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## SCENIC ROAD REPAIRS NEARLY DONE, REOPENING SET

By CHRIS COUNTS

THREE MONTHS after high surf and heavy rains undermined the sandy bluff that supports Scenic Road, a contractor is making good progress on a project to stabilize the site. The work is expected to take another “week or

so” to complete, according to Nicholas Pasculli, Monterey County’s communication director.

The work at the north end of Carmel River Beach is ongoing, but it’s difficult to get a good view of it because bulldozers have built a sand wall around the construction site to keep out the seawater when the tide is high. Behind the sand wall, a crew has built a soil-nail wall that required driving heavy nails up to 30 feet long into the slope to stabilize it, and coating the exposed sandy surface with spray-on concrete.

Pasculli said the construction of the wall has been completed, and on Friday, repairs to the pavement along Scenic Road will begin. Along with paving and striping, the last task is expected to be completed by next week.

“The target reopening is by end of Friday, April 14,” Pasculli added.

A resident of Carmel Point, Lorin Letendre, told The Pine Cone he’s encouraged by the progress.

“I’m very happy with what I see so far,” Letendre said. “It looks like they’re on schedule.”

Despite all the progress to get the heavily traveled road reopened, the current fix isn’t

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## School board puts superintendent on leave, gets ready to hire new principal

■ Also picks new member and ‘expels’ two students

By MARY SCHLEY

AT A standing-room-only meeting Friday, the Carmel Unified School District Board of Education put district superintendent Ted Knight on leave, selected Carmel Valley resident Jason Remyse from among 14 candidates to replace Tess Arthur on the board, and decided to start advertising for a new Carmel High School principal.

Knight has come under fire for his handling of several personnel matters, including publicly blaming CHS principal Jonathan Lyons for ongoing problems involving sexual harassment between students at the high school and how their cases have been handled, and reassigning a janitor who had harassment claims filed against him to work at River School.



Ted Knight

### Investigator named

When Knight placed Lyons on leave last December and then, with the board’s approval, dismissed him from his post in February, several parents and other community members demanded he be investigated for his handling of that and other personnel matters. At a subsequent meeting, the board announced it would do so, though Knight remained on the job.

That changed last week, when board members announced they were putting Knight on paid leave as of April 1 and plan to approve a contract with Bob Henry of School & College Legal Services “to conduct a review of the superintendent’s actions in relation to recent personnel matters.”

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PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

An excavator puts the finishing touches on the newly stabilized Scenic Road, which three months ago was in danger of collapsing.

## Water district offers \$449M to buy Cal Am

■ Company says it will respond in ‘weeks’

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District Monday offered Cal Am \$449 million for its Monterey water system — an amount that’s about half of what the private water company said it is worth. A Cal Am spokesman said Wednesday it would formally respond to the offer within “weeks.”

In a meeting in Monterey, water district attorney David Laredo said the district’s board of directors voted March 24 to “acquire Cal Am’s water system for an amount not to exceed \$448,808,000.”

In 2018, voters approved Measure J, an initiative that directed the water district to acquire Cal Am and make it a public agency, “if feasible.”

Dave Stoldt, the general manager for the water district, a government agency, said that the offer was sent to Cal Am earlier Monday and that the utility has until April 30 to respond.

In September 2018, an appraiser working for Cal Am said the company was worth more than \$1 billion, and officials from the utility have said repeatedly it’s not for sale. That means the water district would probably have to acquire Cal Am through eminent domain, a process that could take years and cost millions of dollars to resolve, so it might end up with a much larger acquisition cost than anticipated.

### Areas of disagreement

In coming up with a fair market value for Cal Am’s Monterey system, Raftelis Financial Consultants, the water district’s appraiser, says it factored in all of the Monterey water system’s assets, including the water plants, distribution system, storage tanks, pumps, property, water

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## C.V. woman appointed to coastal commission

By KELLY NIX

THOUGH NUMEROUS Monterey County elected officials were hoping they’d be chosen to fill a vacant seat on the California Coastal Commission — including two county supervisors — they were passed up in favor of a Carmel Valley woman who’s the president of the board of a local slow-growth group.

On March 15, the California Senate Rules Committee appointed Ann Notthoff to the powerful state agency, Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins announced. Notthoff — LandWatch Monterey County’s board president — will serve a four-year term on the coastal commission.

### Expertise

“Ann Notthoff has decades of experience working on a broad range of public health and environmental protection issues,” Atkins said. “Her wide-ranging expertise on coastal and marine management issues will enhance the California Coastal Commission’s continued efforts to protect and improve our coast and the ocean for future generations.”

Notthoff was the senior western advocacy director for

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## Winemaking pioneer lived ‘an unexpected life’

By ELAINE HESSER

ALFRED G. Scheid, founder and chairman of Scheid Family Wines, one of Monterey County’s premier wine brands, died March 31 at his home in Pacific Palisades.

Born Feb. 7, 1932, in Wheeling, W. Va., Scheid had a hardscrabble childhood in Bridgeport, Ohio, but his unflagging diligence, intelligence and passion for making business deals brought him from those lean, Depression-era days to creating one of the 25 largest wine-producing companies in California.

“I’ve always seen him as a man of such great courage,” said Heidi Scheid, his daughter and the firm’s executive vice president. “It wasn’t the absence of fear. His motivation just pushed him through. He lived an unexpected life from where he started.”

In his 2014 memoir, “Breaking out of Beerport,” Scheid said he volunteered

for the Navy during the Korean War. He considered himself a mediocre student and was surprised when aptitude tests indicated he was intellectually gifted. Since he had previously accepted his friends’ and family’s opinion that higher education was unimportant, he was chagrined by the time he suddenly realized he’d “wasted” instead of pursuing one.

He wrote, “My world was populated with people who worked to buy food and clothing, pay their rent and settle up their bar tabs. People like us didn’t set goals.” He decided to change that by earning a degree.

### Jobs and Harvard

Besides his service in the Navy, Scheid had held a hodgepodge of jobs by his early 20s. He began working toward a degree, graduating from Claremont Men’s College in 1956. At what he



Al Scheid

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Little big man

THE FIRST time the couple saw a photo of Tony, they noticed that his ears – too big for his frame – were at an angle, like the wings of an oddly shaped plane. When they met him, his ears were erect, alert, giving him a sense of authority.

"The range of motion in Tony's ears, from straight up to straight out, is incredible," his person said. "It completely changes his looks when they shift. Either way, they exude a kind of 'I'm going to let you know what's up' attitude. But when he's sad, they crumple into a ball and we're devastated. No one should have to see that."

They kind of got Tony by accident. After spotting him on a rescue site – apparently he'd been wandering around the streets of L.A. – they thought they should at least meet him. And that's all it took for Tony to come home to Carmel Valley.

"I don't know how to describe Tony, except as a troll who lives under the stairs. He's not attractive, but he appeals to us," his person said. "The rescue place had named him after Tony Soprano, which suits his appearance and his personality. They said he's a 'Super Chihuahua,' which could refer to his build or his bravao."

Every morning, Tony can't be bothered until he's



performed his army crawls across the floor, followed by a yoga routine in his Carmel Valley home.

"He's like the person you don't interrupt until he's had his coffee," his person said. "He's bossy, but he's also very funny."

At first, his people felt sorry for the poor little thing who got loose and had been living in a busy city, eating trash.

"Now that we've gotten to know him," they said, "we realize he didn't get lost. Someone just opened the door and said, 'See ya later.' But now, we're all in."

*Lily!*

Lily's a little stressed right now. This lovely 8-year-old lady lost the only home she knew and now needs a new one. When she's relaxed and happy, she's a chatty, active girl. She is independent but also friendly and likes to be around her people. Lily likes to perch on a chair and watch what's going on around the house, and she loves a good laser pointer chase. Can you bring back the "happy" in Lily's life?

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# City asks public to get involved in debate over paid-parking

By MARY SCHLEY

**PAID PARKING** will be the subject of four public meetings in May, as well as two sessions with business groups and other outreach efforts, former interim Police Chief Brian Uhler told the city council Tuesday. Uhler is now a paid consultant working for the city and this week launched what he called the Parking and Congested Traffic Program, or PACT, to get feedback from the public as part of the effort to solve the problems of parking shortages, traffic congestion and pollution as drivers circle downtown blocks looking for spaces, and safety for pedestrians and cyclists, among other issues.

“Carmel visitors often face a problem common to many visitor destinations — finding a parking space. As drivers search for a space, they add to traffic congestion,” Uhler said. “With its accompanying noise, pollution and danger to pedestrians, traffic congestion is at odds with the desire to have a peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable business district. Reducing traffic congestion is this program’s highest priority.”

For decades, studies have contemplated ways to improve the parking situation downtown, including paid parking, and the city council again made the issue a priority and hired Uhler to help solve it. During four public meetings and two sessions with business groups, and at a booth at the farmers market, city officials hope to learn what residents and others think about paid parking in an area that spans from Junipero to Monte Verde between Fifth and Eighth avenues.

### Speak your mind

“We are starting the public engagement phase,” Uhler told the city council Tuesday. Outreach will take place this month and next.

