourth, Bruno's at Junipero and Sixth, Bennett Sculpture Gallery on Dolores north of Sixth and Starbucks in the Crossroads, drop-off locations can be found listed at braxtonstuntzfoundation.org.

The foundation will distribute the toys at Boronda Meadows Elementary School in Salinas Dec. 22, according to Baltes.

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Planning commission to meet earlier

December 16, 2022

By MARY SCHLEY

The Carmel Pine Cone

WHEN PLANNING commission meetings run four hours or longer, it can mean a late night for the people who are voting on building plans, policies and other projects in town, since they begin at 4 p.m. Starting earlier would better serve the public and the officials themselves, according to commissioner Robert Delves.

"I think on average, we go four-and-ahalf hours, and it's not unheard of for us to go past 10 p.m.," he said at the start of Wednesday's meeting. "I lose my effectiveness at about 8 p.m. By going so late, it's almost a disservice to the public."

Delves served on the city council in another city and instigated a shift to morning meetings there. "The response was overwhelmingly positive," he said at the Dec. 14 meeting. "Staff preferred it more, the vast majority of elected officials and all appointed official enjoyed it more, and the applicants and citizens enjoyed it more."

But morning meetings would be nearly impossible for people who work, others pointed out. "I'm exceptionally against it," commissioner Chris Bolton said. "It eliminates my ability or other people who have to work to participate both on the commission side and on the public side. I find it to be an elitist suggestion, and I'm completely against it."

Commissioner Erin Allen said she works in "corporate America" and already has a tough time getting her boss to let her off work in time for the commission's 2 p.m. tour of properties on the agenda and the 4 p.m. meeting each month.

"I would need to work this out in terms of taking vacation, or something like that," she said. "Because as it stands right now, it's a little concerning for my boss for me to take what I currently take."

A morning start would have to be really early for Allen to make it work, she said.

Low blood sugar

Commission chair Michael LePage is a building contractor who's self-employed, so the change in times wouldn't affect him much, he said, and he liked the idea of meeting earlier to avoid getting hangry from going without dinner.

But, he noted, "I want to make these meetings as successful as possible and as accessible as possible to people."

Delves abandoned the idea of meeting in the morning and suggested starting just an hour or two earlier, at 2 or 3 p.m., and the others generally concurred.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke was absent, and the other commissioners didn't want to make the decision without her, so planning director Brandon Swanson said he'd put it on next month's agenda.

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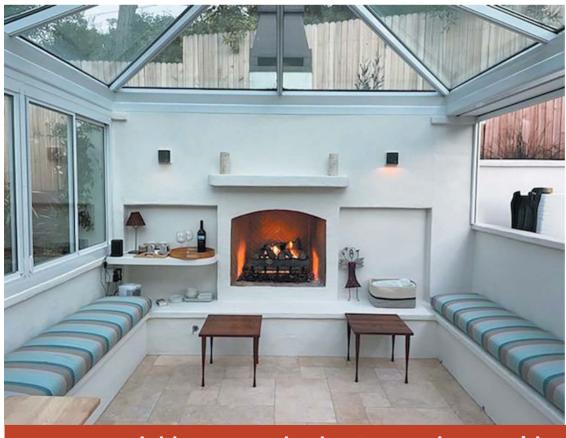
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Gateway Center enhances services with wheelchair-enabled electric van

By ELAINE HESSER

THE GATEWAY Center in Pacific Grove has been serving adults with Down Syndrome and other intellectual disabilities for 60 years. It not only operates three care facilities where participants live, it provides assistance to people "in the comfort of their own homes," including training in subjects like money management, hygiene, and a host of other skills most adults take for granted.

In addition, there are day programs in Pacific Grove and Salinas that offer a wide variety of services. But for many of the center's clients, finding transportation to these programs can be a challenge — not to mention figuring out how to get to the doctor or go grocery shopping. The center provides 500 no-fee rides each year to people who use wheelchairs, using just one van that can transport one wheelchair.

Last month, the center announced that thanks to an

initial \$60,000 taxpayer grant from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County — and subsequent donations from Aera Energy in Bakersfield, as well as Vistra Corp. (an energy company) and The Landman Trust, both in Texas — it purchased a new, \$115,000 Ford electric van, which can carry two wheelchairs at a time.

Important trips

"This electric wheelchair-accessible passenger van is crucial to the success of our various programs, as there are many opportunities around Monterey County are inaccessible without transportation," said Robert Freiri, executive director of the center. The new van "will allow us to transport developmentally disabled adult clients and community members to medical appointments, dentist appointments, shopping trips and events," he added.

The center also said it would like to purchase three more electric vans over the next three years and "hopes to

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Clients of Gateway Center in Pacific Grove getting comfortable in the organization's new electric van.

have an all-electric fleet within the next six years." Freiri added that they've already submitted grant applications to two organizations they've worked with in the past and are participating in a community-wide fundraising effort for





the second van.

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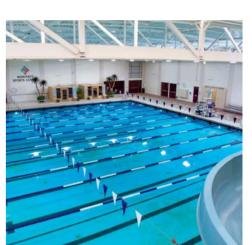
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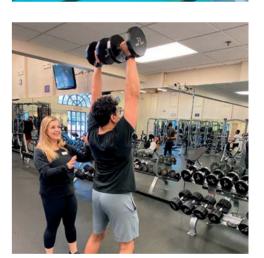
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from starting before 8 a.m. and high schools from starting before 8:30, except in districts deemed rural, which CUSD is. The bill was based on American Academy of Pediatrics research concluding that starting classes later in the morning more closely aligns with teenagers' preferred wakesleep cycles, "leading to better overall health and school performance," Knight said. Nonetheless, teachers unions and administrators didn't support the law "due to concerns of local control and the complexity of school start times while balancing other aspects of education."

"Doing a change like this is not easy," he said.

Sleeping in

As it stands, the youngest kids start their days at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., elementary schools begin at 8:30 a.m. (Captain Cooper) and 8:40 a.m. (River and Tularcitos), and the middle and high schools start at 7:45 a.m.

In April, Knight suggested taking this year to delve deeply into the issue with hopes of developing options that could be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year.

And rather than decide this month, he recommended waiting until January, to see if anyone is going to sue the district over its recent approval of the new Carmel High stadium lights. "If we had a restraining order or injunction against us, we would delay this," he said. "We're hearing from kids right now that there's not enough practice time for sports," and they already end in the dark this time of year.

To help educate the community about the complexities of implementing late start, district officials have given presentations to the board on transportation, instructional minutes, staffing and negotiations implications, and possible impacts on athletics and other after-school activities.

The district also published a "white paper" on the topic and has hosted committee meetings and listening sessions with students and Big Sur and Cachagua residents.

Record response

It also conducted the survey Knight discussed at the Dec. 14 meeting.

"We had by far the greatest turnout any of us have seen in the district, including people who have been here for quite a while," he said. Half the staff and half the students who were eligible to participate — defined by whether they have CUSD email addresses, which the kindergarteners do not — took part.

Overall, while 62 percent of those at the elementary-school level are "completely satisfied" with start times as they stand, just 22 percent of the middle-school community are, and only 14 percent of the high school, where 66 percent said they are either "completely dissatisfied" or "somewhat dissatisfied."

None of them supported later release times, though those in the 3 p.m. hour were found to be much more acceptable than those at 4 p.m. or later.

While some districts have handled the late-start mandate by swapping the hours of lower grades and upper grades, Knight said that's not a viable solution. "We don't want to create a situation of winners and losers where we make one group happy at the expense of others," Knight said. "The goal is to try to identify the tradeoffs and find the best compromise."

For one, it would make more sense to aim for an 8 a.m. or 8:05 a.m. start, rather than the 8:30 a.m. time called for in the law, according to Knight.

"We have heard a lot from outlying communities about how late kids would get home," he explained.

To make up the time, he listed a few possible solutions,

Preferring to

start later but

stop at the

same time?

including reducing the number of bus stops to make commuting faster, revising homework practices so kids aren't forced to do schoolwork late into the night, and carving minutes out of the day by serving breakfast before the first bell and/or shortening breaks.

Jack Norman, who represents the high school students on the board, said the survey reflects what he's

heard on campus, and he suggested that the board continue to seek feedback from students on whatever decisions it

Board member Karl Pallastrini said shortening breaks is not likely to be popular, considering how impacted students' days are already, but he encouraged revamping the homework policy, as did other trustees.

Board member Anne Marie Rosen said she'd also like to see "a schoolwide sleep campaign" to inform kids and parents about "best sleep practices," like shutting off electronic devices well before bedtime.

Board President Sara Hinds suggested testing different start times in a pilot program, but Knight said parents would be confused and "don't like us experimenting with their kids," and it would be hard to sell the idea to the teachers and staff.

"We could try a pilot program, but I don't know whether we would glean anything from it other than frustrating people," he said.

At the end of the presentation and discussion, Knight reminded the board that informational sessions will be held virtually Dec. 19 for staff at 6 p.m. and the community at 7 p.m. To watch, find the link at carmelunified.org/ domain/776.

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Skylights approved after the fact without commission's usual bluster

By MARY SCHLEY

A HOMEOWNER escaped the ire planning commissioners usually direct at people who seek forgiveness rather than permission when she received approval of five of the seven skylights partially installed in the new roof of her house on Torres north of Third Wednesday night.

Associate planner Evan Kort told commissioners Dec. 14 that a building inspector issued a stop-work order on the project in August when he was there for an inspection associated with a re-roofing permit and discovered interior framing work for seven new skylights in addition to two existing ones. Owner Amie Aamodt and contractor

Ryan Whitton were told to apply for a permit before doing any more work.

They submitted the application Sept. 29, and after being advised the request didn't comply with the residential design guidelines, they opted to try their luck with the planning commission rather than revise the plans by removing the two 2-foot-by-2-foot skylights that would be most visible from the entire block of Torres.

The size, placement, number and design of skylights "should be an integral part of the building design," according to the city's residential design guidelines, and "placement or size that appears random from the exterior and that detracts from architectural integrity should be avoided,"

Kort noted. He also said all six skylights to be a direct impact on the neighboring on the northern side of the roof would be

visible from certain vantage points on Torres, which "would be far more than what is typically seen elsewhere in the city."

Windows are enough

Aamodt and Whitton did not attend the meeting, but Kort said they argued for the skylights because they're over the kitchen, which they claimed has poor light, but Kort pointed out the room has three windows.

"Staff is supportive of the inclusion of the remaining five, as there does not appear properties," he said.

While planning commissioners in the past have chastised people for doing work without permits and then asking for approval after they're caught, they made no comments to that effect Wednesday. Commissioners Erin Allen and Robert Delves joined chair Michael LePage in voting in favor of Kort's recommendation to allow five of

the seven new skylights. Commissioner Chris Bolton had to recuse himself, and commissioner Stephanie Locke was absent.

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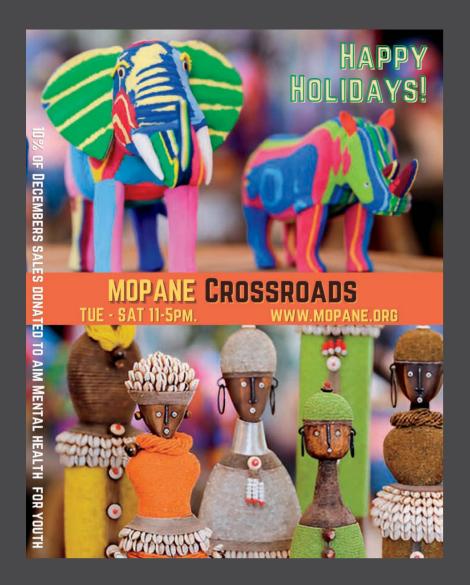
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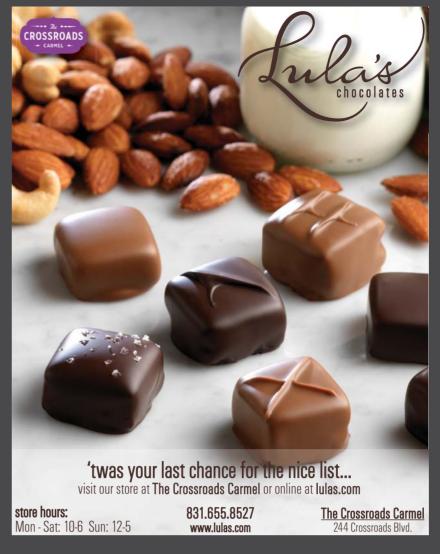
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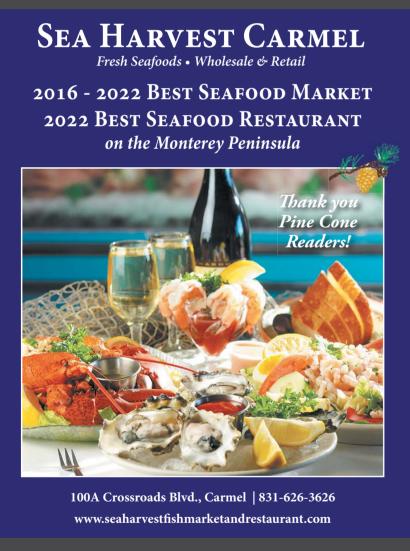
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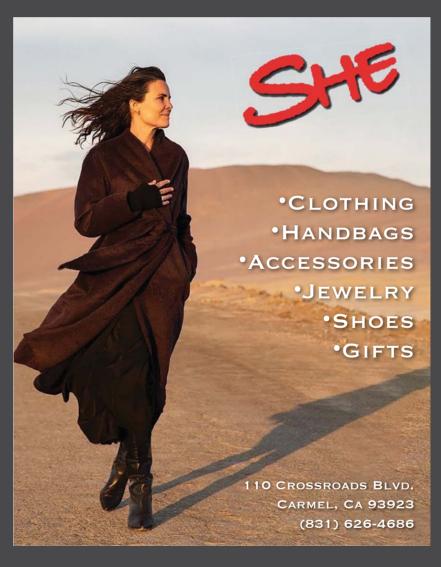














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Panetta urges top honors for former POW



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Alvarez was born and raised in Salinas and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

"On Aug. 5, 1964, while flying in Operation Pierce Arrow, Cmdr. Alvarez's A-4 Skyhawk was shot down, and he became the first aviator captured in Vietnam," Panetta said Thursday. "He spent eight years and six months in captivity or 3,113 days, the second-longest held prisoner of war in U.S. history."

The North Vietnamese imprisoned Alvarez at the infamous Hoa Lò Prison sarcastically dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by POWs — where he was tortured, isolated and starved.



Despite the terrible conditions, "Cmdr. Alvarez encouraged and inspired fellow POWs to 'return with honor' by not cooperating with the enemy, and remain loyal to the United States," Panetta said. "Following his release and hospitalization, Cmdr. Alvarez resumed his Naval service, graduating from NPS."

Alvarez said he is "humbled beyond belief" by the honor.

"There is no way I am able to express my profound appreciation for this recognition," Alvarez said. "However, I have to acknowledge, I accept this honor on behalf of those who have played an important role in my life, primarily my fellow former Vietnam POWs, my esteemed colleagues in the military, the government and business, and my family, particularly my wife, Tammy, who has been my unconditional support throughout these years."

Panetta said he was proud to introduce



Cmdr. Everett Alvarez Jr.

the legislation to "recognize recount, and remember the actions of Cmdr. Alvarez and his effect on his military brethren as well as our nation. It is appropriate that Congress acknowledges and appreciates the bravery, sacrifices, and immense contributions of Cmdr. Everett Alvarez, Jr. to our country with the Congressional Gold

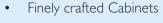
Alvarez, who retired from the U.S. Navy on June 30, 1980, went on to serve as deputy director of the Peace Corps, deputy administrator of the Veterans Administration, and on the board of regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

He already earned the Silver Star Medal, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, and the Prisoner of War Medal.





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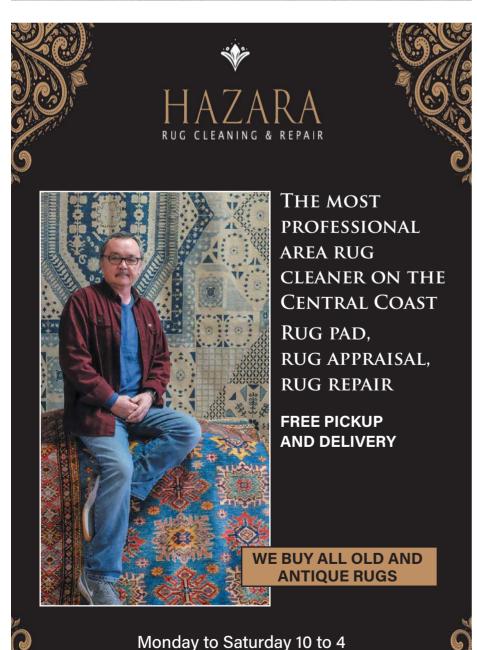


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POSTPONED BY rain Dec. 10, the 64th annual Santa's Fly-In is now set for this Saturday.

Accompanied by Mrs. Claus, Santa will arrive by helicopter at the former Carmel Valley Airfield around 10:30 a.m. From there, Santa will lead a parade through Carmel Valley Village. The parade ends

at Carmel Valley Community Park, which will host a post-parade party.

"Festivities will start around noon," reported the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center, which is organizing the post-parade gathering. "There will also be food, games, carriage rides and the MY Museum Wheelie Mobile. Come join us for another magical holiday celebration in the village."

Community Holiday Dinner at fairgrounds

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE 37TH Annual Free Christmas Dinner will be held at the Monterey County Fairgrounds on Christmas Day, but revelers won't dine there as they have in the past, according to organizer Rich Hughett.

"Because of Covid, we will not be serving dinner in the Monterey Room, but instead we will be handing out complete cooked holiday meals for people to eat at home," he explained. "There will also be some other free items available." The annual dinner is hosted by the Community Dinner Organization in collaboration with the Monterey County Fairgrounds and is free and open to anyone who wants or needs it.