A Parking and Congested Traffic Program portal on the city’s website offers a program overview, FAQ, a map and photos, opportunities to provide input, past traffic and parking studies, and financial projections based on paid parking in Pacific Grove and Monterey.

(While easing congestion, not making money, is the goal of implementing paid parking, estimates put revenues at \$2.84 million to \$4.5 million annually, according to the city.)

Uhler said a brochure will be sent to residents next week encouraging them to get more information and provide input at [ci.carmel.ca.us/pact-program](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/pact-program).

“Ultimately, that will be condensed into reports for the council,” he said.



It’s unlikely kiosks will return to the sidewalks of Ocean Avenue, but the city will explore other ways to charge for parking.

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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## A journey stopped short of home

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject at Ocean and San Carlos stated she lost her phone and an envelope with a document.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of deceptive business and sales practices at Ocean and Monte Verde. Determined to be a civil issue; forwarded to the district attorney's civil division. Information only.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a deceased person at Casanova and Eighth. Coroner's office was notified and assumed the investigation. Information only.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Ocean View Boulevard was cited for a muni code violation.

**Carmel Valley:** A welfare check was requested for a Marquard Road resident.

**Carmel Valley:** A deceased person was found at a Carmel Valley Road address.

**Pacific Grove:** Damage to private property on Lighthouse Avenue for the purpose of

public safety. Information only.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A found wallet at Junipero and Ocean was turned in.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fall on city property at Sixth and Lincoln.

**Carmel Valley:** A welfare check was conducted on a female Carmel Valley Road resident.

### MONDAY, MARCH 20

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost property reported at Lincoln and Seventh. Suspicious circumstances.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a missing person from a South Carmel Hills Drive residence. The missing person was located and determined to be safe.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject at Mountain View and Eighth reported a lost wallet.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury accident at the Coachman's Inn.

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## The gavel falls



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

**March 27** — Richard Ruiz, 61, was found guilty by a jury of first-degree murder with the use of a deadly weapon. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark E. Hood presided.

On Feb. 17, 2021, Richard Chavez contacted the Salinas Police Department dispatch and requested officers conduct a welfare check of his mother, Gabriela Guzman. Guzman had not shown up to work for two days and no one was able to reach her. When Salinas police officers arrived at Guzman's Creekbridge area residence they entered to check on her.

Once inside, officers located Guzman's lifeless body in her bedroom. She was stabbed six times in the face and neck.

The Salinas Police Department conducted an extensive investigation that led them to Gabriela Guzman's fiancé, Richard Ruiz. Ruiz was last at the residence, in the evening hours of Feb. 13, 2021. Detectives obtained

security footage from inside the residence which showed Guzman walk up the stairs to her bedroom at 3:38 p.m. on Feb. 13. This was the last time she was seen alive. Ruiz was seen following her up the stairs into the bedroom and eventually walked back down by himself. Ruiz was captured on video repeatedly walking up and down the stairs throughout the day. During one of the last times Ruiz is seen on video, he walks down the stair, wearing different clothing and appears to have showered.

Ruiz left the residence and fled to Northern California. He was found by the Salinas Police Department and arrested in the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 2021.

Ruiz is scheduled to be sentenced on May 18. He faces a maximum sentence of 26 years to life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The case was investigated by Sgt. John McNeil of the Salinas Police Department.

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# Vandal hits war memorial, library

By MARY SCHLEY

**I**N TWO separate incidents, a 60-year-old transient was arrested for vandalism last month — first for kicking and throwing rocks at the Korean War Memorial in Devendorf Park, and then for defacing signs at Harrison Memorial Library as a way of telling the city it should be open seven days a week — Carmel Police Sgt. Michael Bruno told The Pine Cone last week.

In the first instance, Bruno and officer Joe Martis were dispatched at around 10:15 a.m. March 14 to “a report of a male yelling and screaming inside Devendorf Park,” he said. “Both callers said the male was kicking the Korean War Memorial with his foot and screaming unintelligible words,” and one said she saw him pick up a rock and throw it at the memorial, damaging it.

When the officers got to the park, they recognized Christopher Yarborough from dealing with him during previous calls, and he admitted vandalizing the memorial, according to Bruno.

“Yarborough was arrested for vandalism and was booked at the Carmel Police Department,” but police released him rather than take him to Monterey County Jail on the misdemeanor charge, because that day’s windy, rainy weather was keeping everyone busy in the city.

“The cost and value of the damage is unknown at this time,” Bruno said, but if it adds up to more than \$950, Yarborough could be charged with a felony.

### Library gets directive

Less than two weeks later, on March 27 at around 9:15 a.m., Martis received a report of vandalism at Harrison Memorial Library at Lincoln and Ocean that had occurred sometime over the weekend.

“The staff stated that ‘Mr. Wayne,’ who they know to be Christopher Yarborough, defaced or destroyed multiple signs that the library had posted by writing over them with permanent marker,” Bruno said.

On one, he scrawled, “You’ve been served. You will open on weekends, damn it,” according to Bruno, and on another that included the library’s hours, he wrote “Sun” over the “F” for Friday and added, “For good vibes 7 days a week. You’ve been informed.” That sign could not be repaired and had to be replaced.

Martis contacted Yarborough and asked him about the vandalism, and he said he was “just telling them they need to be open on the weekend.” According to Bruno, he also claimed the signs were “his to damage.”

Again, police arrested Yarborough for vandalism and released him on a citation to appear in Monterey County Superior Court. He was also ordered to stay away from the library for six months, or he’ll be arrested for trespassing.



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A man was seen kicking and throwing rocks at the Korean War Memorial in Devendorf Park.

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# Volunteers reopen backcountry to hikers, but first you'll need to find a trailhead

By CHRIS COUNTS

**J**UST AS road crews are working to clear Highway 1 of rockslides triggered by recent storms, trail crews are busy reopening trails for hikers in the Big Sur backcountry.

A group that literally makes hiking in Big Sur's backcountry possible through the volunteer work of its members, the Ventana Wilderness Alliance is playing a key role in reopening local wilderness areas to the public after a wet and windy winter.

When the U.S. Forest Service closed the Ventana and Silver Peak wilderness areas Jan. 13 due to storm-related damage, the VWA soon launched an effort to assess trail and camp conditions throughout the two wilderness areas. The trail workers are a mix of volunteers and contract crews that are paid for with federal tax dollars. Besides assessing storm damage, they cleared many obstacles from trails. The work helped convince forest service officials

to reopen trails and camps in both areas March 10.

### Hard work, lousy weather

"In coordination with the forest service, our volunteer wilderness rangers, trail crew members, board and staff immediately sprang into action," said executive director Mike Chamberlain, who lives in Carmel Valley. "Over 20 team members surveyed trails in the Big Sur backcountry, putting in dozens of day-long surveys to complete the work as quickly as possible."



PHOTO/VENTANA WILDERNESS ALLIANCE

A volunteer trail crew from the Ventana Wilderness Alliance is pictured on a recent work trip into the Big Sur backcountry.

Fixing trails is tough work under the best of circumstances, and VWA members have been doing it in cold and wet weather this winter, sometimes even through snow in the upper elevations. A crew of five volunteers, for instance, used a crosscut saw to clear a "monster" tree from a trail deep in the wilderness. They had to use a manual saw because power tools are prohibited in wilderness areas.

Andrew Madsen of the forest service told The Pine Cone that the VWA is doing invaluable work.

"We definitely want to give them kudos," Madsen said. "They've done an incredible amount of legwork and fieldwork that we couldn't have done."

While many trails in Big Sur's backcountry are now passable and open, most trailheads are inaccessible due to storm damage along access roads. For instance, most trailheads along Highway 1 that lead to wilderness lands can't be reached until road crews clear the pavement of several

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# MORE SLIDES CLEARED ON HIGHWAY 1

By CHRIS COUNTS

**W**HILE CREWS continue to clear slides along Highway 1 in Big Sur, 15 miles of the scenic route have been reopened to motorists, Caltrans announced Wednesday.

Currently, 34 miles of Highway 1 remain closed from Esalen Institute to the Monterey County line. But the highway is open for motorists heading from Carmel to the inns and campgrounds of Big Sur Valley and all the way to Coast Big Sur Gallery and Esalen.

By late Thursday, the closed area is expected to shrink again when, 5-mile

stretch of Highway 1 between Esalen and the Big Creek Bridge reopens.

While much of Highway 1 is open, motorists should expect some delays due to one-way traffic in work zones.

Caltrans spokesman Kevin Drabinski said work continues on a series of slides that are blocking access between Big Creek and the county line. "Crews will work seven days a week to make all necessary repairs, reduce the closure limits and eventually reopen the entire length of the Big Sur coast," he reported.

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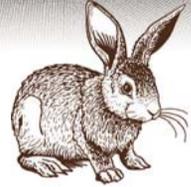



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# Scout House needs rescuer — but will anybody be willing to foot the bill?

By MARY SCHLEY

THE BOY Scouts would seem to be the ideal group to restore the aging Scout House at Mission and Eighth that's been closed for two decades due to ADA concerns, but the city's terms are untenable, resident Richard Kreitman told the city council Tuesday.

At its regular meeting, the council considered publishing a 124-page document outlining what would be needed from any entity willing to step up and rehabilitate the 92-year-old building, but there appeared to be little upside for whomever might agree to take on the job.

Built by M.J. Murphy for the Boy Scouts in 1931, the board-and-batten building hasn't been used since the city shut it down 20 years ago for fear of being sued for disability access issues. While various proposals to restore it and

make it useful again have been made over the years, none has borne fruit, and after ignoring it for a while, the city council recently decided to add "explore opportunities for the Scout House" to its list of priorities.

At the April 4 meeting, public works director Bob Harary presented a lengthy document outlining what would be required of any organization that might take on renovating the Scout House — at an estimated cost of at least \$400,000 to \$500,000 — as well as an operations and maintenance agreement and a site lease.

### Site visit

Contractors and others interested in the restoration will be required to visit the site April 25 and would have to commit to numerous responsibilities if they decide to apply.

Harary identified "the most challenging aspects of the renovation," including installing at least one, and possibly two, elevators to meet ADA requirements, renovating the bottom level so it's habitable — perhaps triggering a requirement for seismic upgrades — replacing electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems, remediating hazardous materials, and figuring out how to do all that in an area with very little parking and space for staging.

The person or group would also be required to sign a 10-year lease for the property and a 10-year operations and maintenance agreement covering everything from insurance, indemnification and business licenses, to paying fair market rent and covering the costs of maintenance and other ongoing expenses.

That rent could be offset by sponsorships, renovation costs, fundraising, and subleasing the property, according to Harary's report.

It wasn't immediately clear what the upside would be for the individual or company taking on the project, and

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## Morning ride in Big Sur turns deadly for Oregon motorcyclist

A MOTORCYCLIST was killed early Wednesday when he collided with a truck near Point Sur.

According to Jessica Madueño of the California Highway Patrol, a man from Miranda, Ore., was riding southbound on Highway 1. As he approached Point Sur, a 2020 GMC pickup driven by Benjamin Scileppui of Eagle Point, Ore., turned left from the entrance to the naval facility.

The two vehicles collided just after 6 a.m.

"The impact from the Harley Davidson motorcycle and the truck caused the rider to become ejected from the motorcycle," Madueño reported. "The rider succumbed to his injuries on scene."

The name of the motorcyclist won't be released by the Monterey County Coroner's Office until his family is notified, Madueno added. While an investigation by the CHP is ongoing, neither driver is suspected of DUI.



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# BELEAGUED DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR GETS POWERFUL DEFENDER

By KELLY NIX

AN OFFICIAL with the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee this week came to the defense of the group's chairwoman after a former party leader last week accused her of causing "division and disharmony" within the group.

At a March 28 meeting, a resolution introduced by central committee member and former chair Vinz Koller outlined a host of reasons he says chair Karen Araujo should be removed from the position, including her alleged lack of fundraising, poor banking and accounting practices, delays in releasing voter guides and candidate endorsements, and removals of committee members without due process.

In calling for Araujo's removal, Koller claimed her tenure has "caused division and disharmony" in the party and that federal, state and local elected representatives have lost faith in her "to be an effective steward of Monterey County Democrats' political operation."

### 'Reckless attempt'

This week, committee vice chair Gary Karnes defended Araujo and criticized Koller for introducing the resolution to oust her.

"These accusations are a reckless attempt to remove our chair, Karen Araujo," Karnes told The Pine Cone. "Koller provides little evidence, if any, to confirm the accusations. The right thing for him to do was work through committee policies and procedures to seek resolution."

Karnes said that many of the issues Koller raised about Araujo amount to "a difference of opinion." But he also said that Araujo has called "Koller out of order several times when he interrupted committee business during a meeting."

"Many of these accusations" that Koller

levied against Araujo were based on decisions "approved by our executive board," according to Karnes, who did not provide examples.

Koller's resolution, which will be discussed at the group's meeting April 25, is the latest in inner turmoil involving moderate members of the local Democratic Party and its more diehard progressives, which include Araujo and Karnes.

Karnes said he's not sure why Koller wants Araujo out as chair, but offered this: "Perhaps he wants to be chair again like he was years ago."

He went on to say that the Monterey County Democratic Party has "moved on" from its former identity "years ago," is "more ethnically diverse" and has more female members.

### 'Successful'

Karnes said that with Araujo at the helm the local Democratic Party was successful in getting many Democratic candidates elected and ballot measures passed.

"This was possible because of the teamwork among the committee" members, Karnes said. "Remember this: Our primary purpose as a committee is to elect good Democrats, and that we have done very well under Araujo's stewardship."

The Pine Cone last week posed several questions to Araujo regarding Koller's efforts to remove her, including whether she was considering resigning ahead of the April 25 meeting. Araujo has not responded to the questions, but Karnes said she plans to stay put.

"Karen Araujo has stated she will not resign, nor should she," he said. "Koller has done himself and the local party a disfavor by these charges. The tone of the charges is such that he knows he does not have the votes to remove her. I urge Mr. Koller to retract his resolution."

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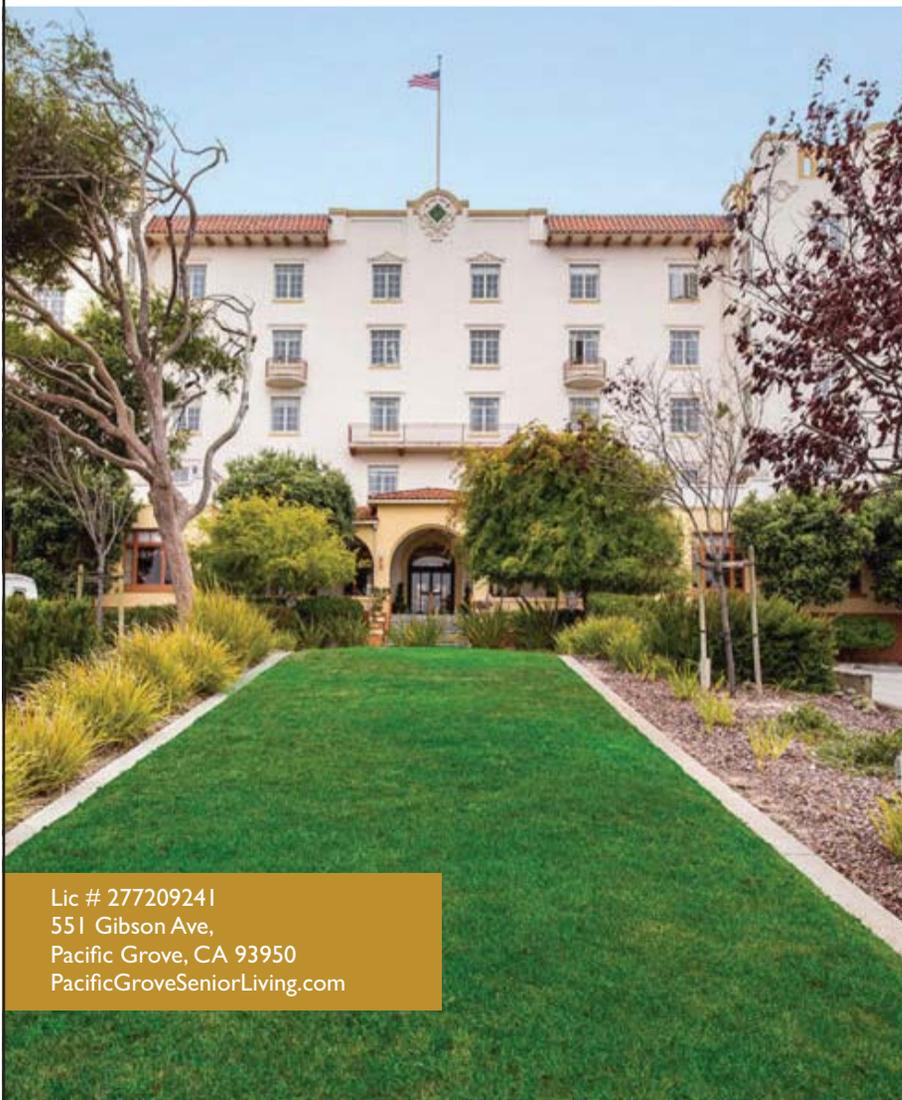
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# Fink finally gets historic preservation tax break for L'Auberge

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN a year after the historic resources board recommended that the owner of L'Auberge Carmel at Monte Verde and Seventh receive tax breaks in exchange for rehabilitating and maintaining the historic building, the city council voted 2-1 to approve David Fink's Mills Act contract Tuesday.

Built by M.J. Murphy in the 1920s and formerly the Sundial Lodge, the property needs costly work, including foundation inspection and repair, new plumbing and HVAC systems, exterior paint, roof maintenance and chimney cleaning, window repairs, insulation, termite testing and abatement, drainage improvements and other repairs, principal planner Marnie Waffle told the city council April 4.

Fink proposed addressing those and other problems, all in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, over the course of 10 years at a total cost of \$850,000. The tax breaks provided by the program are intended to offset those expenses but "will not result in a substantial adverse financial impact on the city," according to Waffle. The Monterey County Assessor's Office determines the specific calculation after the contract is approved.