Organizers are looking for volunteers to help prepare and distribute the dinners.

Prospective helpers should call Tiffany at (831) 233-2780 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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two-year election cycle.

Bankman-Fried made the donation to Panetta through ActBlue, an online fundraising platform for Democratic Party candidates.

Panetta said he also met Bankman-Fried through the congressional bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, of which Panetta is a member.

"He spoke to the group," the congressman said.

But Panetta — like dozens of other mostly Democratic congressional candidates who got money from Bankman-Fried — said Thursday morning he's planning on returning the funds.

"We are giving back the donation," Panetta told The

Pine Cone. "At this time, I and many of my congressional colleagues who received donations from this particular individual are working with legal counsel to determine if we can return it directly to the donor or make a donation to charity in the same amount without creating any burden on a nonprofit organization."

Bankman-Fried donated more than \$5 million to President Joe Biden's 2020 campaign, according to the Wall Street Journal. The White House has not said what Biden plans to do with the money now that Bankman-Fried's empire has turned out to be a fraud.

Most of the donations Bankman-Fried made were through Protect Our Future, a super PAC aligned with the Democratic Party, including a \$1 million campaign contribution to Southern California congressional candidate Robert Garcia, who was elected to the seat Nov. 8.

'Intentional fraud'

The 30-year-old Bankman-Fried, who lives in the Bahamas, was taken into custody by Bahamian police Tuesday at the behest of the U.S. government after federal prosecutors with the Southern District of New York charged him in an eight-count indictment alleging fraud, money laundering, campaign finance offenses, wire fraud and other charges. If convicted, Bankman-Fried — a media darling — could spend decades in prison.

The charges arise from an alleged wide-ranging scheme by Bankman-Fried to misappropriate billions of dollars of customer funds deposited with FTX, the international cryptocurrency exchange he founded, and mislead investors and creditors of FTX and Alameda Research, a hedge fund he also owned.

'As today's charges make clear, this was not a case of mismanagement or poor oversight, but of intentional fraud, plain and simple," U.S. Attorney Damian Williams told the media Tuesday. And much of the money Bankman-Fried siphoned from his investors was given to politicians, according to the allegations.

FBI Assistant Director Michael J. Driscoll said Bankman-Fried knowingly defrauded FTX customers "through the misappropriation of the customer deposits to pay expenses and debts of a different company he owned, as well as make other investments."

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City hall holiday closings set

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CITY council in September approved a week-long closure between Christmas and New Year's, with all city offices — except the police department and fire station, of course — dark from the close of business Dec. 23 until they reopen Jan. 2, 2023, city administrator Chip Rerig reminded the public last week.

"Over the course of the last few years, staff has informally been tracking the walkins into city hall and reported a decrease

in customers during the holiday period," administrators reported at the time of the hearing.

The council subsequently agreed to shut down for the holidays and the four business days in between, "based on increased vacation requests from employees to spend time with their families throughout the years and decreased activity during the holiday season."

City workers are expected to use their accrued vacation time when the offices are closed

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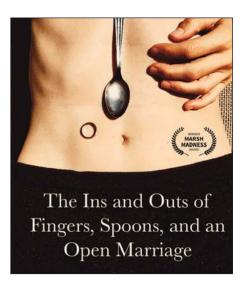
CHERRY CENTER WELCOMES ONE-WOMAN PLAY SATURDAY

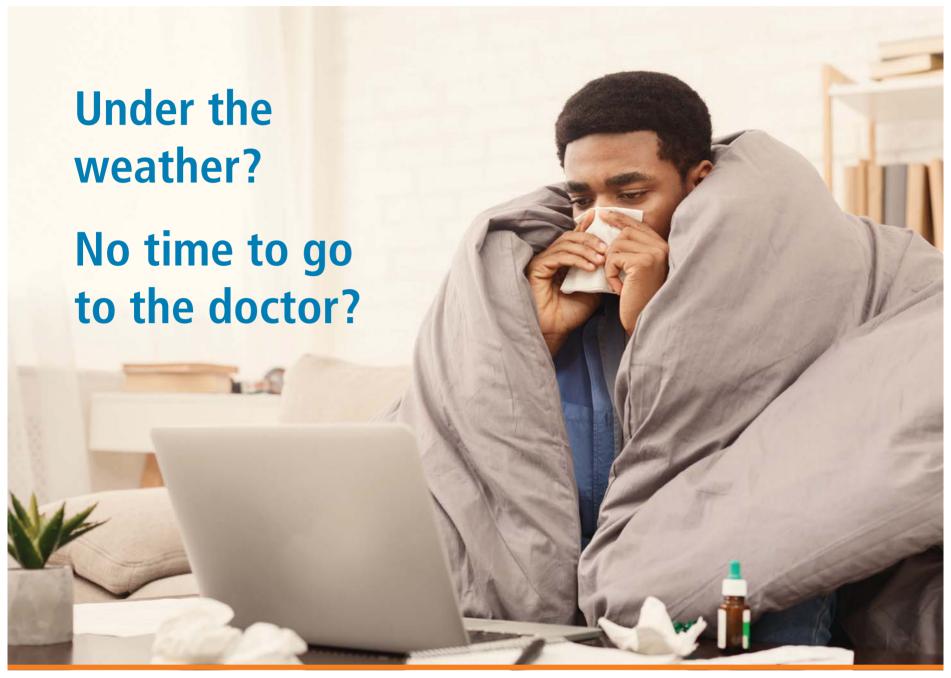
PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

SHOWCASING THE talents of actress Pascal Roger-McKeever, a one-woman play, "Ins and Outs of Fingers, Spoons and an Open Marriage," will be performed Saturday at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

"A suburban mom accepts her husband's invitation to open marriage and proceeds with a singleness of purpose no one saw coming," reads a teaser for the play, which was written by Roger-McKeever and directed by Austin Pendleton. Cellist Tanya Tomkins created the musical score.

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supervisors that her firm has so far built housing in the county for about 3,000 farmworkers.

"We've successfully put together four projects that are very similar to the one proposed today," she said.

Avila responded to complaints by some that the project is simply too big to rely on narrow and populated Susan Street for its access. She conceded the street is narrow, but said studies show the road is underutilized, and will continue to be so after the farmworkers housing is built.

"It's really hard to find somewhere else," she explained. "The site has the proper zoning, and it's ideal to put housing next to existing housing."

Avila urged supervisors to OK the scaled-down plan.

"We've proved this project with studies and facts," she added. "I realize change can be scary, but we're leaning heavily on experts. We really need housing in this community."

Alejo, Lopez: we need housing

Just as they did at the Dec. 5 hearing when LAFCO approved Soledad's annexation of agricultural land for housing, supervisors Luis Alejo and Chris Lopez spoke out in favor of building housing in Pajaro. Both are also members of LAFCO.

"We have such a great crisis of housing and

homelessness," Alejo said. "I can't say 'no' to this project that I think has been changed to address the needs of the community."

Lopez praised Avila Construction for the farmworker housing the company has already built in the county. He also said he's taken at close look at the plan now under consideration.

"I've been on site several times at different times of day to feel it out and understand what's happening there," he said. "It's quality housing that people who come here deserve."

Proposal reaches finish line

As a mitigation measure, supervisor Wendy Root Askew suggested requiring the builder to make a contribution to the local park district. In response, builder agreed to give \$25,000 each year for five years.

Supervisor Mary Adams said she had concerns about how construction would impact the Susan Street neighborhood, and she urged her colleagues not to approve the plan until a temporary access road could be established through negotiations with a neighbor.

"We need farmworker housing," Adams countered. "But we need housing for all people — I'm conscious of safety and the neighborhood."

But her idea didn't gain any traction with her colleagues. Alejo made the motion to approve the plan, with Askew seconding it. Alejo, Lopez and Askew voted for it, while Adams voted against it. Phillips recused himself from the vote.

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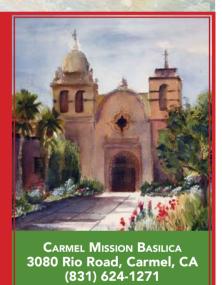
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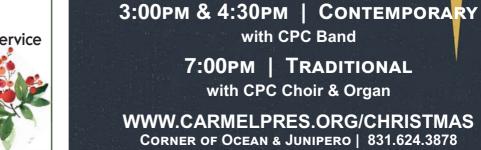
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STORM From page 1A

Management reported that the water level in the lagoon was just over 5 feet Friday, but climbed to about 12 feet by Sunday morning. By Thursday morning, it was down to about 2 feet.

As of Friday, data from the water district showed that the river was flowing at just under 5 cubic feet per second. By Saturday evening, that number had shot up to nearly 1,100 cubic feet per second before slowing down to about 100 cubic feet per second as the rains stopped.

While the river is flowing to sea, Carroll reminded people to be cautious of the fast-moving water rushing to the sea.

"If a channel opens to the ocean, be advised that unsafe ocean conditions may occur,' she said.

Minor flooding reported

In Carmel-by-the-Sea, a fallen tree closed Carpenter Street for several hours on Saturday. And the rising Carmel River sent water into three dead-end street along the north edge of the lagoon, Monte Verde, Camino De Real and River Park Place, where sandbag walls have been erected to protect homes.

"Crews have been pumping surface water from the neighborhood adjacent to the lagoon," Carroll said.

At Mission Ranch, a flock of sheep could be seen stranded on a piece of high ground. They were returned to safety after the lagoon drained.

The Carmel River Steelhead Association celebrated the news that the river is flowing swiftly again, calling it a "great start to the winter steelhead migration season."

National Weather Service forecaster Crystal Oudit told The Pine Cone that the recent storm brought 5.5 inches of rain to one monitoring site in the Carmel Highlands, while 3.4 inches were recorded at Monterey Airport over the same time period. According to the water management district, 4.73 inches of rain fell Saturday and Sunday at Los Padres Dam.

Highway 1 in Big Sur reopens

In anticipation of heavy rains — and worried about flash floods and mudslides that could occur on terrain that was stripped bare of vegetation by the recent Colorado and Dolan fires — Caltrans announced Dec. 9 that it was closing Highway 1 between Ragged Point and Palo Colorado Road — a distance of 63 miles.

Over a five-day span starting Dec. 8, more than nine inches of moisture was recorded on one rain gauge located high in the Santa Lucia mountains, while 4.5 inches was tallied at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. Closer to town, about 3 inches were recorded at Rocky Point.

By late Saturday morning, the north end of the closure was moved south to Deetjen's Big Sur Inn, shrinking the closed section of the scenic route to 45 miles.

At the same time, Caltrans crews were busy removing rocks and debris from the pavement and assessing conditions.

By Monday at noon, the entire highway was reopened, although motorists were notified that they could expect



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A Monterey pine blocks Carpenter Street at Second Avenue Saturday afternoon, closing the road and taking down utility lines.

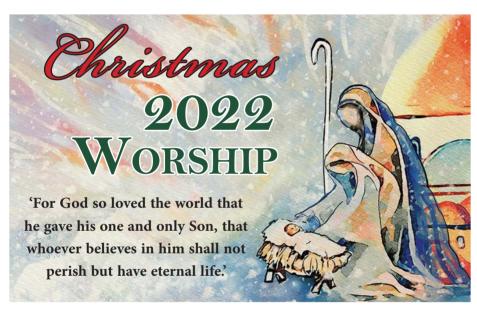
10-minute delays at Paul's Slide just south of Lucia. The delays were needed so workers could "clean out of material behind protective and catchment barriers."

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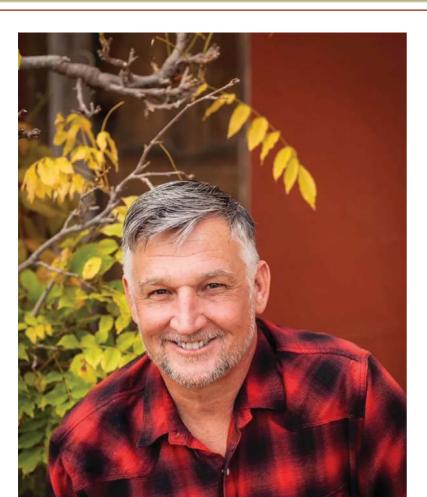












Seth Parker

September I, 1970 - October 26, 2022

Seth Parker, 52 years old, died suddenly on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. He was born in Anaheim, CA on September 1, 1970, and lived up and down the West Coast during his childhood, from Laguna Beach to Los Osos, and Carmel to the Pacific Northwest. He also spent many years on the Big Island of Hawai'i in his twenties. Most of his formative years were spent in Big Sur; Seth attended both Carmel Middle School and Pacific Valley School and considered the Central Coast his home.

Seth was well-known and loved by many in the community for his generous spirit and lust for life. Friends near and far remember him fondly for his fun-loving personality and adventurous nature. He could often be found surprising strangers with a round of drinks, grabbing the tab when out to dinner with friends, or DJing parties at the beach or Nepenthe back in the day.

He moved from living a wild and carefree life in his youth to becoming a family man after meeting his wife, Liz, in 2004 at Fernwood in Big Sur. They married in October 2006 on a beautiful fall day in Carmel Valley amongst family and friends. A loving and devoted father to William and Sara, Seth was the former president of Carmel River Dads, a service club to support the elementary school his children attended. He was instrumental in starting beloved school traditions such as the River School Campout and outdoor movie nights. He passed down his love of motorcycles to William and Sara, introducing them to riding very young, and family trips to Hollister or down to the track in Santa Maria were a common weekend occurrence. He taught Liz how to love and care for dogs, first with their pitbull, Roxanne, and now with their American Bully, Winter Joy. When he wasn't riding motorcycles or cooking delicious meals for his family, he enjoyed rooting for the Niners, traveling to Hawai'i, cheering on William and Sara at their sporting events, and hosting friends at his garage getaway affectionately named The Folly.

His childhood in the wilderness of Big Sur influenced Seth to become an avid environmentalist. He studied botany, forestry, engineering, landscaping, construction, and environmental management. He was an expert on native plants and a specialist in wildland fuel management. As a licensed contractor and owner of both Pacific Land Water & Home and Pacific Wildfire Management, he was passionate about fire safety and prevention. Always one to jump in on the front lines with his equipment, he was instrumental in saving several properties from succumbing to the Pfeiffer Fire in December 2013. Seth also served as president of the Fire Safe Council for Monterey County.

Seth is survived by his loving wife, Liz Laine Parker, and his two adoring children, William (age 14) and Sara (age 11) of Carmel, CA, as well as his father and stepmother, Scott and Linda Parker of Big Sur, CA, and his mother Sue Christensen of Ocean View, HI. Although an only child, he considered Linda's daughters, Natalie Van Allen of Carmel, CA and Jenny Van Allen Harris of Haiku. HI his sisters. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Jason Henry and niece and nephew Sofia and Lyrik Henry of Carmel, CA, as well as several stepsiblings, in-laws, nieces and nephews on Maui, the island of Hawai'i and in Chicago, IL.

At this time, there are no services planned, but there will be a celebration of life for Seth in Big Sur in Spring/Summer 2023. For now, please raise a shot of tequila, his drink of choice, to honor his memory and remarkable life.

COUNCIL From page 1A

members of the council "are up here because we love this community. We feel blessed to be living in Carmel.'

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She described being in elected office as "an extraordinary experience" and thanked her family and her hotel staff for understanding her commitment and helping to take care of matters at home and at work when her council duties called. She also expressed her gratitude for city administrator Chip Rerig and all the employees.

"You really get to know how the government works and how you make it happen," she said. "I'm going to miss making things happen and being a part of the democratic process."

Theis said she always tried to listen more than she talked — "though maybe not tonight" — and kept in mind that every story has more than one side.

"What I've also learned is even through challenging times — and I've been through a few — this community really comes together and moves forward," she said. "And that is really important."

Theis said she'll be spending time with her new granddaughter and figuring out what Hofsas House's future will look like for the next 75 years.

Thanks all around

The council's only order of business was to formally confirm that Potter received 1,422 votes, Baron got 998, Dramov received 800, Ashley Stoddard had 708 and Parker Logan received 513, after which council members thanked Theis for her efforts on the city's behalf.

"Carrie, it's been a pleasure," councilman Bobby Richards stated. "Your passion and dedication are remarkable. Your loyalty is unbelievable."

Baron thanked her for the guidance and advice she provided at the start of his first term four years ago and for her leadership on the climate change committee. He also gave his "steadfast drinking buddy after council meetings" a bottle of tequila.

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito praised Theis for thoroughly preparing for every meeting.

"It's been an inspiration for me," she said. "I can tell you have done your homework each and every meeting, and I think that's exemplary."

Rerig remarked that Theis is the last remaining member of the council that hired him in February 2016, "so I think I thank you for that," and he praised her efforts on the financial fronts, including pension reform and refinancing bonds.

'Council member Theis set the bar for customer service, being in hospitality," he added. "When I started, it was very

important to her that we increase the professionalism and the level of customer service not just in city hall, but in all city

Potter thanked her for her service and the many hours she took away from her business to fulfill her work as a member of the council.

"That's an amazing amount of hours that you have to spend doing the public's business," he said. "I'm going to really miss you on council. I know we had our doubts about each other, but we've been part of a team, and it's been really great to have you."

Potter presented Theis with a bouquet of flowers and a miniature cypress tree on behalf of the council.

What lies ahead

After city clerk Nova Romero administered the oath of office to the three recently elected officials, each took a moment to

Baron said that during his door-to-door campaign, he "learned that at its best, the community here can be close knit and forgiving and lovely, even of a candidate who's knocking on doors to listen to what you have to say.'

He said it's important for all officials to remember they serve the people who choose to live and grow old here, and he thanked the volunteer groups, city staff and others who "make Carmel a better place to

After remarking that Theis "always listened," was fair, and "did the right thing for Carmel," Dramov thanked those who elected her and said she looks forward to focusing on big-picture issues.