### Third effort

Waffle recommended the council approve the agreement, which would be the second for a commercial property in the city. The first, for Fink's other hotel, the former Colonial Terrace Inn, was approved by the council last August. Monaco businessman Patrice Pastor owns both properties, but Fink owns the businesses and says he is responsible not only for maintenance and repairs, but for

paying the property taxes.

Tuesday marked Fink's third effort to get a Mills Act contract for L'Auberge, on which Mayor Dave Potter and councilman Bobby Richards can't vote because they have property nearby.

At the meeting, Fink listed the building's maladies and said the impact of the contract — namely, a reduction in property taxes to the city and the Carmel Unified School District — would be negligible in comparison to the increased hotel taxes and sales taxes a higher-quality property will generate.

"Our school district is swimming in money," he said.

### 'Negligible loss'

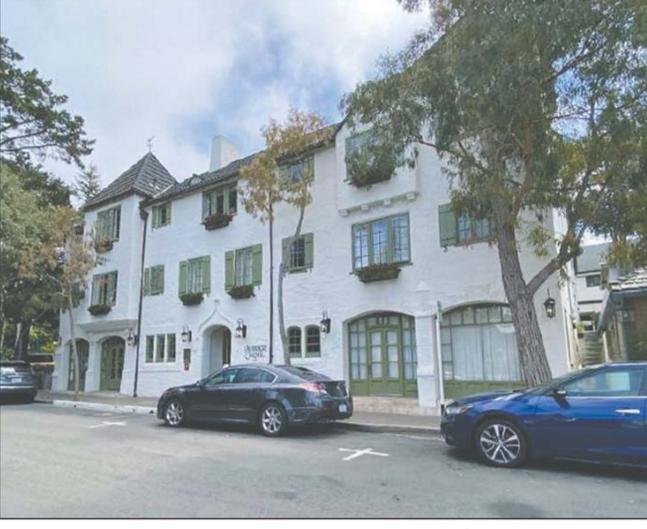
Resident and historic resources board member Karyl Hall recommended the council approve the contract, as did former councilman Gerard Rose, Flanders Mansion preservation activist Melanie Bilig and resident Christy Hollenbeck.

"I voted many times for Mills Act programs, and the issue was never whether I thought the Mills Act was a good idea or a bad idea, it was, are we in Carmel really interested in historic preservation?" Rose said, adding that the state's office of historic preservation describes the Mills Act as "the single most important economic incentive program for historic preservation by property owners."

Resident Cindy Lloyd complimented Fink for his "wonderful job" managing what she described as "a beautiful, historic place."

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov favored the plan.

"I want to commend anybody who owns a historic building and wants to do that effort to maintain it and do



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This historic hotel at Monte Verde and Seventh will get the benefit of rehabilitation and maintenance funded in part by a break in property taxes.

everything to keep it," she said, reminding her colleagues that the historic resources board recommended early last year that the contract be approved.

"I really feel we should move on this," she said. "Any negligible loss in property tax will be made up with higher TOT and sales tax."

Councilman Jeff Baron, who routinely resists Mills Act contracts, especially for commercial properties, reminded Fink that at a council meeting last August, he requested information on how much of a tax break L'Auberge would receive but has yet to see those figures.

"I'm disappointed, Mr. Fink, that you didn't follow through and give us what councilman Baron asked for," councilwoman Karen Ferlito chimed in.

Regardless, she sided with Dramov in voting to approve the Mills Act contract for L'Auberge, which passed on a 2-1 vote.

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# P.G. City Council kills skatepark locations but considers other property

By KELLY NIX

TWO PIECES of property owned by the Pacific Grove Unified School District that were being considered for a skatepark were nixed Wednesday night by the P.G. City Council, which decided that other possible locations should be investigated, including city-owned parking lots that are away from neighborhoods and green space areas.

The council heard from dozens of people during the lengthy meeting before making its decision after 10 p.m. In the end, the council voted 5-2 to no longer pursue negotiations with the school district for two properties — one on David Avenue and another on Forest Lodge Road — that were the leading contenders for the skatepark. The council also directed city staff to evaluate other sites for a smaller skatepark “that tries to avoid neighborhoods and residential areas as much as possible.”

### Natural habitat

Council members Debby Beck, Luke Coletti, Lori McDonnell, Nick Smith and Mayor Bill Peake voted in favor of eliminating the two school properties, while Joe Amelio and Chaps Poduri, both of whom wanted to continue to consider the two PGUSD sites, dissented.

“What I cannot support is putting a 10,000-square-foot skatepark in our natural habitat, so I’m not in favor of it,” Beck said during the discussion.

Among the areas the council recommended that city staff explore were the paved parking lots to the rear of the police station and fire department. The council took off the table George Washington Park which the city’s public works department selected as the preferred site.

Councilman Luke Coletti suggested redirecting the leftover \$153,000 in

American Rescue Act Plan funds the city allocated for a skatepark. He also proposed having Pacific Grove purchase a van to transport skaters to the Monterey skatepark. The council may bring both ideas back for consideration.

### ‘Good idea’

The council decision to take the two PGUSD locations off the table came after 80 public speakers weighed in on the skatepark idea.

Pacific Grove resident Lucas Fernandez, 11, told the council he’d like to have such a facility close to his home.

“I think a skatepark is a good idea because skaters get kicked out of public places,” the boy said.

Pacific Grove High senior and long-time skateboarder Noah Garry, 17, said a skatepark would be a “great addition to the community of Pacific Grove and for all the youth in the area.”

Skatepark proponent Hannah Brimer said there are plenty of skaters in the region who would use a facility.

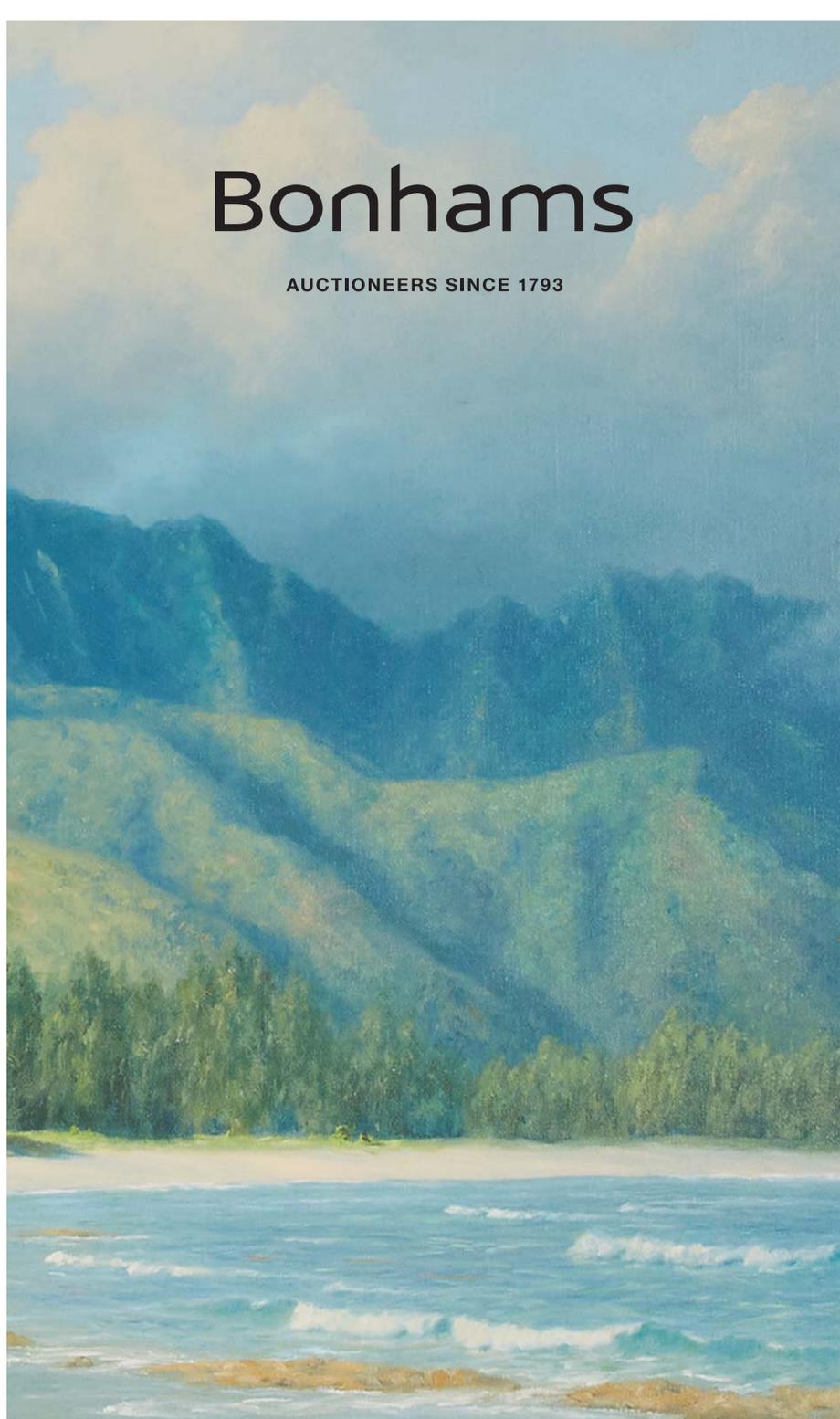
“There is a skate community here in Pacific Grove, Monterey, Salinas and Seaside that will benefit from this park,” Brimer said. “I don’t want to discredit this group of people [skatepark opponents] who have lived here for a very long time, but eventually these people will age out, and we need a space for young kids to foster their creativity.”