"I would like to come together with my fellow council members and Mayor Potter, as well as the public, to find solutions to some of these issues which have been unresolved for years," she said. "We can come together and do big things for Carmel that will have a positive impact for generations."

Dramov also encouraged the public at large to get involved in local government, learn about the issues and speak out when

Potter said the council is a team that plays and works well together and fights hard for the community.

"It's a privilege to be the mayor," he said. "I'm very fortunate I've been reelected."

Potter spent two decades as a county supervisor and said "nobody gave a damn," but when people learn he's mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea, they're suitably impressed.

"Alissandra, I'm looking forward to having you on board," he concluded. 'We'll have some discussions. It'll be spirited, it'll be fun, but we are Carmel-by-the-Sea — if we got along every single day, it would be dull."

DRIVER

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Biakanja and her kids had just left Casa de Fruta at the bottom of Pacheco Pass and were heading home to Carmel Valley, according to Uribe.

Lots of help

The children's father, Steve Biakanja, has been a firefighter with the City of San Jose for nearly 30 years. He and the kids' mother were divorced. She and the children lived in Carmel Valley.

His friends and colleagues set up a gofundme campaign to help the distraught father pay for "the children's funeral costs, as well as counseling, meals and various other forms of support for Capt. Biakanja and his wife, Thuan."

Leigh, 14, "was a Sea Cadet who enjoyed learning about science and playing softball," while twin sister Lucy "loved animals, raising chickens and doves as a hobby," and Ben, 12, "leaves behind his collection of World War II memorabilia, an avid interest of his."

"With your help, we can do our best to ease the burden of this tragedy and to honor the memory of his beloved children."

In less than 24 hours, the campaign had raised \$103,327 toward its \$150,000 goal and generated dozens of comments of support, care and concern.

On Aug. 22, an updated posted on Biakanja's behalf noted he was "humbled by the kindness and generosity during his time of need" and said he was sure "the funds raised will be more than sufficient to offset the costs they were intended for and has been considering how he may use the remaining money to return the kindness to his community.'

The update went on to note that his twin daughters were set to go on Carmel Middle School's annual trip to Washington, D.C., this year, and he "believes that with sufficient support, he can create a scholarship fund to send three underprivileged students each year from Carmel Middle School to the annual field trip as a way of honoring his children.

With your support, he hopes his children's legacy may live on and continue to bring light and joy to their school even after they're gone.'

The goal was bumped to \$250,000, and as of Thursday, \$285,590 had been raised, with the most recent donation, an anonymous gift of \$25, made 12 days earlier.

Image of lightning strike wins top prize in global B&W photo contest

By CHRIS COUNTS

Taken BY photographer Steve Zmak two years ago, an extraordinary photo of a lightning strike over the Pacific Ocean recently earned him a top prize at a prestigious competition for black and white photography, the annual Black and White Spider Awards.

Titled "Super Mega Bolt hits the Monterey Bay," the image was taken Aug. 16, 2020, when lightning triggered numerous wildfires throughout the state.

Zmak's lightning photo took 1st Place in the Nature Category for Professionals. He also came in 3rd Place in

Art Roundup

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the contest for Photographer of the Year and earned nominations in four other categories.

A member of the Center for Photographic Art, which is based at Sunset Center, Zmak told The Pine Cone that on the night of Aug. 16, he stepped outside his Marina home and saw something on the horizon that caught his eye.

"I noticed a flash in the night sky to the south," he recalled. "I wondered what sporting event was going on at that hour. I headed up the ladder in my pajamas to my roof and saw the lightning bolts hitting Carmel Valley and the Highlands behind the mountain ridge."

Zmak took pictures from his roof for about an hour. "But then I realized that the storm was heading my way and wasn't going to dissipate anytime soon, so I headed to Marina State Beach," he said.

He arrived about 1 a.m., but the park was closed—and so was the gate.

"I left my car on the street and walked in. There was a handful of other spectators, but they were scared off when three police vehicles pulled into the closed parking lot," he said. "But the police said hello and that they were there for the show and let me go about my business." So Zmak turned his attention back to the storm.

"I set up my tripod with a 16mm wide-angle lens to get as much of the sky as possible," he continued. "As bolts started to drop, I took 6-second exposures to capture whatever came into my frame during that time. I got lots of shots as the storm moved north off the Peninsula and out to sea directly in front of me."

It was around 3 a.m. when Zmak captured his prize-winning shot.

"The winds picked up to over 40 mph with 65 mph gusts," he said. "The camera and I were getting sand-blasted, and I almost packed up, too. But about a minute later—BOOM! — I saw the biggest bolt I've ever seen."

Award is a 'thrilling shock'

Zmak was happily surprised by all the attention he received for his lightning photo.

"I'm still in disbelief," Zmak said he said three weeks



Photographer Steve Zmak captured this eye-catching image of a lightning strike over the Pacific Ocean at Marina State Beach during a summer storm two years ago.

ago when he heard the news that he had won the award. "I've been entering both these competitions for more than 10 years and have never risen above honorable mentions and nominations, so this came as a thrilling shock."

Zmak's triumph is all the more impressive when you consider that the Black and White Spider Awards receive thousands of entries each year from all over the world. A jury of experts whittles down the field and chooses the winners. You can see all the entries at thespiderawards.

DWIGHT JOHNSTON THOMPSON

December 2, 1931 * November 14, 2022

Dwight Johnston Thompson of Carmel, California, age 90, passed away peacefully and beautifully on November 14, 2022, surrounded by his family and much love.

Forever describing himself as a "farm kid," Dwight was born on the Thompson family farm in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, on December



2, 1931, to Charles and Ethel (née Johnston) Thompson, the ninth of ten children. From his parents, he acquired an extraordinary work ethic, love of learning, and dedication to the service of others.

Following World War II and his family's relocation to San Bernardino, CA, Dwight graduated high school in 1949. He went on to study social sciences at San Jose State University, earning a BA in 1953, and an MA in 1957, as well as two minors and a teaching credential.

Dwight served in the U.S. military in the 1950s in the Army Security Agency. In 1957, he began a long and happy career as a high school history, geography and civics teacher at Monterey High School. Tenures at Seaside High School and

Stuttgart American High School in Germany with the UŠ Department of Defense Education (DoDEA) followed before he returned to Monterey High School where he taught until his retirement in 1994. Wherever he went, past students who always had a fond word for him were often heard joyfully calling out to him "Hi, Mr. T.!" He made a difference in the lives of countless students.

Dwight was a talented architect, builder and general contractor. He built and remodeled many homes in Kirkwood, California and on the Monterey Peninsula. He built his own home in Carmel-by-the-Sea in 1967 from the trees he felled on the property, and a family cabin in Kirkwood in 1973.

Everyone who knew Dwight felt and appreciated his big heart, warm smile, giving nature and keen observations. Dwight loved nothing more than a good conversation and an even better joke. He was charismatic, patriotic, open-minded, spiritual, and creative. He possessed incessant energy and believed that education was one of the most noble of all pursuits. One could often find Dwight tending to his place of joy — his garden. He also loved hunting, fishing, canoeing, writing poetry, playing and listening to music, helping people, telling stories, and building and fixing things. He loved to read and study the bible, and was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Monterey. He valued the many friendships that he made there.

Dwight is survived by his beloved wife Allene (née Venegas); daughters and sons-in-law Kassandra Brenot, Ph.D. (François), Kismet Roberts, M.D. (Glen), and Kahlil Coyle, MAIPS (Daniel); sister Louise Redinger; grandchildren Loleï, Baylen, Albany, Jean-Pierre, Aidan, and Finn; and several generations of nieces and nephews. Dwight was preceded in death by his parents, sister Margaret Jones, and brothers Lawrence, Stanley, Blaine, Harold, Ronald, Merle, and Lowell.

The Thompson family is most grateful for Dwight's good and long life filled with love. We thank the staff at Madonna Gardens Memory Care Community for their devoted and gentle care.

Dwight's life will be celebrated at a Service of Witness to the Resurrection at First Presbyterian Church of Monterey at 2 p.m. on December 30, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the First Presbyterian Church of Monterey, Santa Catalina School, the Alzheimer's Association, or a charity of your choice.

CARL ERNEST POHLHAMMER

DECEMBER 5, 1931 - OCTOBER 19, 2022

Carl Ernest Pohlhammer was born at Mills Hospital in San Mateo, California. His mother, Dorothy Irwin Pyle, born and raised in San Francisco, was descended from a California gold miner and Pony

Express rider and his father, Ernest William Pohlhammer, was born and raised in Kansas. Carl graduated from Sequoia High School in Redwood City, California in 1949. In that year, as part of a world government caravan to the capitol, he traveled to Washington, DC and met Vice President Alben Barkley, beginning his life of public service. He went to get a B. A. in history from San Jose State College in 1954.

Carl joined the Army and married his college friend, Anita Constance Arellano, in 1955. After a brief stint on the East Coast, the newlyweds spent many months in Orleans, France. Thus began a partnership



that lasted 53 years and three weeks and included travel to many countries. In 1957, he graduated from the University of California in Berkeley with a master's degree in history. He was immediately asked to teach at San Jose State College. He also applied for a direct commission in the U. S. Navy as an intelligence officer and was accepted.

In the 1960s, Carl was very close to his in-laws, Elias (AI) Arellano and Connie Arellano. The four of them traveled together, socialized and built a cabin in the Sierra. That lasted until Connie died in 1968. During those years, Carl held various teaching jobs, culminating in his activation of his Navy commission to teach at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He "never looked back." After three years, he was hired by Monterey Peninsula College, where he taught until 2008.

After 1966, Carl held many leadership roles on the Monterey Peninsula. He was president of the Fort Ord Flying Club, chairman of the Pacific Grove Repeal Committee (otherwise known as "Bourbon Renewal"), president of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Peninsula, director of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club and, later, president of the Carmel Music Society.

Carl served as president of the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges in 1973 and 1974, when he was also Social Science Division Chair at MPC (and hired one Sandra). Later he was a founder of the Monterey Peninsula College Teachers' Association and served as the vice president of the community college unit of the California Teachers' Association.

In the following years, Carl became more active in the Democratic Party, becoming chair of the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee in 1999. He served in that capacity until 2006. His last public office came about when he was elected to the Monterey Peninsula College Board of Trustees in 2007. He was the first (and last) faculty person to serve in that role.

Carl and Sandy Kahn, who had known each other for years, created a new family in 2010, including Stephen and Tamara Kahn, Robert and Celine Kahn and granddaughters, Rachael, Hannah and Lauren Kahn.

Editorial

Free speech no more

NOT LONG ago, there was a local controversy that had everybody up in arms — a controversy that seems laughably quaint compared to what's going on in this country today.

For years a man who lived along Highway 1 just this side of the Carmel Highlands General Store turned his property into something of a local landmark by decorating his fence with "Exit Iraq" signs and similar banners.

World War II vet Bill Stewart was the outspoken gentleman, and among his fervent causes was his opposition to the George W. Bush administration and its policy of removing Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein from his palace.

For the most part, Mr. Stewart was left in peace while he made his political views known. But one night in December 2005, somebody ripped Stewart's "Exit Iraq" signs down — presumably because he disagreed with them. And then Stewart called the sheriff and asked that the culprit be tracked down for committing what he called a "despicable" violation of his First Amendment rights.

Of course, as we pointed out in an editorial at the time, unless somebody from the government took the signs down, the vandalism committed against Stewart wasn't really a violation of his First Amendment rights. There's nothing in the Constitution about private individuals interfering in each other's speech. But destroying someone else's property certainly violates state laws. And if the perpetrators were caught (which they never were), that is what they would have been punished for.

Stewart's exaggerated reaction to the destruction of his signs is one of the things about the episode that seems quaint in retrospect. But even weirder is what we said in an editorial printed shortly after the vandalism happened.

"Whoever ripped down Stewart's political signs," we said, "violated a deeply rooted American tradition of free public discourse on even the most controversial topics."

Could those words have been true just 17 years ago?

Nowadays, the political climate has changed so much, the concept of people respecting each other's right to speak out on controversial topics hardly seems to exist at all, much less be deeply rooted.

Instead, in 2022 America, thanks to the fracturing of our political climate and the proliferation of online political forums, it's become normal to call somebody you disagree with names and demand that they be silenced. We even have numerous clichés — "fake news," "hate speech," "trigger warning," "microagression" and the like — to signal when something being said is so inappropriate it shouldn't be heard at all. Many people have started to call for government limits on what can be said, and there are even calls for anybody who says the "wrong" things into being harassed or boycotted into submission. And it's not just the malcontents and diehards who support such things.

This week we learned the that the University of Missouri's once-vaunted journalism school has adopted restrictions on what its students can say going so far as to prohibit "reporting that is racist in fact or connotation" and the "elimination of nationalistic, racist, sexist and other demeaning remarks, whether said in seriousness or jest."

You recall that several years ago a California congressional representative called for public shaming of anybody associated with the Trump administration — even if they were just doing something as innocent as shopping for groceries or having dinner in a restaurant. And then the head of the California Democratic Party called for a boycott of a prominent fast food chain because its owners donated \$25,000 to the California Republican Party. Numerous universities and colleges across this country have banned speakers because of what they might say.

All that is bad enough when politicians or members of the public do it. But journalists are supposed to be some of the country's foremost defenders of the first amendment, right?

Oh, sorry. There we go dating ourselves. Nowadays journalists aren't supposed to be objective — they're supposed to be hard-core political operatives, which includes trying to silence anyone who says something you disagree with. We apologize for this silly editorial.

BEST of BATES



"My wife shops at Rittmaster." "My wife shops at Wilkes Bashford." "My wife shops at Yellow Brick Road."

Letters to the Editor

Whole town racist? Dear Editor,

In a recent colum in the "Pacific Grove Press," DEI Task Force member Nadja Mark repeated a comment from an anonymous source that "everybody knows that P.G. is racist." She went on to accuse a former Pacific Grove High student of being a racist. The young man was roundly vilified several years ago and this comment now seems like piling on for the sake of DEI ideology.

She goes on to call a fired police officer a "bigot." This appears to be a violation of the city's code of conduct which says "officials will assure fair and equal treatment of all persons, claims, and transactions coming before the city council and its various boards and commissions." The police officer is suing the city and it is a breach of the code to comment on people involved in actions against the city.

Mike Gibbs, Pacific Grove

First night conflict Dear Editor,

Fans of Samba Legal: We will not be performing our Brazilian drumming at this year's First Night event as we have loyally done the last 15 years. It has been our pleasure to bring such energy and joy to Alvarado Street and to ring in the New Year with you all these years. We know

many of you plan your New Years just to see us.

Last year was a tipping point. We lost the stage and lighting provided to us by contract, we agreed to play at a hastily pieced-together location far away from the action and yet still drew a crowd of enthusiastic revelers. Unfortunately, we were forced to shut down and clear out mere minutes before midnight, leaving our fans saddened and in disbelief as they missed the countdown.

While the real reasoning behind this arbitrary order remains unclear, some speculated that it would force the crowd indoors at paid venues, even though you couldn't purchase buttons after 8 p.m.

Ironically, Alvarado Street remained closed well after midnight.

Several emails to the First Night board of directors have gone unanswered.

We feel these decisions not only disrespect Samba Legal, but hurt the festival itself. You deserve better.

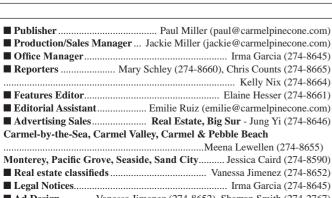
Mark Daoud, Seaside

Who should pay? Dear Editor,

Gov. Gavin Newsom's task force committee wants to give \$569 billion of our taxpayers' funds in reparations to descendants of enslaved people. U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters is also pushing for banks to pay reparations for past injustice to black people. But what about reparations from the leaders of the Democratic Party and their elitist billionaire supporters?

The Democratic Party played a major

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Unraveling the mystery of who designed Hank Ketcham's house

CARTOONIST HANK Ketcham created "Dennis the Menace" in 1950 while living in Carmel Woods. In 1955, he bought what was known as the Wolferman Ranch in Carmel Valley. A review of historical records reveals the ranch's interest-

Being a historian is a bit like being a detective and a jigsaw puzzle maven. Old jigsaw puzzles are interesting because when you open the box, you sometimes find a clump of pieces someone has already assembled, while often times the pieces can also be very hard to identify.

In Ketcham's 1991 autobiography,

designed by Hugh Comstock for the Wolfermans in 1940. This week, we will look at the earlier history of the "Victorian-looking ranch house" that in the 1950s was the home of ranch foreman Dick McKenzie.

Puzzle solving

The puzzle began to unfold when Jeff Ohlson of the Carmel Valley History Center sent me a copy of the June 10, 1955, Carmel Valley News. It 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 knew of Addison Mizner (1872-1933), who was one of the most famous architects of the 1920s. While he is best known for his work in Florida, he had designed a palatial home for

his niece, Ysobel Chase, in Pebble Beach. Wilson was his younger brother and not an architect. Both were native Californians and well traveled in their youth. Their father served as a U.S. Minister to Guatemala. Addison Mizner lacked a degree, but in the late 1890s interned under San Francisco architect Willis Polk. Mizner

> moved to New York in the early 1900s and became deeply involved in building and interior design. He made annual buying trips to Europe, where he also picked up design ideas.

High demand

In 1918, Mizner traveled to Palm Beach, Fla., for his health. He found the climate to his liking, but not the buildings. The New England-style wood structures were unsuitable for the climate. When he was commissioned to design the Everglades Club in Palm Beach, which opened in 1919, he adopted a Spanish-Mediterranean-style built with stone, stucco and tile. He built high ceilings to let the heat rise with lots of cross ventilation.

His designs came into such high demand that he built his own factory to produce roof and decorative tiles and reproductions of European architectural features. In 1925, he founded Mizner Development Corp. and began creating a planned city development

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

"The Merchant of Dennis the Menace," Ketcham recalled his "charming Spanish adobe residence and guest cottage, with a swimming pool and cabana and a Victorian-looking ranch house for the foreman and his family, designed in the 1930s by Wilson Mizner." In last week's column, I wrote about the adobe main residence





Today's Casa Zarazúa (top) was the foreman's house of Rancho El Robledo when Hank Ketcham acquired the ranch in 1955. Nestled among the oaks of Carmel Valley, the 19th century cabin, with an impressive fieldstone chimney, was described as "Victorian-looking." Central to the living room is a large fieldstone fireplace (above) that heated the home in earlier days. A photo of a mature Aquilino Zarazúa hangs to the left, and to the right is Aquilino as a small boy, standing proudly with his father in Mexico.

A SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE LEADS TO AN INCOMPARABLE PHOTOGRAPHIC LEGACY

By DENNIS TAYLOR

AMONG MORE than 24,000 images that have been archived over the past 40 years by photographer Craig Lovell are pictures of people, places and things that aren't there anymore, and will never exist again.

The astounding array of photographs he displays in the spacious studio at his Carmel Valley home and hundreds more on his website represent the largest portion of his professional lifetime. But they're

also a one-of-a-kind time capsule — an

astounding snapshot of part of the history

Lovell looks back with wonder and humil-

ity at a legacy of international travel to

exotic lands, interactions with cave-dwell-

ing holy men, weathered-but-happy peas-

ant farmers, and selfless sherpas who

shepherded him over towering mountain

passes. Lovell has celebrated at colorful

festivals, gazed upon consecrated ground,

As he approaches his 68th birthday,

of civilization.

Carmel's Artists

witnessed sacred ceremonies, and felt the spirits in ruins that are centuries olds. He's eaten things he can't identify.

'Much to see, to do, to learn'

"I can't say I've never been bored there have been times — but I think if you're bored, you're just being lazy," said Lovell, whose curiosity and profession have taken him to seldom-seen places in Africa, Asia and Latin America. "There's

so much to see, so many things to do, so much to learn.

"When you're working for yourself, doing something you love, it's very satisfying," Lovell said.

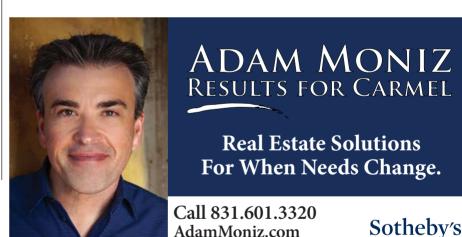
His latest photo series, "Magic and Mystery in Mexico" and "Colors of Mexico," will be exhibited at Del Mesa Carmel from Jan. 3 through Feb. 28 (reception: 4 p.m. Jan. 13), a joint show with fellow photographer Robert Nielson.

Lovell's first exposure to radically different cultures occurred in 1972, after he graduated from a Sacramento high school and journeyed to Africa, visiting Kenya,

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Carmel Valley's Craig Lovell, a globetrotting fine-art photographer, paused in Kham, Eastern Tibet, to pose with Buddhist monks at the Litang Horse Festival.



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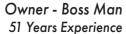
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Fending off 'the famous biting midges of Scotland' and other tales

KEN KLUG'S life during his four most recent long walks in the United Kingdom was an open book — or rather, a public blog — updated in almost real time following each day's foray into the ever-fickle weather. Friends, fellow hikers and armchair adventurers followed his progress as he slogged through mud, kept territorial critters at bay, watched a bull tumble hindquarters-over-teakettle

Great Lives

By CLAY SHANNON

down a hill after slipping on rain-slicked limestone, and slathered himself in insect repellent to counter what he referred to as "the famous biting midges of Scotland."

Blog readers also could suffer along when Klug lost his bearings, doing so often enough that he christened himself, "Sir Lost-a-Lot."

His German surname, Klug, translates to smart or clever, and those adjectives definitely apply to him. He is humble to a fault, though, and in fact poked fun at the book that he published about his 1,200-mile walk from southwest England to northeast Scotland (available at blurb. com/b/2945916-my-1200-mile-summer) by peppering it with tongue-in-cheek "reviews":

"A real page-burner" — S.F. Exterminer

"Thought provoking. You'll wonder why you wasted your money." — The Los Angeles Tribunal

Dark landscape

However, Klug's writings are interesting and the accompanying photographs are often beautiful. His humor led him to claim disappointment when he noticed that a speed sensor on the highway didn't even register his velocity, while being flattered by an "elderly people crossing" sign, figuring it was the town's way of welcoming him.

Klug joined forces with two other gents on part of his

pilgrimage from Land's End at the southwestern corner of England to John O'Groats, at the northeastern tip of Scotland. The trio dubbed themselves, "The Three Must-Have-Beers."

Among the other long-distance hikes Klug has taken are the waterways of southern England, the hills and dales of northern England, and the Isle of Man. In the days before blogs, he also completed treks with names like Wainwright's Coast to Coast in England, the West Highland Way in Scotland, the Irish Coast to Coast, and the 2002 Shackleton Crossing of South Georgia — an island located just north of Antarctica.

That hike was only 25 miles, but because of the terrain and conditions, it was the most difficult Klug has ever undertaken. Together with a few others and their guides, including a physician, they recreated explorer Ernest Shackleton's 1916 crossing of the island.

Klug's initial reaction on seeing the stark landscape — a forbidding vastness, with barren stone jutting out of ancient ice — was that he wouldn't be able to complete the trek

after all. He considered remaining on the ship, but fear of what others might think if he backed down was stronger than his fear of dying on the glacier and he finished the journey, safe and sound.

As for Klug's more accessible and less strenuous walks throughout the UK, he said that for him, the main attraction is the people he meets along the way. He found that people in Britain were more likely to engage in conversation than those in other European countries that offer good hiking trails, such as Germany and Switzerland. This is because those on the continent tend to hike in groups, and groups are less likely to stop and chat.

He has other reasons for his passion, too. "Walking solo day after day gives time for thought and observation. I've learned a lot about people, about myself, and about



The white cliffs of the southeast coast of England are a tourism landmark, but also a great place for some rugged hiking, says a man who knows what he's talking about.

life in general — a perspective that I never could have acquired under other circumstances. Any long walk wears you down physically, mentally and emotionally, but a solo long walk allows (or even forces) you to rebuild your body and mind in a way that imparts inner peace."

'You deal with them'

Although the walking paths through Britain dotted with bed-and-breakfasts may seem relatively sedate, they're not always a "walk in the park." Klug said. "On a long walk, there are things you can't control. You deal with most of them without a second thought. But some incidents can be life-threatening — accidents, injuries, weather, fire, floods, rock slides, aggressive animals, violent people, getting lost, etc. At the most extreme, you deal with them or you die."

He continued, "Every challenging walk involves some degree of excitement, risk, or adventure. Each day is different, and you never know what you will encounter."

Still, Klug warns against overthinking potential problems. "Most stress comes from worrying about things we can't control. Once that realization is instilled in our being, it becomes easier to disregard things that are beyond our control and focus attention on what we can control."

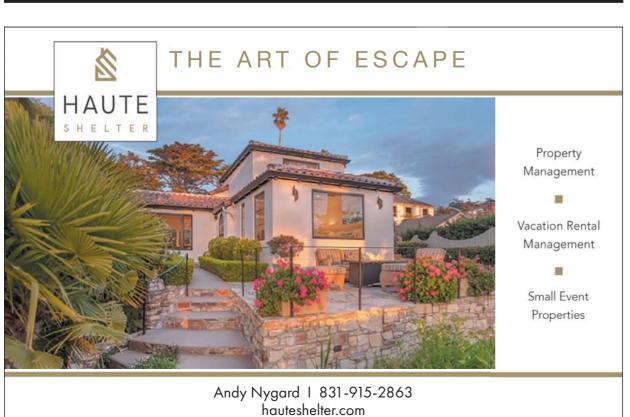
Klug and his wife, Janet, have only lived in Monterey full-time for the last two years, but they rented vacation homes near Cannery Row for several summers before that. They learned to scuba dive locally and are charter members of the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

You can often find Klug walking along the Monterey waterfront on the rec trail between Old Fisherman's Wharf and Lovers Point.

As for Klug's "origin story," he lightheartedly divulged only this: "I was born at an early age in a hospital. I might have preferred being born in a log cabin, but my parents

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Tanzania and Nairobi.

"I studied Swahili and went on safari at a time when nobody worried about the lion populations and there also were a lot of rhinoceroses," he said. "Today, the lions and rhinos are endangered."

But he credits his wife, Christine Kolisch, for sparking his hunger for international travel in the mid-1980s, and he has shared many of his adventures with Christine and her son, Bodhi, who was 7 when his mom met Lovell.

"We fell in love and I started traveling," Lovell said. "We all did a circumambulation around Mount Kailash, which is kind of like the mecca of Tibet — every Tibetan wants to walk around that sacred mountain before they die."

A life-changer for Bodhi

That trek, and others, had a profound impact on young Bodhi, who eventually chose to live in Asia — originally to look for sea turtles in Thailand, then as an organizer of a relief fund after the country was devastated by a tsunami

Bodhi was born in Nepal, where his mom lived from 1972 to 1985, the year she met Lovell. He graduated from Carmel High in 1996, Central European University in 1998, and UC Berkeley in 2000, with a degree in environ-

He lives in Thailand with his wife, Tu, and his son, Vajra Garrett, and has been active in supporting environmentally responsible tourism and sustainability, as well as other grassroots efforts.

Kolisch became a designer, manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer of clothing and handicrafts from Nepal in 1986 when she opened her own Carmel Valley business, Chippu Himal, which she operated until the pandemic hit.

Among many groups she still supports there, Kolisch was a co-founder in 2015 of We Help Nepal, a nonprofit for which Kolisch, Garrett and Lovell raised \$600,000 for earthquake relief.

Lovell was educated at Western Washington University (1972-1973) and Humboldt State (1973-1975), then enrolled at Santa Barbara's prestigious Brooks Institute of Photography, where he focused on advertising photography and photojournalism from 1976 to 1980.

In 1978, he traveled to South America and began capturing black and white images of the Otavalo — indigenous people native to the Andean mountains in northern Ecuador.

"I think black and white photos are better for capturing the soul, and photographing cultures became one of my specialties," he said.

Dangerous crossing

Tales from Lovell's travels are riveting.

While hiking the Inca Trail in Peru, he came upon the Urubama River, which, at the time, had no bridge — only a tiny cart hanging from a cable.

"There was a little guy up there who would pull himself

across the river on the cable, then send the cart back," he recalled. "I put my backpack in the cart, climbed on, and he pulled me across."

On a misty dawn, with Peruvian musicians playing pan flutes in the rain, Lovell wandered through sacred Inca ruins near Machu Picchu, savoring the silence. "It seems to me that the spirits arrive when it's quiet," he said.

"Then I climbed Wayna Picchu, this spike of a mountain, probably the most 3D place in the world," he said. You get to the top, where the shamans would predict things for the Inca civilization, and look down upon Machu Picchu, along with all the giant mountains around it. It's magical.

Lovell moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1981, worked briefly for the Carmel Camera Center, then began freelancing for his own company, Eagle Visions Photography — still his brand today.

A favorite career gig was a stint with Wilderness Travel, which sent Lovell on 14 adventures around the world and spawned a show at the Pacific Grove Art Center he called "Faces of Asia."

"I went to Tibet in 1986," Lovell said. "I have photos of people who were still wearing Mao caps.

"Lhasa, at the time, was full of traditional Tibetan structures, which have been knocked down," he said. "At some point, your pictures become historical, because they've survived to show what once was."

Lovell celebrated a memorable birthday above the timberline in Tibet, watching part of a sky burial.

They cannot bury their dead up there because the ground is too hard, and they can't burn the bodies because they're above the tree line," he said. "So they chop up the bodies, then feed them to the vultures. The birds eat your body and take you right up into the sky — a 'sky burial.' It's actually quite uplifting to see, although it doesn't seem like it would be."

On a 16,000-foot Tibetan mountain pass, with snow falling, Lovell and Kolisch came upon a solitary monk sitting in a freezing-cold cave, wearing only a thin, cotton

"He was basically a teacher, and we sat with him for a

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talk — a teaching — and I asked if I could take his picture," Lovell said. "We spoke for half an hour, then he reached over, grabbed my wife's mala (prayer garland), put it in his lap, and said, 'Now, it's time for the photograph.'

Lovell's image features the monk posing with Christine's necklace and a milk-filled cup made from his own late teacher's skull.

New possibilities

A financial turning point for Lovell arrived with the advent of the internet, when he began working with Corbis Images, an agency that marketed stock photography worldwide. "They sold a whole lot of my pictures. It was really

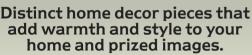
great," he said. "Then everything got corporatized and prices dropped. But I still probably sell 200 of my photos a year — stuff that gets used in books, magazines, travel brochures, advertising ... all sorts of things." Some of the most colorful photos in his portfolio will

be featured in his newest series, "Magical Mysteries in Mexico," a country where Lovell and Kolisch kept a home Galleries on his website include fine art portraits, wildlife, architecture, festivals and scenery from his travels, as

well as photos from the Monterey Jazz Festival, for which he serves as the official photographer. Additional information, images of Lovell's art and a link to a film he produced can be found online at eagle-vi-

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Deer gets stuck, humans help out to free her

By KELLY NIX

 ${
m A}$ DEER that somehow got herself stuck in a fence in Pebble Beach was rescued this week by SPCA Monterey

The doe found herself awkwardly stuck in the fence on a Bonifacio Road property for at least two hours, SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said.

"She was spotted by compassionate neighbors who were walking their dogs," Brookhouser said. "They quickly called our Wildlife Center for help."

Stuck at the hip, the deer tried but was unable to free herself, so humans stepped in to help. An employee with SPCA's Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center placed a towel over the deer's head to help calm the animal while another one of the nonprofit's workers on the other side of the fence helped free it.

"They used a lubricant to help her slide through the



Mercedes Ferrante 1933 • 2022

Mercedes was funny. And gutsy. And fiercely independent.

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Raised by default by her almost blind grandmother who left her at the orphanage in downtown Lima, the nuns taught her to love knowledge, the arts, handcrafts, tap dancing, singing and acting. Also gave her a strong Faith.

All that became handy when one day, back in the '60s, she saw a sign at a storefront offering adoptions in the USA. A year later she was living at a very nice house in Atherton Road, adopted by a kind widow that had just moved to Carmel.

Soon she was given a car, took courses at MPC and quickly became an American.

Married to Anthony Ferrante, till his passing a decade later, moved back to Carmel to a cute apartment on Mission Street. This allowed to make her signature walks, with a very slow moving walker in her later years (thank you Carmel PD and Fire Station) to Bruno's, Carmel Bakery or Wells Fargo Bank.

She was active at the Carmel Foundation, where she thrived at the theater productions (Carmen Miranda being her signature role), Monterey County Fair (exhibiting all her handicrafts, especially needlepoint), Carmel Woman's Club, Carmel Host Lions Club and the Carmel Mission Basilica.

She had a passion for collecting all types of depictions of roosters and her Christmas parties, with hundreds of decorations, were legendary.

After holding several retail jobs, Mercedes was a nanny, caregiver of some prominent Carmel elderly ladies and also caretaker of a huge Pebble Beach vacant property that she claimed was haunted

Her final years were marked by her health issues, being helped by the kindness of her many friends and acquaintances and supported by the Meals on Wheels and The Carmel Foundation Food Programs.

A private ceremony will be performed at the burial place at San Carlos Cemetery at a later day.

Special thanks to the Palliative Care Program, Dr. John Hausdorff and Social Worker Tammy Stickler, also Dr. Shehab Saddy, Dr. Michael Pita, Choice Healthcare Social Worker Cynthia Wyer and finally, the kind personnel of the Pacific Grove Healthcare Center.

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bars and pushed her backward," Brookhouser explained to The Pine Cone.

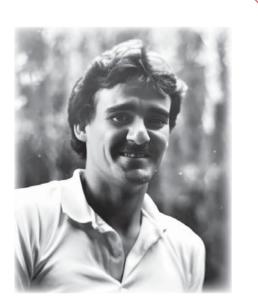
As soon as the animal was freed, she ran off to join other nearby deer.

The SPCA Wildlife Center is the only full-service wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center in Monterey County and rescues more than 2,500 injured, sick and orphaned wild animals every year.

To report wild animals in need of rescue, call (831) 264-5427. Go to speame.org for more information about the organization and the wildlife center, which rely on donations to operate.



This doe found itself in a precarious position on a Pebble Beach property. She got stuck and couldn't free herself, but SPCA workers managed to do that for her.



RICHARD GREGORY VANCE

Born Sept. 4, 1959

Our beloved brother, uncle and friend passed away peacefully on November 25, 2022.

He was predeceased by brothers Steven and James, father John, brother William, loving mother Lieselotte and bonus nephew Tyler Valdivia.

Richard is survived by his brothers Gary and Wayne (Kathy); sister Audrey Brown; nephews Steven (Shannen) Ian (Alissa); nieces Natalie Valdivia, Patricia Heyman; nephews Stuart, David, Craig (Ronnie), Wayne Jr. (big sisters Mary, Sara and Gina Russo).

Richard is also survived by his adored great nieces and nephews, best friend Nathan Valdivia, his bowling league "Cheaters" and his many friends.

Richard was raised and lived in Pacific Grove and "Worked All His Life" in the hospitality industry, including The Sardine Factory, eventually retiring from Cypress Point Club.

Everyone who knew Ricky loved him — he was that special. May his humor live on in our hearts forever. We will keep his laughter alive here on Earth and know that the angels are laughing with

His Celebration of Life will be held for Family and Friends December 17th at the Vance residence.

Please always laugh and smile when you think of Ricky for he would want it that way.