### ‘Noisy’

But Dominic Sandoval, a 16-year-old skateboarder and sophomore at P.G. High, opposes a skatepark across from his house at the David Avenue location.

“When I do skate, I just go to the skatepark in Monterey,” Sandoval said, adding

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# County OKs lucrative deal to make Hyundai Laguna Seca's official car

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING THE end of a five-year contract that had Lexus occupying the post of "official luxury vehicle" and providing fleet cars and pace cars at Laguna Seca raceway, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors last month approved a lucrative deal with Hyundai that has the Korean marque taking on that role. The deal took effect April 1.

"Several companies were interested, but Hyundai stepped forward, and since we have history with Hyundai, it made perfect sense," Barry Toepke, the track's director of heritage events, told The Pine Cone.

According to the contract, which got a unanimous OK at the supervisors' March 14 meeting, Hyundai will pay \$460,000 for the privilege of providing seven fleet cars and two pace cars and serving as the presenting sponsor for several races this year. The company will have the option to continue the agreement next year for another \$470,000.

### The details

Steve Fields, who helped broker the deal for the county and track manager John Narigi, said Hyundai has been part of the activities at the track for the last few years to the extent that Laguna's prior sponsorship agreement with Lexus as official vehicle would allow.

"They have done everything they could do to participate to the limit they were allowed until that deal came to an end," he said.

In exchange for its money and cars, Hyundai

will be "the official and exclusive automotive partner of the raceway," according to the contract, and its logo will be used in advertising, media references, TV shows and online. Its race teams, where applicable, will be featured in event posters and programs, and its brand will be included in all future video games featuring the track.

During the IMSA races next month, it will be the presenting sponsor as noted on all signs, programs, posters and official references, and company representatives will get to deliver the ceremonial "Drivers, start your engines" command and present trophies to the winners. In addition, 20 Hyundai VIPs will be invited to ride in the pace car for hot laps during the lunch break each day, and the company will have a pit row suite on the front straight with space for 40 people. (It will also get a suite during the Indycar races in September.)

All year, signs will proclaim Hyundai as the exclusive automotive sponsor, and

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# CHIEF WARD STILL ON LEAVE BUT CITY REMAINS SILENT ABOUT REASON

By MARY SCHLEY

CITY OFFICIALS continue to refuse to say anything about why Alan Ward — who took office as the city’s police chief last June at an annual salary of \$203,495 — was put on paid leave in early January.

Other than confirming the chief is still getting paid for the job he’s not doing, and that Cmdr. Jeff Watkins is filling the role of acting chief, city administrator Chip Rerig and assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo are refusing to answer any questions about the circumstances surrounding his being taken off the job or even who is investigating him.

When he was hired in May 2022, city officials extolled Ward’s “proven track record of strong and empathetic

leadership, and a friendly, mentoring demeanor,” and described him as “a well-rounded police officer and an excellent communicator.”

Ward is the first Carmel P.D. chief in decades, if ever, to be put on administrative leave pending an investigation. Before joining the city’s force, he retired from Merced Police Department after spending more than two decades there and working his way up through the ranks.

### Where’s the money going?

Last week and again this week, Rerig and Gullo ignored questions from The Pine Cone regarding who was hired to investigate whatever allegations have been made against Ward, how much the investigator is being paid, when the investigation began (assuming it has), how long it’s

expected to take, and how much in pay Ward has received since he was told to stay home.

By contrast, Carmel Unified School District — which is experiencing its own upheaval at the top — has announced why superintendent Ted Knight was placed on administrative leave last week and the person who will be hired to investigate him. The investigator’s contract is set to be approved at the board’s next regular meeting. (Details are covered in a story that starts on the front page of this week’s Pine Cone.)

## MoCo gets new judge

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

Gov. GAVIN Newsom has appointed a new Monterey County Superior Court judge, who will replace retiring Superior Court Judge Lydia Villarreal.

On Wednesday, Chris Ruhl, executive officer for Monterey County Superior Court, said that Newsom had appointed Ian Rivamonte, 46, of Santa Clara County to be the county’s newest judge.

Since 2004, Rivamonte has been an associate at law firm Kazan, McClain, Satterley & Greenwood in Oakland, where he managed a “heavy and complex asbestos-related civil lawsuit caseload,” Ruhl said.

Rivamonte begins his judicial assignment at the Salinas courthouse on April 17.

### Good qualities

“I am honored and humbled by the governor’s appointment to the Monterey County Superior Court,” Rivamonte said. “I look forward to serving the great people of Monterey County with fairness, integrity and dedication.”

Monterey County Presiding Judge Pamela Butler, who will swear Rivamonte in, said “we are excited to welcome such a qualified candidate to join our bench.”

Rivamonte earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law.

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# River restoration work will cost \$25M, could get started next year

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE YEAR after introducing a plan to improve habitat for plants and animals along the Carmel River, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District this week shared new details about the Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project — including its \$25 million cost.

At the end of a lengthy presentation Wednesday, the park district's board voted 4-0 to approve the project.

The work involves restoring native vegetation on 185 acres along both banks of the Carmel River as it passes through the former Rancho Cañada Golf Club, which would provide a better habitat for a variety of animals, including steelhead and birds.

About 40 acres will be excavated, and a pedestrian bridge will be built. Rip-rap put in during the 1990s will be removed, which proponents say will lead to better flood control downriver. Native vegetation will be planted, including black cottonwoods, dogwoods, willows, bullrushes, sedges and horsetails. A temporary irrigation system will be installed to give the plants a better chance at survival.

### No delays expected

While the park district still needs permits from state and federal agencies, officials don't "anticipate delays with permitting due to the broad input received during the planning and design process."

To raise the \$25 million needed to complete the work, the park district is applying for funding from taxpayers via several state and federal grant programs.

At this week's hearing, representatives

from a number of groups spoke out in favor of the flood control work, including Rachel Saunders of the Big Sur Land Trust.

"The Big Sur Land Trust thinks it's awesome, and it complements to the Carmel River Free Project," said Saunders, referring to an ambitious flood control and restoration effort. "It's wonderful the park district can take advantage of this opportunity."

Christy Fischer of the Trust for Public Land called the work "an important climate resilience project" that would "tremendously improve habitat conditions for the Carmel River." The trust put up the money that made it possible for the park district to acquire the 185 acres.

To complete the work, the park district is partnering with numerous agencies and groups, including the California State Coastal Conservancy. Once work begins, it's expected to take two years to complete.

### If everything goes well

After the hearing, park district general manager Rafael Payan told The Pine Cone that "if everything goes well," the work could start in July of next year. He also called it "an amazing project" that could serve as a model for other efforts to restore environments that have been damaged by development.

"We're hoping to not only do the restoration but use the site as a research center for studying climate change, sea level rise and ground cover modification, and an incident command center during flood events and wildfires," Payan said. "It could also be used for cultural and environmental education programs for children."

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# COASTAL

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the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental advocacy group, for nearly four decades before her retirement in 2020. She also helped found the California League of Coastal Protection.

“She served as a Senate Rules Committee appointee on the State Coastal Conservancy from 2005 until 2023,” Atkins added.

Monterey County residents who sought the coveted coastal commission gig included Monterey County supervisors Mary Adams and Chris Lopez, Carmel City Councilman Jeff Baron and Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado, all of whom the board of supervisors nominated in February.

Dave Potter, mayor of Carmel, was the last Monterey County resident on the

coastal commission before he was replaced in 2009.

The coastal commission is composed of 12 voting members appointed by the governor, the Senate Rules Committee, and the Speaker of the Assembly. Six of the voting commissioners are locally elected officials and six are appointed from the public at large. Three non-voting members represent the state Resources Agency, Caltrans, and the State Lands commission.

The Pine Cone reached out to Notthoff this week and asked her if she supports a state mandate that requires the City of Carmel to add about 350 units of housing — something the coastal commission would have once opposed. She didn’t respond to the question, simply saying that



Ann Notthoff

she is “honored and excited” to join the commission.

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# SCHEID

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thought was the “old” age of 25, he was accepted into Harvard’s MBA program, which he completed in 1959.

That year, he was hired by E.F. Hutton, but, according to a tribute on his company’s website, “he wanted to be what was known back then as a deal man. He struck out to pursue deal-making using a combination of street smarts, innate intelligence and sheer nerve.”

He sometimes dove into deals knowing little more than the basics about what the companies he was working with did. When he began growing grapes, said son Scott Scheid, company president and CEO, “it started out as another investment. He didn’t know anything about vineyards.”

But his desire to learn led him to visit U.C. Davis, where an expert recommended he start buying what was then relatively inexpensive land in Monterey County, which had a favorable climate for vineyards. Over the years, he owned more than 4,000 acres, established a winery in Greenfield and opened a tasting room in downtown Carmel.