SEATING

The owner of Cafe Fina, Domenic Mercurio was happy to hear the news that outdoor seating could stay — at least

"With over 1,700 petition signatures from residents and the support of the City of Monterey, Sen. John Laird and most of the wharf merchants, the decision made by the California Coastal Commission was in the best interest of the people to improve their experience and create a welcoming environment," Mercurio said. "Outdoor seating and restaurants go together everywhere in the world, and it's been like that for a long time. In fact, outdoor seating has been on the wharf for over 15 years, and we look forward to it continuing well into the future.'

Brickman also celebrated the extension.

"All of us are thrilled with the decision of the coastal commission, as well as the huge support we received from both locals and visitors, the City of Monterey, the Monterey Chamber of Commerce and many others," Brickman added. "The outdoor dining on Old Fisherman's Wharf is extremely popular for so many reasons, and we are very grateful for this important extension granted by the commission."

CHECK

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though Ortiz told Uretsky he passed.

"Rather than reporting facts," Uretsky Security, a consumer reporting agency, "took a narrative approach in the report and sought to cast Ortiz in a negative light," according to his lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court by San Marino attorney Devin Fok.

"A cursory review of Soledad Police Department records and the recorded interview prior to disclosure" to the sheriff's office "would have alerted Uretsky Security of the incorrect education and public records information," Ortiz alleges. "Based on the report, Ortiz was denied employment with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office."

Ortiz claims that Uretksy Security failed to use "reasonable procedures" to ensure the information he reported to the sheriff's office was accurate, and that the company was "willful and/or reckless."

Sheriff's office named

Ortiz also names the Monterey County Sheriff's Office as a defendant, alleging that the agency, among other things, violated state laws regulating background checks by failing to provide him a copy of Uretsky's report about him and a copy of his rights, and other things.

As a result of the alleged background-check blunders, Ortiz said he's suffered "actual damages, including loss of earnings, emotional distress and damage to his reputation." He's seeking monetary damages, including punitive damages, which can be awarded in cases involving malice or fraud.

Uretsky, formerly an officer with the Carmel Police Department, did not return a message from The Pine Cone about the civil complaint.

CAO From page 6A

Tuesday meeting.

De La Rosa thanked the supervisors for selecting her and McKee for his support, saying the job is a "dream I never thought I was going to have.'

"Having an opportunity like this is so extraordinary," De La Rosa said. "My goal is to give back as much as I can for as many years as I can to help you grow and to help this community develop."

The supervisors in closed session appointed assistant county administrative officer Nick Chiulos to be acting CAO until De La Rosa starts the job.

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not far from Palm Beach that became Boca Raton. His company over-reached and went bankrupt, but he continued to design. His buildings and his name remain closely associated with Boca Raton to this day. Mizner died there in 1933.

Mizner designed the home in Pebble Beach as a family favor, but until the references to the Ketcham ranch, I knew of nothing to associate him with Carmel Valley. A query to the Carmel Valley Historical Society showed they didn't know of him either, but they did provide the Carmel Valley News noted above. As I continued to scour resources, I found the link.

'Victorian looking'

An Aug. 26, 1928, article in the San Francisco Examiner reported: "Mr. Addison Mizner moved into the cabin which he recently remodeled on his newly acquired ranch in the Carmel Valley." Another article from 1928 told of his Pebble Beach friends presenting him with "sundry livestock including two pigs, six ducks, 10 chickens, a bantam rooster and several pigeons."

The Pine Cone of May 17, 1929, reported that Mizner "arrived on Saturday and has gone to his place at Los Robles in Carmel Valley." The Oct. 14, 1932, Pine Cone further states: "Addison Mizner has for many years made his permanent home in Carmel Valley, although he is here only a small part of the time," a point reaffirmed a few months later in his obituary in the Feb. 10, 1933, Pine Cone.

It was becoming clear that the earlier "Victorian-looking ranch house" was the cabin remodeled by Addison Mizner in 1928, and where he summered for about five years. It was likely the earlier home of Franklin and Lila Parse who, in 1896, sold what was then an 81-acre ranch carved out of the larger Rancho Tularcitos to Wilbur Hough.

I am grateful to George Lockwood, who compiled the title history a half-century ago. He purchased most of the ranch in 1971, made his home in the Comstock adobe, and subdivided the ranch into several parcels. Lockwood's research shows that the larger ranch changed hands a few more times after Hough before becoming part of the vast acreage (about 11,000 acres) that Pacific Improvement Co. acquired in Carmel Valley so it could control and dam the Carmel River, and then pipe water to the Peninsula through its Monterey County Water Works. These

Bennett Sculpture takes Business of the Year

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

BENNETT SCULPTURE Gallery prevailed over all other winners of last year's Carmel Chamber Awards of Excellence to be named Business of the Year at the organization's annual gala at Quail Lodge Dec. 7.

With a Studio 54 theme, the event also celebrated this year's winners in a numerous categories: Accommodations (Small) — Hofsas House, Accommodations (Large) — La Playa Carmel, Art — Carmel Art Association, Beverage — Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro, Food/Market/Specialty (Small) — The Cheese Shop, and Food/Market/Specialty (Large) — Anton & Michel Restaurant.

Also: Health & Wellness — Refuge, Financial/Legal — Hayashi Wayland/CLA, Music/Performance — Sunset Cultural Center, Nonprofits — The Carmel Foundation, Professional Services (Small) — The Carmel Pine Cone, and Professional Services (Large) — Monterey Regional Airport.

And: Real Estate/Property Management (Small) — Team Beesley/KW Coastal Estates, Real Estate/Property Management (Large) — Carmel Realty Company, Retail (Small) — Thinker Toys, Retail (Large) — Carmel Plaza, Tourism (Small) — Mad Dogs & Englishmen Bike Shop, Tourism (Large) — Monterey Bay Aquarium.

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lands and the water works were part of what S.F.B. Morse acquired in 1919 when he formed Del Monte Properties Co. and purchased the Pacific Improvement Co. holdings in Monterey County — holdings that more notably included Hotel Del Monte and Pebble Beach.

Records show that Mizner's niece, Ysobel Chase Hollins, purchased 61.2 acres from Del Monte Properties Co. on Nov. 9, 1932. Ysobel had married McKim Hollins, the brother of champion golfer Marion Hollins, famous for developing Cypress Point and Pasatiempo golf courses. With no record of Mizner having owned the ranch, we must assume he was leasing it from Del Monte. Morse was among those that brought Mizner livestock in 1928. His niece may have bought it after the lease ran out shortly before Mizner's death in February 1933.

Hollins sold to James and Sarah Breese in 1937 and they, in 1939, sold to the Wolfermans, who built the adobe ranch home as a summer place. The Wolfermans maintained their primary home in Kansas City and sold the ranch in 1949 to Ellis Spiegl, the one-time lettuce tycoon of the Salinas Valley. The Spiegls added the pool and cabana

buildings and lived there until December 1954 when they deeded the property to Pacific Western Realty. It briefly passed hands a couple of more times, until June 6, 1955, when Hank and Alice Ketcham took title.

Casa Zarazúa

Jumping ahead, Kethcam sold the ranch in 1960 to C. E. Hightower, who sold to Ann C. Stevenson in 1961. Stevenson carved out 24 acres that she retained at the top of the hill and sold the remaining 37 acres in 1967 to Elmer and Lorraine Ladd, who sold to Lockwood in 1971.

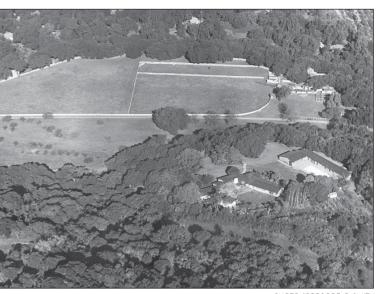
At that time the ranch foreman was Aquilino Zarazúa (1918-2009), who lived near the barn in the rustic Mizner ranch house with his family. When Lockwood subdivided



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This aerial view shows much of the 61-acre Rancho El Robledo, just east of Carmel Valley Village, that was acquired by Hank Ketcham in 1955. Ketcham lived on a rise in the U-shaped adobe complex and worked in the L-shaped cabana at the lower right. The older foreman's house was nestled in the oaks below the cabana, with the barn and pasture across the main road that still runs through the ranch.

the ranch, he planned to tear down the old house, but Zarazúa asked for it. Lockwood carved out the parcel with the home and deeded it to him. Known today as Casa Zarazúa, it is home to his daughter, Blanca, who grew up there and is now a Salinas attorney and honorary consul of Mexico. She lives there with her mother and is working to document it for preservation as a historic property.

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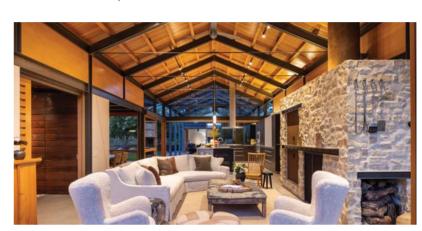
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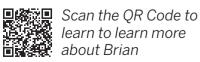


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Brian moved to the Monterey Peninsula from Sacramento in 2003 to attend Cal State Monterey Bay. He earned his BS in Business Administration and played Division II Golf for the University and fell in love with the area and has continued to build deeper roots. His passion for golf, finance, and philanthropy landed him with The First Tee of Monterey County where he was the Development and Finance Assistant and helped underserved youth have a chance for a better future through golf and life skills education.

He went on in 2011 to become the 1st Assistant Golf Professional at The Preserve Golf Club where his passion for player development and growing the game was strong. He grew into the Head Golf Professional role, and ultimately the Membership Sales Manager where he enjoyed introducing new members to the Golf and Ranch Clubs.

Brian's 9 years of experience at the Santa Lucia Preserve and organic demand for him to serve members there at a higher level led him to transition from a golf professional to real estate sales representing sellers and buyers of homes and land in The Preserve. Now positioned as the lead sales agent for Canning Properties Group in Tehama and Monterra resales, his passion for the outdoors, the game of golf, and dedication to conservation are a perfect match for sharing his intimate knowledge of the area with his clients. When he's not working, you can find Brian snowboarding, trail running, playing tennis, cycling, and most of all golfing around the world.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

CHS, Stevenson soccer squads face new competition in tough division

WHEN THE Central Coast Section boys soccer playoffs got underway last winter, the Carmel Padres and Stevenson Pirates stayed home, even after posting stellar seasons in the Pacific Coast Athletic League.

Carmel had posted the best record in the PCAL's

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Cypress Division at 6-1-3, along with a glitzy 11-3-4 overall mark, but was deprived of postseason consideration after being forced to forfeit multiple victories because one of its players had also played with a private club team during the interscholastic season (against the rules).

Stevenson's playoff hopes were equally high a year ago after amassing an overall record of 11-5-1, and placing

second in the Santa Lucia Division at 7-2-1.

"I felt like we should have been selected for CCS last year, and I thought we had the results to qualify, but the committee thought otherwise," said Toby Elmore, currently in his eighth season as Stevenson's varsity coach. "I know our guys also felt like we should have been part of that conversation, and they've come back this year wanting to prove that CCS is where we belong."

The long memories of multiple lettermen, including several returning starters, are likely to be a motivating factor at both schools in 2022-23, when the Padres and Pirates will compete head-to-head in the PCAL's formidable Mission Division, which also includes Greenfield, King City, Monterey, Palma, and Seaside.

"It's going to be a challenge, getting pushed up to the Mission, where we'll play some really quality opponents every week," said the Padres new varsity coach, Scott Hirschfield, who previously guided the JV squad. "We'll have to play at a high level in every game, no doubt, but

there's definitely an expectation this year that we'll qualify for CCS."

Among the PCAL's elite

Carmel will pursue that goal behind a trio of captains, including senior Brody Mendez, a center midfielder whose skillset, physicality, speed, and athleticism should make him one of the PCAL's best all-around players.

"Brody is an incredibly talented player," Hirschfield said. "He knows how to read the game, and his willingness to push the pace from box to box as a midfielder makes him stand out."

Fenris Hadi, an attacking forward, is a returning starter whose abilities to change the pace quickly and finish aggressively are likely to make him one of the league's best scorers.

The third captain, Isaac Martinez, started a year ago as

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Left-side wingback Harrison Wilmot, (No. 5 at far left), is a Stevenson co-captain. Fenris Hadi, (No. 7, left) one of three team captains at Carmel, is a major scoring threat.

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a sophomore, and returns as the Padres' central player on the back line.

One of the school's best athletes, durable speedster Dylan Craig, launched his senior year by scoring four goals from his midfielder position in Carmel's season-opener.

Others on a list of strong midfielders include freshman Sebastian Blessing (who also will play on attack), tireless sophomore Bennett Foreman, and well conditioned senior Vincent Camacho, a pacesetter on the wing.

And Jack Logan, an athletic junior, has emerged as one of the Padres' top players on the attack.

Carmel's loaded roster of skilled defenders also includes juniors Juan Garcia-Alvarez and Ryder Scheid, and sophomore Toby Schoone, whose deep club-soccer background makes him one of the team's headiest players.

Depth on defense comes from seniors J.D. Solano (strong and physical) and Will Hand (cerebral, with a calming field presence), and juniors Carlos Mora (fleetfooted) and Saul Garcia (physical).

The goalkeeper, junior Bodie Stoddard, is an athletic 6-foot-7 tower who earned the starting position midway through last year.

'These guys want it'

"This team is incredibly competitive, a unit that works very hard to achieve success," said Hirschfield, who has coached club soccer in previous years with Monterey County Futbol Club and Monterey Surf. "They compete as hard in practice as they do in the games. These guys want it, and you can feel it."

Their rival on the peninsula, Stevenson, might be every bit as hungry, with no shortage of talent.

Santiago Esquino-Espejo, the Pirates' center midfielder, was a second-team All-Santa Lucia selection last season as a freshman, and is a clearcut alpha dog of this

"He's like our rock, our anchor and our field general," Elmore said of Esquino-Espejo, one of three boarding students from Mexico on the roster. "Santi is incredibly technical, with a really high work rate, and a great communicator. He's creative on the ball, and can make a variety of different passes. He makes us unpredictable and dangerous.'

Esquino-Espejo is a co-captain this season with junior Harrison Wilmot, a junior from San Jose who started last season as a left side defender, but moves up to a wingback spot this season to take advantage of his mobility and superb conditioning.

"He's super quick and just goes and goes — gets up and down the field for 80 minutes," the coach said. "He also has the skill to take on players one-on-one, and a very strong soccer IQ.

Senior Ronan Bennett, a midfielder last winter, moves to the center of the defense, where he brings athleticism

Sophomore Henry Blaxter, a returning letterman, is a club soccer veteran who figures to be a top scorer at striker, where he meshes well with junior Spencer Stornetta, also a striker who is a sniper when he gets near the box.

The other two Mexicans are senior Eduardo Granados, a big body and physical presence in the middle of the

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Carmel center midfielder Brody Mendez (21) is expected to be one of the PCAL's top players this season.

Ellie May

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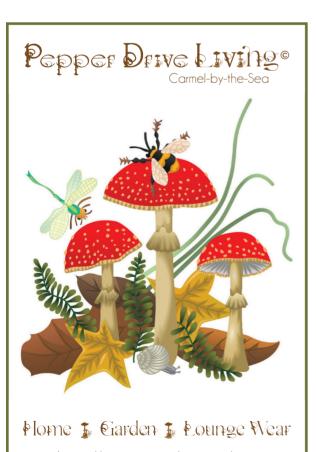
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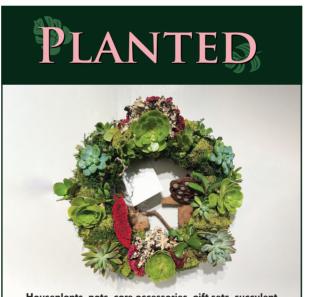


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defense, and freshman Pato Legorreta, a creative, attackminded center midfielder.

A change at goalie

Sophomore Flint Dixon was asked to learn the goalkeeper position after last year's starter, Luke Brandler, broke a finger during the first week of practice this season.

"Luke was a tremendous goalie for us last year, so I was nervous, to say the least," Elmore said. "We convinced Flint to try out for the position because he's an exceptional athlete — a football and baseball player — and we figured his prior athletic experience would be beneficial.'

Dixon has taken to the position quickly, and is expected to stick as the starter in January, when Brandler returns. Brandler, a future NCAA Division I golfer, will find a position elsewhere to protect the finger injury, Elmore said.

Senior Craig Chiu, a first-year soccer player, plays at a relentless pace, and is an exceptional defender. He'll start at the right midfielder spot.

Sophomore Charles Elmore, the coach's son, honed his soccer prowess as a club player this fall to become a strong presence as a center defender.

And junior Jack Booth, a boarding student from the Philippines, is a big body and good distributor in Stevenson's midfield.

"I'm super excited about moving into the Mission Division this year, and so are our guys," Elmore said. "We played several of this year's Mission teams last season, and did pretty well, so we're confident we can compete. But we also know every game is going to be a challenge."

Carmel plays its final preseason game today at North County at 5:45 p.m.

Stevenson's next action is at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 4 when the Pirates host Carmel in the Mission Division opener.

■ Water polo Pirates are All-CCS

Three Stevenson athletes were awarded All-CCS honors on Dec. 8 in girls water polo.

Sofia Bozzo, MVP of the Pacific Coast Athletic League, earned second-team CCS honors. She has committed to play next season at UC Davis.

Emmerson Ferriera, a sophomore, was a thirdteam All-CCS honoree, and Miranda Salinger, also a 10th-grader, made the honorable-mention

Stevenson won the CCS Division 2 championship this season, then advanced to the NorCal Division 3 title game, where the Pirates lost 11-10 to Woodcreek.

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



Sophomore midfielder Santiago Esquino-Espejo (3), a boarding student from Mexico, might be Stevenson's best all-around player.

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easy to see that England has a hold on Klug. He attributes that to the people, and the common language, shared values and culture between the United States and Britain. When asked what he likes about the Monterey area, he replied, "The Peninsula is a lot like England, except for the rain, the currency and the quantity of beer in a bottle. Also, the British still drive on the wrong side of the road, and Californians usually don't."

Not as much fun

Hiking in the United States, Canada or New Zealand isn't as attractive to Klug, despite the common language. New Zealand and Canada do not readily lend themselves to solo travelers because public transportation and accommodations outside of big cities are scarce, limiting travelers to out-and-back hikes from places where they can park a car. This country's scenic hiking trails (such as the Pacific Crest Trail, which goes from the Mexican border to the Canadian border), require carrying heavy packs filled with food, water, and camping

and hiking gear for the long stretches between re-supply points. Klug compares hiking this country's scenic trails to the Lewis & Clark Expedition, contrasted with the British trail system, which has been around for 2,000 years and is serviced by numerous inns — more like a gentleman's



Whether it's a remote part of Scotland (pictured) where Ken Klug is hiking, or an island near Antarctica, he says his favorite hike is whatever one he's on.

Nevertheless, Klug's favorite place is Yosemite, and his favorite hike is the one he is on at the time you ask him the question. If you want to talk to him, watch for him along the Monterey waterfront. He will be glad to stop and chat.





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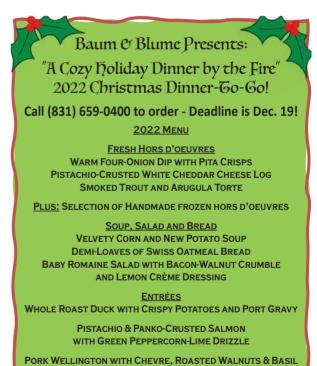
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The beat goes on at Golden State, cosmic country comes to Big Sur

A STAPLE on MTV in its early days, in part due to the success of the irresistible pop hit, "Save It For Later," The English Beat plays Saturday at Golden State Theater in Monterey. Showtime is 8 p.m.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Along with two other UK musical acts, Madness and the Specials, the English Beat introduced ska — a precursor to reggae — to Top 40 radio. Songs like "Ranking Fullstop" and an updated cover of Smokey Robinson's "Tears of a Clown" led to the band's success on both sides of the Atlantic.

Led by original singer and guitarist Dave Wakeling,



A Grammy Award-winning Christian rock band from San Diego, Switchfoot takes the stage Friday at Golden State Theater in Monterey.

the English Beat kicked off a West Coast tour last week. The shows come three years after the passing of singer Ranking Roger, who played a key role in the band during its heyday.

Tickets start at \$28. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Switchfoot takes the stage at Golden State Friday. An alternative rock band from San Diego. The group has had six No. 1 hits on the Christian music charts and won a Grammy for Best Rock Gospel Album in 2011. The music begins at 8 p.m. and tickets start at

■ Young pianist visits Sunset

An award-winning pianist who made his solo recital debut when he was just nine, George Li performs Sunday at Sunset Center.

> Now 27, Li saw his star rise after taking home a silver medal at the 2015 International Tchaikovsky Competition. He was only 16 when he played for President Barack Obama at the White House.

At Sunset Center, Li will play Schumann's Arabeske in C Major, Op. 18 and Davidsbündlertänze, Op. 6, Ravel's Valses Nobles et sentimentales, and Stravinsky's Trois mouvements de Petrouchka.

Presented by the Carmel Music Society, the concert begins at 3 p.m. Tickets start at \$45. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit carmelmu-

The next day, Li presents a free concert at the Sand Box in Sand City. The latest offering in the venue's "Bach's Lunch" music series, the concert starts at noon.



Spreading cheer during the holiday season at various local sites, the Peninsula Harmony Company visits painter Simon Bull's Meuse Gallery Saturday at 2 p.m.

"Carmel Music Society invites you to meet pianist George Li as we gather more insight into this amazing pianist's life as seen through his music," the group announced. For reservations, visit sandboxsandcity.com.

■ Songwriters play P.G. art center

A Songwriters Showcase Saturday at the Pacific Grove Art Center will feature the talents of singers **Tess Stevens**,

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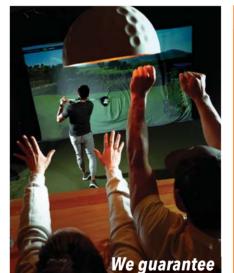


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THE MONTEREY Peninsula is indisputably one of the most beautiful places in the world, so it stands to reason people would choose to celebrate Christmas here, whether they're locals staying put or visitors exploring the area. While many restaurants close for the Christmas Eve

and/or the holiday itself, several mainstays can be relied upon to provide holiday feasts as decadent and sumptuous as desired. Adding to the options are takehome meals for residents

who don't feel like cooking but don't want to go out and travelers who'd rather spend the evening in their well-appointed vacation rentals or hotel suites than somewhere dining among strangers.

Experts

Every year, Grasing's at Mission and Sixth takes care of customers' holiday needs, and this year is no exception.

On Christmas Eve from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Christmas Day from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m.. the restaurant will offer a three-course prix fixe for \$125 per adult and \$45 per kid 12 and under, plus tax and tip, with multiple choices for each course.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

The evening will begin with frisée salad, winter vegetable risotto, wild mushroom soup or Monterey Bay red abalone (for an additional \$18), followed by herbroasted turkey, Kurobuta pork loin, sea bass fettuccini, roasted vegetable ravioli or roasted prime New York steak (also for \$18 more). Dessert options are bourbon bread pudding, chocolate and spice buche

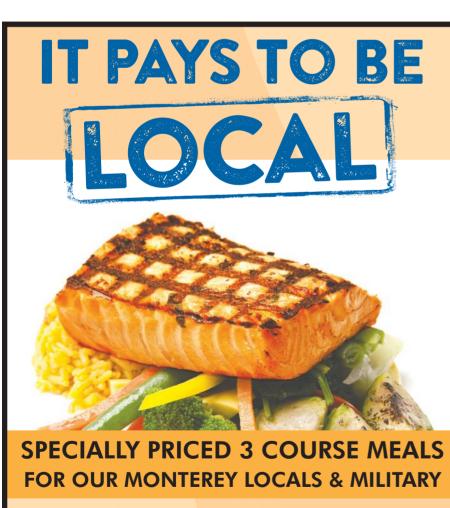
> de noel, Bartlett pear and huckleberry tart, chocolate and vanilla crème brulée, pumpkin pie and lemon sorbet.

> For takeout on Dec. 24, Grasing's is providing cioppino dinners for two or more. Orders must be placed by 5 p.m. Dec. 19 and picked up on Christmas Eve between 2 and 4 Accompanying the classic San Francisco seafood stew will be garden salad, sourdough garlic bread and

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Jacks Monterey in the Portola Hotel will be serving up cioppino on Christmas Eve. Carolers will be there, too.



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lemon bars.

The Christmas feast to go features turkey, prime rib or filet mignon, each with sides like crab and fennel bisque, Brussels sprouts au gratin, vegetables and other dishes, and bourbon bread pudding for dessert. Main-course meats, sides and other items, including shrimp cocktail and smoked salmon, are also available a la carte. The dinners serve eight and run from \$400 to \$500, and the filet mignon meal can also be purchased for four people for \$260. Orders must be placed by Dec. 19 and picked up Dec. 25 between noon and 2 p.m.



Grasing's owner Kurt Grasing (left) and executive chef Cal Stamenov will be pulling out all the stops for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, per usual.

For reservations and to-go orders, call (831) 624-6562. See grasings.com for more information.

Feliz Navidad

Located in the Casa Munras hotel in Monterey, Estéban Restaurant celebrates Spanish cuisine, and in that country, Christmas is very much a family affair — with food at its core. Those traditions continue at Estéban on Dec. 25 from 2 to 8 p.m. with a three-course prix fix prepared by chef Mario Garcia and his crew.

Choices of starters include Dungeness crab chowder with Spanish chorizo, wedge salad with Baker's Bacon, or truffle and Manchego croquetas with garlic crema and pea shoots. Following will be main-course options of slow-roasted prime rib au jus with horseradish cream,

chili-herb-rubbed Fogline Farms roasted chicken with rosemary lemon butter, or seared Norwegian halibut with Dungeness crab. All entrées will be served with roasted garlic whipped potatoes and winter harvest vegetables. Dessert will be classic pecan pie with whipped cream or Spanish flan with berries.

The cost is \$89 per person plus tax. A limited a la carte menu will be offered as well. Estéban is located at 700 Munras Ave. For reservations, call (831) 375-0176 or email info@ estebanrestaurant.com. For additional information, visit estebanrestaurant. com.

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off Carmel Valley Road, the Covey Grill will serve a special Christmas Dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. for \$75 plus tax and tip that starts with Jerusalem artichoke soup, har-

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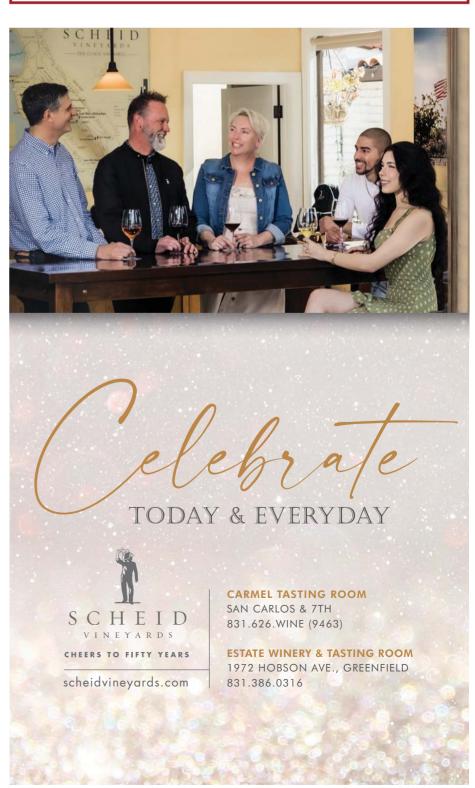
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vest salad with kale and winter squash, or miso-buttered scallops with bok choy and shiitake mushrooms in broth.



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For entrées, guests can select from herbroasted prime rib, seared duck breast, grilled Chilean sea bass or roasted cauliflower steak, with cast-iron persimmon coffee cake or chocolate pomegranate trifle for dessert.

Farther down the road at Bernardus Lodge, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinners are available from 5 to 9 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m., respectively, for \$155 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

On Dec. 24, diners will choose from beet salad, pear and fennel salad or Hamachi crudo, and then roasted cauliflower soup, sweet potato pecan ravioli or Dungeness crabcake. Main courses will be diver scallops, duck breast, prime filet or winter vegetables in puff pastry, with dessert of chocolate roulade or poached pear beggar's purse.

The Christmas Day lineup has a lot of overlap but some different dishes, including roasted chestnut soup and portabella mushroom "carpaccio" for the first course, diver scallops or herb-potato gnocchi with braised short rib for the second, and Pacific sea bass for the third.

Bernardus is located at the corner of Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade. Visit bernarduslodge.com.

All options, one place

The Portola Hotel has everything covered, with a Christmas Eve cioppino dinner at its Jacks Monterey restaurant from 4 to 10 p.m. (and carolers from 5 to 8 p.m.) for \$45 per person plus tax and tip, and not one, but three, choices for Christmas Day.

If you want to pick and choose, the hotel will present an expansive buffet dinner from 1 to 7 p.m. in The Club Room for \$90 for adults, \$80 for those 65 and older and \$46 for kids ages 6 to 12, all prices excluding 20 percent tip and tax. Guests can enjoy California cheeses and cured meats with baguettes and crackers, seasonal salad, carv-



Folktale Winery is inviting shoppers to peruse its artisan-made provisions, many of them perfect for the table.

ing stations of free-range Diestel turkey and Harris Ranch prime rib, Alaskan halibut, cheese tortellini, stuffing and gravy, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts and other veggies, bread with honey butter and tapenade, and apple crisp, pecan and pumpkin pies, truffles and petits fours, cookies and Chef Marco's Christmas Yule Log.

Patrons preferring to sit down to a three-course dinner can dine at Jacks during the same hours for \$55 per person plus tax and tip (with \$10 added for prime rib). Dinner will begin with a family-style salad of beets, greens, feta, pancetta, Marcona almonds and cider vinaigrette, followed by choices of the aforementioned prime rib, Diestel turkey, halibut or eggplant parmesan. Dessert will be the popular yule log.

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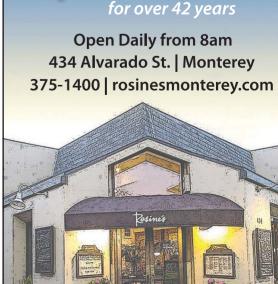
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Going for something more casual or just want to hang out at the bar and make new friends? Peter B's Brewpub will have Christmas dinner from 1 to 8 p.m. for walkins only. Get a plate of turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, traditional stuffing and cranberry sauce, with yule log for dessert, for \$35. Peter B's full menu will be available all day, too.



Quail Lodge goes classic with perfectly prepared prime rib for Christmas dinner, but guests can choose Chilean sea bass, seared duck breast or roasted cauliflower steak if they prefer.

The Portola Hotel is located at the bottom of Alvarado Street.

Downtown P.G.

In Pacific Grove, Wild Fish restaurant continues to be open on holidays, and a four-course prix fixe is planned for Christmas from 3 to 8 p.m. for \$95 per person, not including tax and tip. Unlike the many more traditional feasts, Wild Fish focuses on seafood and vegetarian/vegan options.

Course one, for instances, offers oysters on the half shell or a trio of vegan spreads, while course two has cranberry-beet borscht with winter vegetables or Christmas wreath salad with pistachio and goat

cheese. The main course can be whole roasted Dungeness crab (if available), cioppino with Ad Astra sourdough, sablefish Wellington or vegan white bean "cassoulet." Sides include spiced carrots and Blue Lake green beans with "smoked fish bac-o-bits."

Dessert will be frankincense panna cotta or orange lemon cake with dark chocolate ganache, both complemented by a round of eggnog with buttered rum biscotti.

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of Monterey is offering another community holiday drive-thru (or walk-up) dinner available for pickup on Dec. 22 by reservation.

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Supporters can also give a meal to someone by donating to the food bank at foodbankformontereycounty.org/donate.

■ Folktale makers party

Folktale Winery at 8940 Carmel Valley Road near mid-valley is giving holiday shoppers a chance to sip and snack while they shop during its Holiday Party with our Makers Dec. 16 from "1 p.m. until evening."

Featured artisans include Mei-Lan Tan from UMÉ Studio in Oakland (candles and soaps), Tina Fossella from Tina Fossella Pottery in Marin, Nathan Sambar from Monterey Glass Works (decanters, glasses and vases) and Kathleen Heafey from Woven Grey in Oakland (home decor and storage from 100 percent cotton made in California).

"It's that time of year again. And luckily we have all the delights and curiosities you can

imagine. From recent travels to Uzbekistan, Africa and Japan, we have brought back incredible cashmere, ceramic singing bowls and donabe rice cookers, plus a plethora of Ugandan and Rwandan baskets

and just so much more," said Daniel Scheffler, who curates the collection. "Chrismukkah never looked this good."

Go to folktaleprovisions.com for more information, and RSVP to ahanamaikai@ folktalegroup.com.

Outdoors OK

Fisherman's Wharf restaurants got a year-long reprieve from the California Coastal Commission last week, when the state body blessed outdoor dining for another year.

"In response to a letter from then-Mayor Clyde Roberson dated Oct. 21 on behalf of the Monterey City Council requesting

outdoor dining continue to be allowed at Old Fisherman's Wharf (Wharf 1), the California Coastal Commission approved an extension of outdoor dining through December 2023," the city announced. "The request by the city came after the coastal commission was considering disallowing outdoor dining that opened during the Covid-19 pandemic to help restaurant merchants maintain customers while reducing customers' exposure."

In its Dec. 9 letter, the commission acknowledged "the present difficulties that wharf businesses continue

to face" in light of the ongoing Covid pandemic coupled with flu, RSV and other respiratory illnesses, "and we fully understand the role that outdoor dining plays in navigating this challenge."



Mario Garcia

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urday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Fred McCarty (Sunday at noon), singer and

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Mikaela K. and Paige Peck. The concert starts at 7 p.m.

While each writes original songs, the three solo acts veer off in various musical directions — Stevens embraces rock, while Mikaela K. favors honky-tonk and Vaudeville, and Peck leans toward folk.

Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Goin' solo in Big Sur

Down the coast at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur, The Dan Horne Band serves up cosmic country Friday and Saturday at 10

Fernwood is located on Highway 1 about 25 miles south of Carmel.

■ Free harmonies downtown

Spreading cheer during the holiday season, The Peninsula Harmony Company performs Saturday, 2 p.m., at painter

Carmel Valley Road at Laureles Grade. Big Sur Vineyards tasting room in Car-A singer and bass player for the Gratemel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist Chuck Brewer and guitarist Ernie ful Shred, one of the finest Grateful Dead tribute bands anywhere, Horne is also a **Buck** (Friday at 4 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place. solo act worth listening to — check out the **Big Sur River Inn** — singer and guitarself-penned single he released earlier this ist Rick Chelew ('60s music, Saturday at year, "Ode to the Road," which sounds like 12:30 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south a long-lost nugget from the Flying Burrito of Carmel. Brothers' vault. Carmel Presbyterian Church — The

> concert (Saturday at 4 p.m.). Junipero and Ocean. Cibo restaurant in Monterey — The Dave Holodiloff Duo (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer Lee Durley (jazz,

Monterey Peninsula Gospel Commu-

nity Choir presets a free holiday-themed

Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and The Ben Herod Trio (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Crossroads shopping center — The Peninsula Harmony Company (holiday music, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). Rio Road and Highway 1.

Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside — Jon Griffin & The Lightfighters (rock, Friday at 8 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 Debbie Davis (cabaret, Sat-



Pictured here playing solo, singer and multi-instrumentalist Dan Horne brings his band to Big Sur Friday and Saturday. The group serves up an original blend of "cosmic country."