“Al’s business acumen and ingenuity were something to behold,” said Pine Cone publisher Paul Miller, a personal friend. “I never had a conversation with him — including just a few weeks before he died — when he didn’t share

something inspiring or insightful.”

In December 2022, Scheid told colleagues and friends that he had throat cancer. At first, it seemed like it was heading toward remission, but the end came quickly after the tumor turned aggressive in March.

“He dealt with his illness the way he did everything — by confronting it head on, but also by accepting the inevitable gracefully,” Miller said. “He was amazing.”

### Success and accolades

Two years after Scheid began his venture into viticulture in 1972, he helped found the California Association of Winegrape Growers, where was chairman and a longtime board member. He was named the group’s Leader of the Year in 2017.

Jerry Fry, a winery executive in Lodi, worked with Scheid on the board of the growers’ group. “He was very sharp and so knowledgeable — an excellent businessman. It was a totally new business for him, but he just had the acumen to make things happen, strategize and solve problems,” he recalled.

At first, the company farmed grapes to sell to other

winemakers. But by 2000, Scheid had bought out his investors and was making his own wines. Scheid Family Wines produces close to 1 million cases annually under a variety of labels and operates tasting rooms for its Scheid Vineyards label in town at San Carlos and Seventh and just south of Greenfield.

Although he never pressured his kids to become part of it, Scott and Heidi said they were attracted to the firm after working at other jobs, and their father welcomed their contributions.

“Dad was a strong personality, but also extremely fair,” Heidi remembered. “As strong as he was in his opinions, he was also able to change his mind. He would listen to another point of view and think about it. Not all leaders can do that.”

He also readied his children for the time when they would have to run the business without him. “He always told us the worst thing would be to have us sitting around a table wondering what he would have done,” Heidi said.

“He prepared us well,” said Scott. “He was a really great mentor to all of us, and because of that, we’ve got this. I could not have had a better mentor and teacher.”

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Pursuant to Government Code 6061 and Education Code 5092

### NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CARMEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

On February 16, 2023, a vacancy was created on the Board of Education of the Carmel Unified School District following the resignation of Board member Tess Arthur.

The Carmel Unified School District Board of Education has appointed Jason Remyne to assume the vacant seat on the Board.

The date for the appointment of Jason Remyne to the Carmel Unified School District Board of Education was March 31, 2023.

Unless a petition calling for a special election pursuant to Education Code 5091 is filed in the Office of the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of this provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment.

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### Jesse Reimer

A lifetime local, Jesse has been the Fire Chief for the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department for the last 5 years, volunteering for the 13 years prior. He is energetic, dedicated and involved! Besides running board meetings and board events, Chief Jesse helps Cachagua families and kids via the Christmas Eve Santa Run, fundraising, and fire and safety informational events. Jesse works with non-profit groups to provide fire safety events up and down the Valley. Additionally, Jesse and his team dedicate many weekends providing various trainings on wild land fires and vehicle emergency drills. Over his young life, Jesse has established himself a true leader of the community and of Cachagua Fire.



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### Alondra Valdez Klemek

Alondra, a lifelong Carmel Valley-ite, began volunteering as a student in Carmel High’s Key Club. Super active in her children’s schools (CUSD), she was a PTO volunteer at each. She taught enrichment cooking at Tularcitos for 13 years. In the 90’s, she helped coordinate Mid Carmel Valley Fire’s community events. She was a YMCA youth soccer coach, as well as the CHS football team mom, coordinating the team meals. Helping run the Senior Minute parties, she also helped lead for her kids’ sober grad events. She advocates for the Cachagua Hispanic community in many ways. She has volunteered with two homeless ministries. In past years, she has coordinated dinners at the CVCYC as well as at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic church; helped coordinate evacuee support efforts during the fire relief efforts in the 2020 fires, and helped set up a food bank at CMS, feeding people during the initial 2020 Covid shutdown. A founding board member with Robles del Rio Firewise, she is also a founding board member, now chair, for the Community Fund for Carmel Valley. Alondra is incredibly active in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, serving on the parish council and teaching confirmation. She continues to be a force in this community!



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## PATRICIA ANN SHERLOCK CONIGLIO

Patricia Ann Sherlock Coniglio passed away at her home in Monterey on February 7, 2023.

Pat began her life journey on September 26, 1942, living on Ramona Street in Monterey with her mother, Audrey Graham, her father Charles Sherlock, her sister Geraldine (Verga) and later with stepfather, Harry Wasson. She attended local schools and after high school graduation began exploring life. Pat first began working in San Francisco where she went to school for modeling and modeled fur coats at designer trunk shows. She also discovered she was a skilled paralegal and legal secretary, exceptionally proficient in original shorthand, which was highly desired in city law offices. Then it was off to New York City for two years where she took a job at Time magazine organizing bulletin boards of submissions from local artists, a delightful skill she continued to use on her home bulletin board for many years. She lived briefly in Miami, Boston, Washington, D.C. and New Orleans, then moved back to San Francisco for a time to work for the district attorney before returning permanently to the Monterey Peninsula, where she enjoyed a successful career as a legal secretary.

Pat raised six girls for nearly two decades and enjoyed family life and creating an atmosphere at home full of fun and humor. She spent many hours with family and friends arranging flowers for weddings and showers, planning dinners, surprise birthdays and Bunco parties. During the holidays, she delighted young and old alike with Christmas caroling hay rides through Monterey. She was well known for her weekend garage sales at her home, something she enjoyed doing with her mother many years ago. She was fortunate to have a group of very close friends that met in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Monterey who kept in touch all her life, and all from different parts of the world.

Pat enjoyed trying new things on a whim and spared no effort in helping others. She volunteered for numerous local organizations such as the Pink Ladies at CHOMP, Monterey History & Art Association, Community Partnership for Youth and various PTA associations. She ran three local political campaigns and hosted many political events. She was a lead fundraiser for the Suicide Prevention Services and was vice president of the Monterey Blues Festival. Pat is well known for owning and operating her employment business, the Patricia Coniglio Personnel Agency, for 23 years in Monterey.

Pat coped with bipolar illness by surrounding herself with color and expressing happiness through her artwork. Her home in Monterey was filled with her paintings and art pieces that brought her joy. She enjoyed a career in the local art scene, having had three large art shows over the years exhibiting her expressive, eclectic style. She was an avid cat enthusiast and many of her art pieces focused on cats full of color, brightness and cheerfulness, just like she lived her life.

Pat is survived by her daughter and step-daughters, 14 grandchildren and three cats. The family is grateful for the kind caregivers who surrounded her with love and support this past year. Truly one-of-a-kind, Pat will be dearly missed.



## *Barbara Bradford Monning*

May 14, 1948 - March 24, 2023

Monterey, California

Barbara Monning died at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> of respiratory failure. She was 74.

Barbara was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Pasadena, Ca. She was predeceased by her parents, Maj. Gen. John C. Monning and Laura Elizabeth Wheeler Monning. Her mother was a longtime resident of Carmel, Ca., as a child and after the death of Gen. Monning moved back to Carmel. Barbara's maternal grandparents, Willard and Laura Greene Wheeler, moved to Carmel in the late 1920s from Cleveland, Oh.



Barbara graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena in 1966 and attended Mills College in Oakland. She was an accomplished artist who worked with clay, watercolors, oils and collage. Her art was displayed at local art exhibits sponsored by Breakthrough H'Art of Interim, Inc., Hartnell College, the West End Festival, the Monterey Museum of Art, the Pacific Grove Art Center and the Monterey County Fair Art Contest, for which she received multiple recognitions over the years. She was proud to be a featured artist in the Carmel Pine Cone in 2021. Her ceramics collection included starfish, food items, and clay haystacks à la Claude Monet. She was particularly appreciative of the support of artist Gary Smith and for an artists' workshop she

attended at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico.

In addition to her lifelong involvement with the arts, Barbara was a longtime member of the Salinas French Club, with which she continued to meet using Zoom connections during the Covid pandemic. She loved French art, music and films and joined members of the Hartnell College French Club to travel to Paris, France in the early 2000s.

Barbara faced mental health challenges her entire adult life and achieved a level of independence through the support of Interim, Inc., which helped her to attain her own apartment. The Interim community gave Barbara far more than housing; it gave her autonomy, self-respect and dignity.

Barbara developed and sustained many lifetime friendships. She was a regular correspondent and wrote letters to family and friends until days before her passing. Her beautiful penmanship was another example of her artistic talent.

Barbara was a member of the congregation at All Saints' Church in Carmel where she managed to attend services even after she was wheelchair-bound. She was a regular user of the Monterey-Salinas Transit bus service including the Monterey Rides van for the disabled.

Barbara is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Bill Monning and Dana Kent of Carmel; her nieces Laura Kent-Monning (Kevin Smith) of Oakland and Alexandra Kent-Monning of Brooklyn, NY; her great-nieces and -nephew Riley Rosalia, Sullivan Fernando and Shaye Alicia, along with many beloved cousins.