Christmas on the Wharf

Simon Bull's Meuse Gallery on Ocean urday at 7 p.m.), The Andrea Carter Trio (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitar-Avenue at Monte Verde. "Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa at Meuse Gallery and listen to your favorite Christmas carols," the gallery announced. "All

ist 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.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — The **Dan Horne Band** presents two free shows (cosmic country, Friday and Saturday at 10 a.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of

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Carmel.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Lindsey Wall** (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Daniel**

Cortes (Saturday at 3 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Joe Kaplow** (Sunday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Asher Stern** (Monday at 3 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Thursday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer June Calvan and guitarist Adam Astrup (jazz 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 Zack Freitas (Friday at 5 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Kevin Pfeffer (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive. 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — The Andy Weis Band with pianist Bill Spencer and bassist Pete Lips (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), The Andy Weis

Band with pianist Gary Meek and bassist Joe Dolister (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and The Andy Weis Band with pianist Gary Meek and bassist Steve Uccello (jazz, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Friday and Tuesday at 6 p.m.), flutist Kenny Stahl (jazz, Saturday at 9 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kip Allert (Saturday at 6 p.m.) and

guitarist **Terrence Ferrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row. **La Playa Hotel** — **The David Mor-**

wood Band (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m. and

Sunday at 4 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real.

The Links Club — Ryan & The Ragers ("California reggae," Friday at 7:30

ers ("California reggae," Friday at 7:30 p.m.) and Open Mic Night (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer

and guitarist **Halley Jane** (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 6

p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Hayley Jane** (rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

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

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer Janice Perl, bassist Joe Dolister and keyboardist Jon Dryden (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and "Marotta Family Jam" with the Marottas and the DeMarias (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist



Singer and guitarist Dave Wakeling (above) brings the latest incarnation of the English Beat to Golden State Theater in Monterey Saturday.

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

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.) multi-instrumentalist Gary Meek (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Johan Sotelo (Monday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist Meredith McHenry (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.) and

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



Multi-instrumentalist Banjer Dan performs Friday at the Trailside Café in Carmel Valley. "I like to sing songs and tell stories," Dan said. "My deepest musical love is bluegrass, but I also love other styles ranging from country and folk, to jazz and classical music."

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Dec. 18 - Carols in the Forest, 3 p.m. Church in the Forest at Erdman Chapel, Stevenson School, Pebble Beach. Memories and moods of Christmas through music. Jubal Joslyn, tenor, Janneke Hoogland, cello, and Cathryn Wilkinson, piano, with guests The Cypressaires Barbershop Chorus. Tickets (\$20) at Eventbrite. Students free.

Dec. 19 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a lecture / luncheon 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey. The topic is "Ethiopia: Understanding the Conflict and the Prospects for Peace", presented by Colonel Bruce Sweeney (U.S. Army, ret). Visit www.wcmb.org for event information and registration.

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Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — multi-instrumentalist Banjer Dan (Americana, Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Urban Lounge at the Red Lion Hotel in Monterey — Smoke Chaser (indie rock, Saturday at 5 p.m.) and the

Tribe in the Sky's weekly community jam (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 1425 Munras Ave.

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

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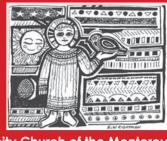


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Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
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93940. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a corpora-

tion. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

Negisituri commenced to transact business under the fictilious business name on names listed above on Sept. 13, 2021.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
SyBrian Ginaerich. CEO

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S/Brian Gingerich, CEO
Date: Aug. 26, 2022
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 29,
2022

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File No. 2022227 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (27) The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CYPRESS VACATION HOMES, 350 Elba Cir., Marina, CA 93933. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

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Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc. Org. /Reg.:
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Elba Cir., Marina, CA 93933.
State of Inc. Org. /Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 15, 2021.
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S/Seun McDonald, Managing Member Date: New 14 2007

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Date: Nov. 14, 2022
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CASE NUMBER: 21CV003323 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

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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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222299
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usiness as: TLAMAMA .TLAMAMAH .TLAMAMA FOODS .TLAMAMAH FOODS .TLAMAMAH ARTISAN VEGAN

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JULISSA KETES, 308 Westminster Drive, Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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S/Julissa Reyes Date signed: Nov. 16, 2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 16, 2022. Montered the county 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 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. Publication Dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022. (PC 1201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222330
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Mailing address: 844 Suiter St.,
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Registered Owner(s):
MARCOS CARDENAS LOPEZ, 844 Suiter St., Hollister, CA 95023.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 19, 2022.
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S/Marcos Cardenas Lopez Date signed: Nov. 22, 2022.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 22, 2022.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): andante que no tiene abogado,es): Joshua M. Moonesinghe, Counsel Bar #316620

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[888] 333-0192 Date: Oct. 19, 2021 (s) Rowena Esquerra, Deputy

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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) 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 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code). NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivisic (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Nam

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 County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s): gistrant(s): nyon Security Specialist & Consult-LLC, 8635 Sierra Madre Court, edad, CA 93960 ing LLC, 8635' Sierra Madre Court, Soledad, CA 93960 This business is conducted by a limited

liability company

liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
Canyon Security Specialist & Consulting LLC
S/ Kenneth L Laird, CEO,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/15/2022.
CNS-3636208#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30,

Publication Dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022. (PC 1204)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20222329
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALFA Y OMEGA ORGANIC FARM, 1700 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.

Mailing address: 844 Suiter St., Hollister, CA 95023.

Mailing address: 844 Suiter St., Hollister, CA 95023. Registered Owner(s): EMILIA SANTOS-PEREZ, 844 Suiter St., Hollister, CA 95023. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 17, 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 folise is guilly of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Emilia Santos Perez Date signed: Nov. 22, 2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 22, 2022. Monter of the County 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 1792, other it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 1791 the statement pursuant to Section 1792 the use in 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 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20222345
Filling type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A. T. ORGANIC FARMS, 1700 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.

Mailing address: 32 S. Hebbron Ave., Salinas. CA 93905.

Salinas, CA 939US.
Registered Owner(s):
ANTONIO TOMAS CHAVEZ SANCHEZ,
32 S. Hebbron Ave, Salinas, CA 93905.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact 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

eclares as true any material matter ant to Section 17913 of the Business ofessions Code the registrant knows and Professions Lode the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/Antonio T. Chavez Sanchez
Date signed: Nov. 28, 2022

Ihis statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 28, 2022

Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 28, 2022.

Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 28, 2022.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictifitous 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 Fictifious 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 Fictifious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Publication Dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022. (PC 1209)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm

Call Irma (831) 274-8645 legals@carmelpinecone.com NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of BARBARA MILDRED FREIFFI Daka

BARBARA FREIFELD, Deceden Case Number 22PR000590

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-tors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BARBA-RA MILDRED FREIFELD aka BARBARA A PETITION FOR PROBATE has

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.

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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
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dept.: 13 Address: Superior Court of Califor-

nia, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguaji-to 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

whilen ablections will the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a con-tingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal repre sentative 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

ifornia 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 inventry 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. from the court clerk

Attorney for Petitioner Julie King, Esq. and Tricia L. Man-

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. (PC1210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222328 The following person(s) is(are) doing

Travel with Intention, 817 King Street, King City, CA 93930, County of Monterey Registered Owner(s): Michelle R. Muncy Michelle R. Muncy-Silva, 817 King Street, King City, CA 93930 This business is conducted by an indi-

vidual
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

Publication Dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022. (PC 1213)

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 PICHARD ISINCO

been filed by RICHARD I. SINCO-NIS in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY. The Petition for Probate requests The Petition for Probate requests that RICHARD I. SINCONIS be ap-

pointed as personal representative 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 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file

written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the Cal-ifornia Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** as defined in section 30(1) 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

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

[831] 3/2-8053 This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monte-rey on Nov. 7, 2022. Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 2022. (PC1214)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222277
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing Usiness as:

DANNY SKY MUSIC PUBLISHING

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DUSINESS GS:

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.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS

TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who
declares as true any materiel matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and
Professions Code that the registrant knows
to be false is guilly of a misdemenano
punishable by a fine not to exceed one
thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also
aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filiag
pursuant to the California Public Records
Act (Government Code Sections 62506277).

S/Daniel Casillas, Chief Executive Officer

Date: Nov. 14, 2022

Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

SyDaniel Casillas, Chief Executive Officer Date: Nov. 14, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 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 1441) et sea. Business and Professions state or a Pictitious Business Name in vi-olation of the rights of another under Fed-eral, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Publication Dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022. (PC 1215)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20222391 The following person(s) is (are) doing

business as: CIELO EN LA TIERRA, 1091 Harvest Way, Greenfield, CA 93927 County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s): CIELO EN LA TIERRA LLC, 3400 COT-TAGE WAY, STE G2 #12300, SACRA-MENTO, CA 95825 This business is conducted by a limited

Inis business is conducted by a limited liability company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. CIELO EN LA TIERRA LLC
S/ Daisy Martinez, Managing Man

ager, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/01/2022, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22, 1/6/23 CNS-3645353#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Detay 16, 23, 20

Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1217)

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 guilly of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Mauricio Ivan Juarez
Date signed: Dec. 5, 2022.
TOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 1790. a Eritifioux Name

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 Fictifious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022. (PC 1218)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of JUNE IVY POE, decedent

Case Number 22PR000520
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who

may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JUNE IVY POE. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LINDA WATERFIELD in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

of MONTEREY.
The Petition for Probate requests that LINDA WATERFIELD 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 dent 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 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: Dec. 21, 2022 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dept.: 13

Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before

nearing and state your objections of title 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.

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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:

Attorney for Petitioner: UTE M. ISBILL-WILLIAMS 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2 Carmel, CA 93923 (831) 233-7375

(831) 233-73/5 This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monte-

rey on Oct. 5, 2022. Publication dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022. (PC1220)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT
File No. 20222359
The following person(s) is (are) doing

Ine following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Marina Dialysis, 930 2nd Avenue,
Marina, CA 93933 - 6009
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Marseille Dialysis, LLC, 2000 16th
Street, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver,
CO 80202
This business is conducted by a limited liability company

This business is conducted by a limited liability company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/7/2017. Marseille Dialysis, LLC S/ Stephanie N. Berberich, Secretary, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/28/2022. 12/30/22, 1/6/23 CNS-3644020# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30,

Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1221)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20222361 The following person(s) is (are) doing

business as:
HYPHAE PSYCHE, 3017 Max Cir,
Marina, CA 93933
County of MONTEREY Registrant(s):
MYCOLOGY TECHNOLOGY LLC,
3017 Max Cir, Marina, CA 93933
This business is conducted by a limited

liability company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. MYCOLOGY TECHNOLOGY LLC S/ Ericka Lavariega, Managing Mem-

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/28/2022.
12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22, 1/6/23 CNS-3644460# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30,

Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1222) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT
File No. 20222357
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Salinas Valley Dialysis Center, 955 Blanco Circle, Suite C, Salinas, CA 93901 - 4452 County of MONTEREY

Total Renal Care, Inc., 2000 16th Street, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver, CO 80202 This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact busi-

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/26/2004. Total Renal Care, Inc. 5/Stephanie N. Berberich, Secretary, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/28/2022. 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22, 1/6/23 CNS-3644029# CARMEL PINE CONE.

Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1223)

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



Shebah 4 years old



Hi, my name is Shebah! I am looking for a quiet home where I can relax in a sunbeam and be your faithful companion. I am a sweet kitty that gets easily stressed; I would prefer to live in a home with adults only and no other cats. Meet me at the

Chicago 8 mos. old

Hi my name is Chicago! I came to the SPCA because my owner could no longer care for me. I might seem a little shy right now but when



you spend some time with me you'll learn what a wonderful and loving companion I am. Guess what? I would love to go home with you! Adopt me at the SPCA! Happy Holidays!

SPCA Monterey County Veterinary clinic is taking appointments for spay/neuter! Go to www.spcamc.org to make an appointment online.

Call us at (831) 373-2631 for more information about adopting Shebah & Chicago. Sponsored by Friends of All Cats

www.SPCAmc.org

LETTERS

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role in perpetuating slavery in America.

It was the only political party that prevented slavery from dying after the slave state of Virginia almost abolished slavery in 1832.

The Democrats were the only ones who supplied the intellectual ammunition of paternalism (the interference of a state or an individual with another person against their will) to push Southerners away from the Founding Fathers' anti-slavery principles.

They also engaged in the big lie, arguing that slavery is, "instead of an evil, a good — a positive good," uttered by Sen. John C. Calhoun in an 1837 U.S. Senate speech.

To bolster this racist nonsense, the Democrats falsely claimed that black slaves in the south had it far, far better than the free labor in the north. And now the Democrats want all of us to pay for their own atrocities.

If any group needs to atone for injustice, it is the party that championed slavery,

instigated the Civil War insurrection and unleashed Ku Klux Klan terrorists upon a defenseless minority.

The Democrats need to pay for their own past atrocities. I'd love for them to dig into their own piggy banks for that just

> Dalila Epperson, Monterev

Taxes and their beneficiaries Dear Editor,

Who benefits from the tax breaks earned through the restoration of the beautiful Pebble Beach home you reported about last week? Why, the owner of course. After all, it was his hard-earned money that allowed the refurbishment of that historic home. I imagine there were many construction workers who benefited, as well. And the neighbors. I could guess they appreciate the neighborhood's visual uplift.

And that is as it should be.

So, will someone tell supervisor Askew, "There is no equity. There never was and there never will be.'

What any of us have in life, is mostly a result of hard work.

> **Bob Nunes,** Carmel

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20222360 he following person(s) is (are) doing

business as:
Laurel Meadows Dialysis, 3 Rossi
Circle, Suite A, Salinas, CA 93907 2357 County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Conconully Dialysis, LLC, 2000 16th
Street, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver,
CO 80202

arreet, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver, CO 80202
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/7/2017.
Conconully Dialysis, LLC
S/ Stephanie N. Berberich, Secretary of Managing Member,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/28/2022.
12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22, 1/6/23
CNS-3644016#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30,

Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1224)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20222355 The following person(s) is (are) doing

business as: Soledad Dialysis Center, 901 Los Coches Drive, Soledad, CA 93960 -2995 County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):
Soledad Dialysis Center, LLC, 2000
16th Street, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver, CO 80202
This business is conducted by a limited

Inis business is conducted by a limited liability company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/7/2017. Soledad Dialysis Center, LLC S/ Stephanie N. Berberich, Secretary of Managing Member, This statement was filed with the

County Clerk of Monterey County on 11,28/2022. 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22, 1/6/23 CNS-3644024# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1225)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20222356 e following person(s) is (are) doing

business as: Laurel Meadows Home Training, 3 Rossi Circle, Suite B, Salinas, CA 93907 - 2356 County of MONTEREY Registrant(s):
Total Renal Care, Inc., 2000 16th
Street, Athr. JLD/SecGovFin., Denver,
CO 80202
This business is conducted by a Corpo-

Ihis business is conducted by a Corporation Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/7/2017. Total Renal Care, Inc. 5/ Stephanie N. Berberich, Secretary, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 1128/20221. 12/3 12/30/22, 1/6/23 CNS-3644049# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30,

Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1226)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, DELAINE STEPHEN LATTIMORE, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A.<u>Present name:</u> DELAINE STEPHEN LATTIMORE Proposed name: D'LAYNE STEPHEN LATTIMORE



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA **SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-005**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting of Tuesday, November 1, the City Council conducted the introduction and first reading, and at its meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-005:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA AMENDING SECTION 2.74.010(B) OF THE CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

AYES: Council Members Ferlito, Theis, Richards, Potter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Baron. This Ordinance was enacted and will go into effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available in the Clerk Clerk's Office, Monte Verde, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel-by the Sea, CA, 93921. If you wish to challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall at, or prior to, the public hearing.

/s/ Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA Dated: December 12, 2022 Published: December 16, 2022

Publication date Dec. 16, 2022 (PC1232)



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** General Plan Housing and Safety Elements Update

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS GENERAL PLAN HOUSING AND SAFETY ELEMENTS UPDATE

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea seeks proposals from qualified professionals to assist the City with updates to the General Plan Housing Element and Safety Element.

The Request for Proposal Solicitation is available at https://ci.carmel.ca.us/pod/requests-bids-and-rfps

Or by visiting the City's homepage and clicking on the "Bids and RFPs" button under

the Helpful Resources section of the page.

For additional information, please contact Marnie R. Waffle, AICP, Principal Planner at (831) 620-2057 or by email at mwsfle@cbts.us.

You are encouraged to submit your proposal via email to mwaffle@cbts.us. Hard copy proposals shall be sealed and labeled "RFP #22-23-005, Proposal for General Plan Housing and Safety Elements Update" and must either be mailed or hand delivered to City Hall.

Mailing Address:
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Community Planning & Building Dept.
Attn: Marnie R. Waffle, Principal Planner
P.O. Box CC Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

Hand Delivery Location

City Hall - City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Community Planning & Building Dept. East side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

Proposals must be received via email or at City Hall by 4:00 PM PST on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Publication date: Dec. 9, 16, 2022 (PC121

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING:

NOTICE OF HEARING:

DATE: Feb. 3, 2023

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguatite Road Monterey. CA 93940

DEPT: 13
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause
shall be published at least once each week

shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 7, 2022
Publication dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1227)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of LISA CHRISTIINE BIAKANJA, decedent Case Number 22PR000599

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LISA CHRISTINE BIAKANJA.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KENNETH McINTIRE & IRENE LAWRENCE in the Superior Court of California, County of MON-TEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests KENNETH McINTIRE & IRENE LAWRENCE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of

representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

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 11, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dept.: 13

Address: Superior Court of Califor-

Address: Superior Court of Califor-nia, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance in person or by your attorney.