The family wants to thank Barbara's communities of support including Interim, Inc., Monterey County Behavioral Health, the Salinas French Club, Scholze Park Senior Center, IHSS caregivers, Drake House, Cypress Ridge Care Center and the doctors and nursing staff at CHOMP who cared for her during her final illness.

**The family encourages memorial contributions to Interim, Inc., 604 Pearl St., Monterey, Ca. 93940. A memorial service is pending. Arrangements with the Paul Mortuary.**



## LORETTE JOSEPHINE PETERSEN

August 23, 1922 ❖ February 18, 2023

Carmel

Lorette Petersen passed away in her sleep at the momentous age of 100 on February 18, 2023. A true lady, Lorette was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She was the epitome of grace, courtesy and kindness and could make anyone around her feel welcome and at ease.

Lorette was born Lorette Josephine North, daughter of Milo and Lillian North near Mountain View, CA on August 23, 1922. Raised in San Francisco for much of her childhood, she told stories of maypole celebrations and skating down the streets of the city. In 1939 she began her studies at Stanford University where she stayed until 1941 when she left school to marry her love, Maynard Chris Petersen, in 1942. Her allegiance to Stanford remained her whole life and she attended dozens of "big games" against rival Cal Berkeley on an annual basis.

From 1942 on Lorette was a wife, homemaker and mother. She and Maynard began their family and raised four children in Santa Cruz and Carmel, CA. During this time, they built a steadfast home and family life, despite the challenges of WWII. When the children grew older, Lorette joined her husband at their business, a Standard Oil Wholesale Distributorship. There, she managed the office and did the books. They were married for 56 years until Maynard passed away in 1999.

Lorette is survived by her children, Pamela, Susan, Maynard Jr. and Timothy. She also had nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, all who knew her motherly love, generosity and ability to make each and every one of them feel special. The matriarch of the Petersen family, she will be missed dearly by those who knew her and especially by her loved ones.

# Breakfast with the Bunny returns to Devendorf

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

**AFTER BEING** forced inside to the Carmel Youth Center by rain last year, Breakfast with the Bunny, organized by members of the Carmel Host Lions Club, is set to be held in Devendorf Park at Ocean and Junipero Saturday, April 8. With help from the parents at Carmel Co-op Preschool at Carmelo School, local Lions will host their 25th annual pre-Easter gathering from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The community event is family friendly but is not an egg hunt. It features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee served by Lions Club members for \$5 for children 12 years and under, \$10 for adults, and \$25 for a family of two adults and two kids. Tickets will be available at the park.

In addition, drawings for a children's bicycle and other prizes will be held every half hour.

An average of 450 people attend the annual breakfast, according to Lion Tom Korper, who also thanked the City of Carmel, the Little Swiss Café, Lugano Swiss Bistro and Carmel Bakery.

After breakfast, kids can visit Bunnyland, which is organized by Carmelo parents, for face painting, a climb through an obstacle course, creative arts and crafts, and opportunities for pictures with Mr. Bunny. Admission is \$10 per child.



## SUSAN REED SELIX

Susan Selix passed away peacefully March 25th at the age of 66, after a two year battle with Alzheimer's disease. Her passing marks the end of a life filled with creativity and a commitment to public service.

Susan was born on May 23, 1956, to Calvin and Rosemary Reed in Sacramento. She earned a B.A. from CSU Chico and a J.D. from McGeorge School of Law.

She is survived by her children, Shae and Sydney; her sister, Gail; their partners and families; and her loyal Australian Shepherd, Jessie. She is preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, Bob and Bill.

Susan's personality was larger than life, and she was known for her witty jokes, scary ghost stories, and inventive Halloween costumes.

A celebration of life will be held in her honor at 11 a.m. Saturday April 8th at Sierra 2 Center for the Arts and Community in Sacramento. Susan lived life in color and we ask that you skip traditional funeral attire for her celebration. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

To place an obituary for your loved one Anne (831) 274-8654



## Jacquelin LaVine Jones

January 16, 1929 to October 17, 2022  
Pacific Grove, CA

Jacquelin "Jacquie" LaVine Jones recently passed away after a short, brave battle with cancer. She was born in Monterey, CA to Dave and Anna Holmes LaVine, and raised in Pacific Grove by her mother, in a home full of lively, loving sisters and brothers. Jacquie attended Robert H. Down Elementary, was a 1946 graduate of Pacific Grove High School, and attended Hartnell College in Salinas.

In her younger years, Jacquie worked at Holman's Department Store, and later at Bank of America, where a co-worker just happened to be the handsome man she often saw walking on Lighthouse Avenue. Jacquie married this handsome man, Glenn L. Jones in 1953, and they were in love for a lifetime. They moved to Watsonville for Glenn's job at Bank of America, and together raised three daughters during their 62 years of marriage.

Jacquie was very modest, but as a teenager, she and her sister Sally sang for troops at Fort Ord, under the watchful eye of chaperones. Later she occasionally sang solo with area live bands.

For her children, she was 4-H leader, room mother, and friend to the numerous kids that were brought home to play, for school projects and sleep-overs.

In her later years she held reunion parties at her home for the PGHS class of 1946. They were a close bunch of friends. Jacquie cherished most her friendship with Lila Thompson Stout, lifelong best friends who met at Robert Down School. What a pair they were!

Jacquie had also belonged to a senior exercise group, where she met her "gal pals" who, for years, got together to play games every week. She and some friends also belonged to a writing class and published a wonderful book of short stories in 2016.

Jacquie was preceded in death by her husband Glenn L. Jones, and siblings Sheldon Hawkins, David (LaVine) PonTell, and Patsy LaVine Sellars. Her sister Sara (Sally) LaVine Service will miss her dearly. Jacquie also leaves her proud, loving daughters, Anna Rubrecht, Sally Ramirez (John) and Nancy Tanimasa (Lloyd), as well as her grandchildren Miranda Montiel (Adrian, Jr.), Jacob Nattrass (Johanna), Ethan Franklin and Nicholas Franklin. Oh, how her grandkids respected and adored her.

Jacquie was a great cook, party host and full of history and stories of old Pacific Grove. She was bright, grounded and had a fabulous sense of humor. We're lucky to have the love and memories, and hope to occasionally be visited in our dreams, ... until we meet again.



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## PATRICIA STOFLE

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Patricia Stofle passed away peacefully in March 2023. She was a devoted wife and beloved mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Patricia was born in Greeley, Colorado, to Russell and Nancy Billings. She grew up in Greeley and attended College High. Upon graduating from high school, she attended Stanford University where she majored and



received her degree in speech and language pathology. At Stanford she met the love of her life, Rod Stofle. Together they graduated from Stanford in June of 1956, and were married the day after graduation in the Stanford Memorial Church.

Rod and Patricia settled in Santa Clara, California after marrying. They had three children, and raised them in Portola Valley, California. Patricia was employed at El Camino Hospital as a speech and language pathologist and later went into private practice.

Upon retirement from their formal careers, Rod and Patricia fulfilled a life-long dream and purchased a bed and breakfast in Mendocino, California. They owned and managed the inn for eight years. From Mendocino they retired and settled in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. While living in Carmel they became docents at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and were volunteers for 25 years. Together they traveled around the world visiting all seven continents to see a wide range of animal species. Patricia was an exceptional cook and loved to entertain. More recently her greatest joy was becoming a great-grandmother.

Patricia is survived by her three siblings, Colleen (Wayne) Shepperd, Kay (Lauren) Sandburg and Kevin (Diana) Billings; best friend and husband Rod Stofle; children, Mark (Michelle) Stofle, daughter Tracy Loum, and daughter Tricia (Glenn) Bland; grandchildren, Tyler (Brie) Simpson, Lauren (Johnny) Rojas, Erika (Robert)

Hall, Sarah (Phillip) Giugliano, and Colley Loum; great-grandchildren, Eloise Hall, Henry Hall, Beatrice Barbuto, Bruce Rojas, Flynn Rojas, Birk Giugliano, Taytum Simpson and Abner Giugliano.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on April 15th, at El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove, followed by a Celebration of Life at 11:30 a.m. at the Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach, on the Stevenson School Campus. A reception at 12:30 p.m. will follow the church service. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Hoffmann Hospice at [www.hoffmannhospice.org](http://www.hoffmannhospice.org), or to the Monterey Bay Aquarium at [www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org).

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## SCOUT

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Kreitman, speaking for the Boy Scouts, said the extent of the unknowns made it impossible for his organization to apply for the job.

"How can we or anyone put together a plan without having even an estimate of the critical costs of the project?" he asked.

Considering the project involves such a comprehensive renovation, Kreitman estimated the costs would exceed \$1 million.

"We are very fortunate Scouting has generous supporters in the region," he said, but that doesn't mean the organization has unlimited resources. "Asking us to pay more than \$1 million, to pay an indeterminate amount of rent and commit to 10-year agreement — we cannot do that."

Kreitman said he hoped the city had other candidates, "and we would celebrate the reopening of the Scout House, whoever does it."

#### Too much?

Potter wondered whether, since it's known as the Scout House, the city could skip public process altogether and simply hand it over to the Scouts, but city attorney Joan Cox said it couldn't.