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 repre-sentative appointed by the court within

/s/ Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA Dated: December 12, 2022

Published: December 16, 2022

the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters rom the date of rist issuance or tetres 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. 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 any petition or account as provided in

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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:
JANET L. BREWER

JANE1 L. BKEWER
4 Main Street - Suite 20
Los Altos, CA 94022
(650) 325-8276
This statement was filed by Superior
Court of California, County of Monterey on Nov. 20, 2022.
Publication dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30,
2022. (PC1228)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF BULK SALE
(Notice pursuant to UCC Sec. 6105)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk
sale is about to be made.
The name(s), business address of the
seller are: Jean O'Brien, 136 Bonifacio Place, Monterey, CA 93940
Doing Business as:
Old Monterey Book Co.
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within
the past three years, as stated by the
Seller(s) are:
Jean O'Brien

gress(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s) are: Jean O'Brien
Old Monterey Book Co.
The location in California of the chief executive Office of the seller is:
136 Bonifacio Place,
Monterey, CA 93940
The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) are: Rose & Co LLC, 2831
St. Rose Pkwy, Ste 200, Henderson,
NV 89052
The assets being sold are generally described as: Used Books, Antiquarian
Books, Book Shelves, Glass cases,
Antique display table(s)
and are located at: 136 Bonifacio
Place, Monterey, CA 93940
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: 136 Bonifacio
Place, Monterey, CA 93940 and the anticipated sale date is 01 /08/2023.
The bulk sale is subject to California Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, he following information must be pro-ided.] vided.]
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is:
Registered Agents Inc., 401 Ryland St, Ste 200-A, Reno, NV 89052
702-800-1616

702-800-1616
and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be 01/07/2023 which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.

is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above. Dated: 12/09/2022 Buyer(s) Rose & Co LLC Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 2022. (PC 1229)

Dec. 16, 2022 (PC1231

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting of Tuesday, November 1, the City Council conducted the introduction and first reading, and at its meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-004:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

AMENDING CARMEL MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND

CONSTRUCTION) BY ADOPTING THE 2022 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING (CBC), RESIDENTIAL (CRC), ENERGY (CENC), FIRE (CFC), MECHANICAL (CMC), PLUMBING (CPC), ELECTRICAL (CEC), GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS (CGBSC), HISTORIC BUILDING (HBC), AND

EXISTING BUILDING CODES (EBC) WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

AYES: Council Members Ferlito, Theis Richards Potter, NAYS: None, ARSTAIN None. ABSENT: Baron. This Ordinance was enacted and will go into effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available in

the Clerk's Office, Monte Verde, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 93921. If you wish to challenge the action of the City Council in court,

you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall at, or prior to, the public hearing.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20222316
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PB FLOOD INSURANCE SERVICES, 1491 Cypress Dr. #985, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
M.L. ENTERPRISES, 1491 Cypress Dr. #985, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictifious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1, 2017.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

S/Michael Lauchlan, President Date: Nov. 15, 2022.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 21, 2022.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision

Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 21, 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 Fictifious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of tiself authorize the use in this state of a Fictifious 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. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1230)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20222364 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Rally Cry Unlimited, 866 Kimball
Ave., Seaside, CA 93955, County of
Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Abundance Compar Chandler 866

Registered Owner(s): Alyxandrea Gomez-Chandler, 866 Kimball Ave., Seaside, CA 93955 This business is conducted by an Indi-

Ihis business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

S/ Alyxandrea Gomez-Chandler This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/29/2022
12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22, 1/6/23
CNS-3644727#
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Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30,

Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1234)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME **STATEMENT** File No. 20222365

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Au Naturale Brow's, 1011 Cass St.
Suite 102, Monterey, CA 93940,

W. Wills

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

County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Flourish Financial LLC, 1267 Willis St.
Suite 200, Redding, CA 96001; CA
This business is conducted by a Limited
Liability Company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictifious business name
listed above on 01/01/2022
S/ Fianna Soares, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of Monterey County on
11/29/2022
12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22, 1/6/23
CNS-3644970#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30,
2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1235)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20222395 e following person(s) is(are) doing

business as:

Over the Moon Realty Referrals,
623 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove,
CA 93950, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Amber Russell Kerchner,
623 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove,
CA 93950
This business is conducted by an Individual

vidual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. S/Amber Russell Kerchner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/02/2022 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22, 1/6/23 CNS-3648070# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC 1236)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, NICKOLAS VINCENT MOORE, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: NICKOLAS VINCENT MOORE

NICROIAS VINCENT MOORE
Proposed name.

NICROIAS VINCENT RANDAZZO

NICROIAS VINCENT RANDAZZO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE-Jon 27, 2023

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

EPPI: 14

The address of the court is 1200

DEPT: 14

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

(s) Hollings W. Williams Judge of the Superior Court Date filed: Nov. 29, 2022 Publication dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan. 6, 2023. (PC1237)



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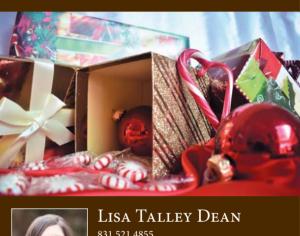
Matthew and Stacey Jacobs to Joshua and Rebecca Miller APN: 418-241-009

211 Del Mesa Carmel — \$1,225,000Brice and Dora Draper to Francesca Coleman APN: 015-514-010

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Charmaine Felton to Lynn Carlisle APN: 101-121-013

Marina

254 Modern Lane — \$729,000

April Perry to Matthew Walker APN: 032-091-004



1690 Via Casoli, Monterey — \$1,425,500

491 Jean Street - \$739,000

Travis Foster to Cynthia Zerboni APN: 032-371-034

18673 McClellan Circle - \$755,000

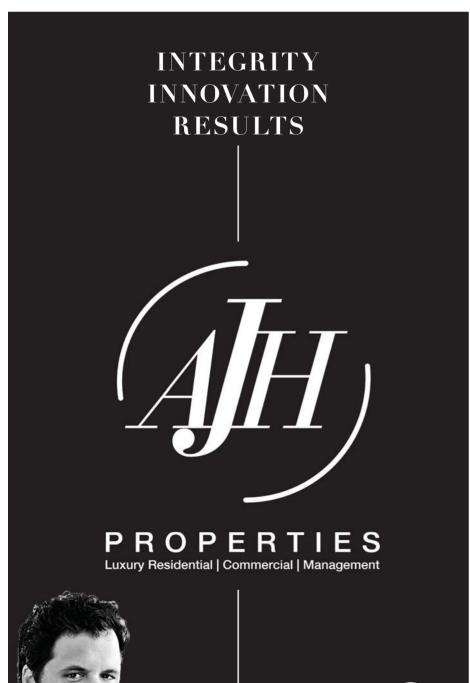


1289 Bishop Place, Pacific Grove - \$1,700,000

Carla Gorum to Halcyon United Holding LLC APN: 031-291-025

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This is my updated version which I call "Yes, Virginia, there is a Grinch.'

Dear Mr. Gervase, I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Grinch. My father says if you see it in The Pine Cone, it is so. Please tell me the truth. Is there

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They are affected by the faith and conviction of right-wing extremists who still think Christmas has something to do with God coming to earth. These narrow-minded fundamentalists cannot

contend with the concept that man is the center of the be displayed on municipal property, or when atheists file universe.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Grinch. He exists as certainly as consumerism and devotion to getting what's yours exist and you know those two pursuits give our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary the world would be if

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

there were no Virginias, or if there were no secular watchdogs to protect you from the dangers of Bible reading and religious expression in schools on the grounds that it violates the principles of separation of church and state. How chaotic life would be without the acquiescence of Christians who look the other way when Nativity Scenes cannot lawsuits to protect you and me from being afflicted with

You might get your Papa to hire men to watch for the Grinch's appearance, but even if they never saw him, what would that prove? The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see a politician's slush fund, or a movie producer's heart? Have you ever seen Frosty, or Rudolph, or have you seen a child's lost innocence? Of course not, but that's no proof they are not real.

No one can conceive or imagine all the malice and malevolence in the world, yet it is there!

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No Grinch? Ah, Virginia, in all our lives there is nothing more abiding than the Grinch. A thousand years from

See **GERVASE** page 11RE



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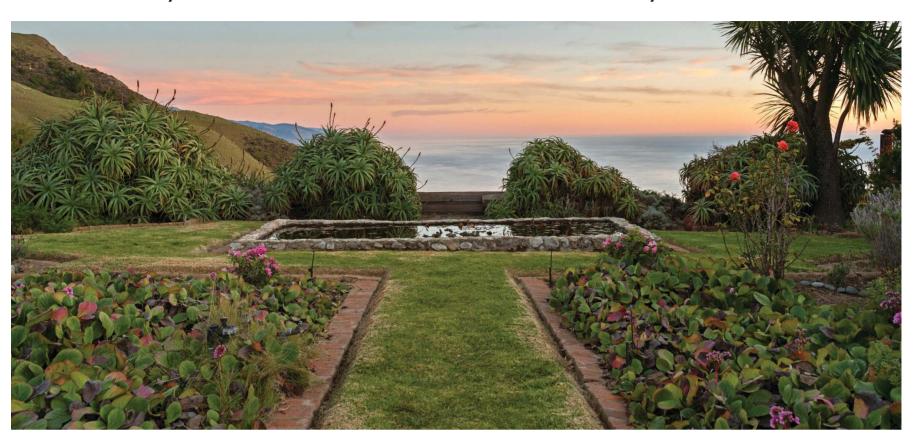
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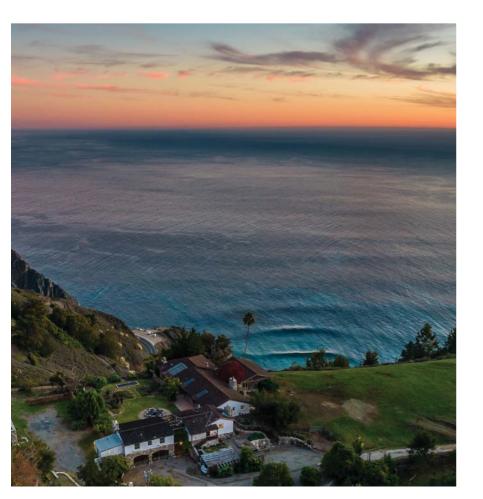
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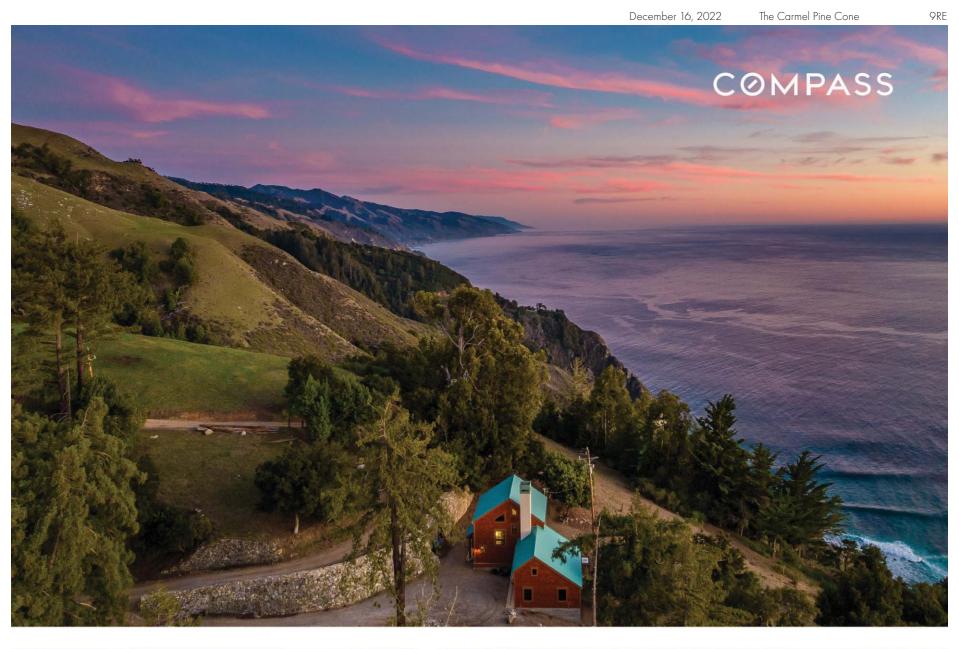
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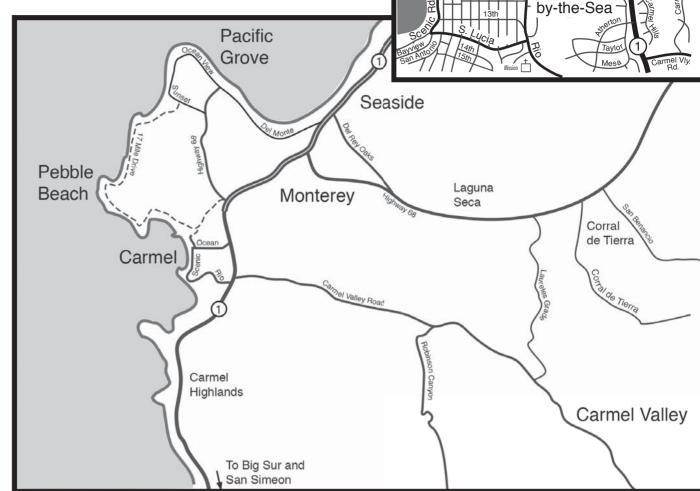
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POLICE LOG

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Pebble Beach: Report of alleged financial exploitation on Presidio Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos south of 10th per section 22651(b) VC: blocked driveway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 36-year-old male DoorDash driver from Monterey was arrested at Junipero and Third at 2308 hours for several narcotics and property violations. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of felony identity theft and possession of stolen property, and misdemeanor mail theft, contempt of court, and possession of unlawful paraphernalia and narcotics. Vehicle towed.

Carmel area: Subject reported suspicious circumstances on Oliver Road.

Carmel Valley: An identity theft was reported by a Carmel Valley Road resident.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop at Ocean View and Seventh Street at 1308 hours resulted in the 32-year-old male driver being cited and released for driving with a suspended license.

GERVASE

From page 6RE

now, nay, 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to be popular with everyone whose hearts are two sizes too small.

You see, Virginia, as long as people of faith keep the good news to themselves, as long as they hide their light under a bushel and not let it shine, as long as they buy into the commercialism of the season, as long as they have troubled consciences about "keeping up," and they crowd their lives with the minutiae of what the world says is important, there will be a Grinch.

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There will be a Grinch as long as people strive for outward beauty instead of inner strength and peace; as long as good people continue to be duped by an entertainment industry that is a moral and intellectual wasteland; as long as families become fragmented and we discredit the family as an institution, and the continued assault on our strongest traditions gains momentum; as long as good people continue to allow the courts to blur the line between responsibility and victimization, as long as we have a government that has lost its moral compass; as long as people don't practice and share the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, these ideals will be swept away by secular humanism; as long as we worship at the altar of hedonism, and as long as human life is devalued as easily as our currency, there will be a Grinch.

Can you imagine that there are people who are against government-mandated lockdowns of common sense and people who want us to believe that Christmas doesn't come from a store?

Yes, Virginia, by calling our Constitution inadequate, old-fashioned, and out-of-step with modern needs, and by replacing revealed religions with social religion, we guarantee there will always be a Grinch who will "growl with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming and who will find a way to keep Christmas from coming."

Now you run along, Virginia. Happy Winter Solstice to you. You can write to me anytime, and when you do, don't forget to let me know what your pronouns are.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass advisement at Camino Real and Eighth for a known subject.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Animal control officer responded to a barking dog complaint at San Antonio and Fourth. No barking observed, and the dog owner was with the dog on the balcony. Information obtained and resident warned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Third east of Torres for blocking a driveway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a purse while walk-

ing in a residential area at Forest and Seventh. It was brought into the department for safekeeping. A search was made, and the owner located and contacted via phone. The owner came to the station, and the property was returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A resident on Santa Fe north of Fourth surrendered four rounds of ammo to the police department

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SHERIFF From page 11RE

Pacific Grove: A 28-year-old male was found under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He was arrested on Ocean View Boulevard for public intoxication and was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Follow-up for a dog-bite

report on Chestnut Street.

Big Sur: Aircraft emergency locator beacon went off in the Big Sur area. Aircraft was located safely on the ground near Highway 1.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report was made at Sixth and San Carlos for lost jewelry.

Pacific Grove: At about 1124 hours, the owner of a residence on Patterson called to report that the door to their home was forced open while they were away, but nothing was taken from the residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Silver ring found in street at Mountain View and Ocean at 0510

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen at San Carlos and Sixth reported a lost iPad.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A cell phone was found on the beach in the area of Scenic and Martin and turned over to CPD.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances at San Carlos and Ocean.

Carmel area: A subject called and reported possible emotional abuse of his 102-yearold mother by a caregiver on Carmel Rancho Boulevard. Caregiver was fired by the person who called.

Carmel area: Law enforcement received information regarding theft of mail from a Flanders Drive residence. The victim was contacted. Suspect(s) remain at large.

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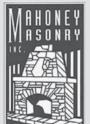
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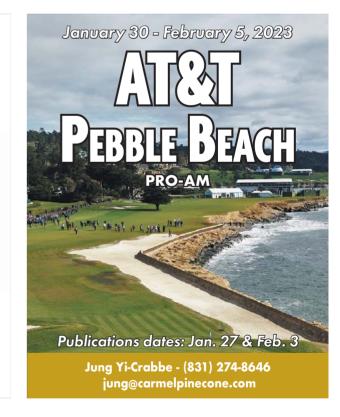
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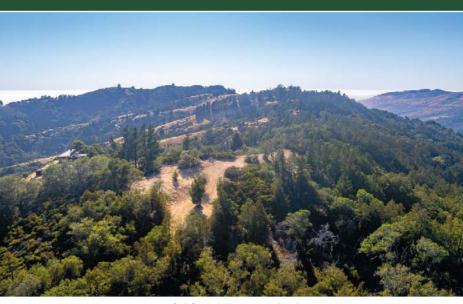
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