"It seems to me this is becoming far more complicated than it needs to be," Potter said, adding that requiring whoever leases the building to accommodate all community organizations while shouldering the burden of the renovations seemed unfair. He was referring to a clause that requires the use of the Scout House to reflect "a mix of other community-based activities such that no one organization fully dominates the use of the renovated facility."

"That seems kind of restrictive, as far as anybody wanting to go ahead and invest this kind of money in the project," he said.

Cox said those terms are negotiable, and councilman Bobby Richards

reiterated that renovations could be done in lieu of rent.

City Administrator Chip Rerig said the city will host a site meeting April 25, when much more information will be available, and requirements could be changed based on the level of interest.

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito worried the proposal is too confusing and unwieldy to draw interest. "It was my understanding we were trying to make this available to the Boy Scouts for renovation, and now we are at this point where we're so convoluted and complicated that they might not be able to do this," she said. "We have over-complicated it, and perhaps we have driven away the only people who had interest in this project. I'm disappointed it became so overblown."

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov suggested no one would take the bait and that the city should consider selling the old building.

Mayor Dave Potter said he wasn't ready to entertain that idea, and Cox said the city's request for proposals would encourage feedback from those interested in taking it on.

Anyone who might want to work on the Scout House should plan on attending the meeting April 25, and the council will expect a report in June.



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The interior of the Scout House, which needs extensive and expensive repairs.

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# SCENIC

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for the long term — something Letendre and a group of his neighbors sounded the alarm about after strong wave action in mid-January put a 250-foot section of the road in imminent peril of collapse. They urged county and state officials to not only shore up the road so it's safe to travel on, but to pursue a long-term solution, which has been talked about since the mid-1990s.

A 2005 hydrology report, for instance, described the erosion along Scenic Road as "severe" and "unprecedented."

### Armoring with rip-rap

The long-term fix involves armoring about 1,000 feet of bluffs along Scenic Road. Known as the Scenic Road Protection Structure, its details are contained in an 2017 EIR for a series of flood control projects that's been revised. The original plan called for using rip-rap to protect the road, the visitor parking lot and a restroom. It's unknown how much it will cost, in part because the plan needs to account for the current work to shore up the road.

Letendre said he's optimistic about a

long-term fix, especially since State Senator John Laird and county planning commissioner Kate Daniels have been working to bring together all the agencies that are needed to sign off on the plan, including an environment impact report.

"The idea is to expedite the process the county has been doing," he said. "If the county meets with each one-by-one, all it takes is for one to say no and it all falls apart. We want to make sure the EIR isn't dead on arrival."

Letendre said the effort by Laird and Daniels is saving "a lot of time and grief."

Daniels said he and Laird are trying to be as helpful as they can.

"The goal is to bring together the different agencies that will weigh in on the EIR, and have conversations with them in advance, so unlike the last EIR, this one doesn't fail," she said. "A lot of money is invested in it."

Letendre also praised new county administrative officer Sonia De La Rosa, who replaced retiring Charles McKee in January. "She been very cooperative, and she's listened well," he said.

Recent storms also damaged a sewer line that ran along the outside edge of the road. Emergency repairs moved the line to the middle of the road.

## Carmel High club hosts book drive

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL High School Book Club has organized a book drive to collect "new or lightly used kids' books" to donate to Nancy's Project, an all-volunteer organization that distributes food, clothing and other necessities to migrant farmworkers

and their families.

Donations are being collected at River House Books in the Crossroads shopping center and at the downtown library branches at Lincoln and Ocean and Mission and Sixth. Picture books and those that are bilingual in Spanish and English are preferred.

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# SCHOOLS

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"The board is informed this is best personnel practice for preserving the integrity of any pending investigation," the school board said in a statement after the decision.

CUSD Board President Sara Hinds told The Pine Cone this week she and her fellow board members are working with district staff to fill the leadership gaps while Knight is investigated and recruitment for a new CHS principal is underway.

The decision to list the vacancy indicates that Lyons' pleas and legal efforts to get his job back have failed. According to a redacted report shared by Lyons last month, he was dismissed because of comments he made during a meeting regarding student-vs.-student harassment.

## Board interviews

During the packed March 31 meeting held in the Babcock Room at Sunset Center, each of the 14 candidates who applied to replace Arthur — who was reelected in November 2022 and appointed president of the board but abruptly resigned at a February meeting and walked out — answered two questions and made brief statements.

Those initial questions were, "What would you see as your primary purpose as a board member?" and "What do you believe are the strengths of our district and primary challenges it currently faces?"

RemyNSE said he spoke off the cuff during the interviews, simply attempting "to speak from the heart and be the genuine person I am."

"I let them know I love this area, and I really want to represent my community — especially the parts of it I think might be a little underserved," he said. "We have a lot of outlying areas with people who are barely making it, and sometimes it's hard for them to get their kids to school," so they need extra support.

Regarding his primary purpose on the board, RemyNSE

said it would be "to analyze what's in front of us" while being level-headed and seeking consensus among fellow board members.

"I want to focus on preparing these students for the world," he said.

As for the district's strengths, he said the community impresses him the most. Having lived in Carmel Valley through earthquakes, floods and fires, RemyNSE said he is always amazed how quickly people pull together to help each other.

"Our challenge is how widespread and how diverse we are, and our ability to connect," he said.

## Three finalists

The board then deliberated in open session, with the public looking on, to narrow the field to three finalists: RemyNSE, Big Sur resident Matt Glazer and multi-time board candidate Jacob Odello.

Each was asked "What do you believe are the similarities and differences between being an effective board member and being an involved parent or community member?" and, "What are some of your attributes or skills that would benefit the board and contribute to the district's mission of cultivating learning?" They were then given the opportunity to make closing statements.

RemyNSE said board members who have kids in the district must curb the instinct to focus on their own children so they can make rational decisions that benefit an expansive and diverse student body.

"It's not about your kids anymore. Anyone who gets into this position to benefit their own kids is in it for the wrong reason," he said. "It takes a village to raise a kid, and I really see that," especially under circumstances like his — a blended family that includes his child and stepchildren — that sometimes require him to lean on people and ask for help.

As an electrician and business owner, RemyNSE said he strives to make decisions based on the most information available and therefore seeks to be involved in every aspect of it, and he plans to apply those same principles as

a board member.

"I'm good at making decisions, and you've got to make hard decisions sometimes," he said.

After hearing from all three candidates, board members again deliberated in the open before unanimously choosing RemyNSE to join them. He'll be sworn in before the board's next regular meeting April 19.

## Transparency

Hinds said she was gratified by the whole process.

"I'm really proud of the way the entire board appointment process went, from start to finish, especially the level of transparency that was really important to all of us to abide by," she said.

The candidates' applications had been posted on the district website several days prior to the hearing, making them available to the board to read at the same time the public could.

"That shows how genuinely committed we were to this process," she said. "Everything was out in the open."

She was also struck by how upbeat everyone was and the positive comments all the candidates made about the district during their interviews.

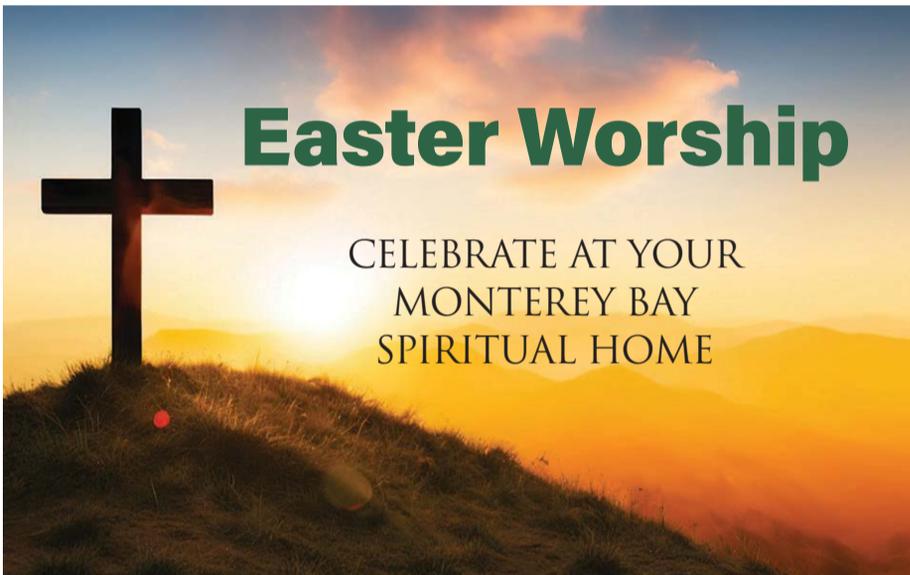
"It really reenergized me and made me so happy to hear that we had such a qualified pool of applicants who want to serve our district and our community and all of our students," she said. "It was an incredible display of people who want to give back."

During their final discussion, members of the school board talked about the various characteristics they'd like to see in their new board member, according to Hinds.

"Not only does Jason have children in the district and he also represents deeper Carmel Valley, there was a comprehensive list of the characteristics that we all saw in him," she said.

And while the choice was tough, it was unanimous. "It was important for our selection to be unanimous," she said. "I don't think you know how that's going to go, but I

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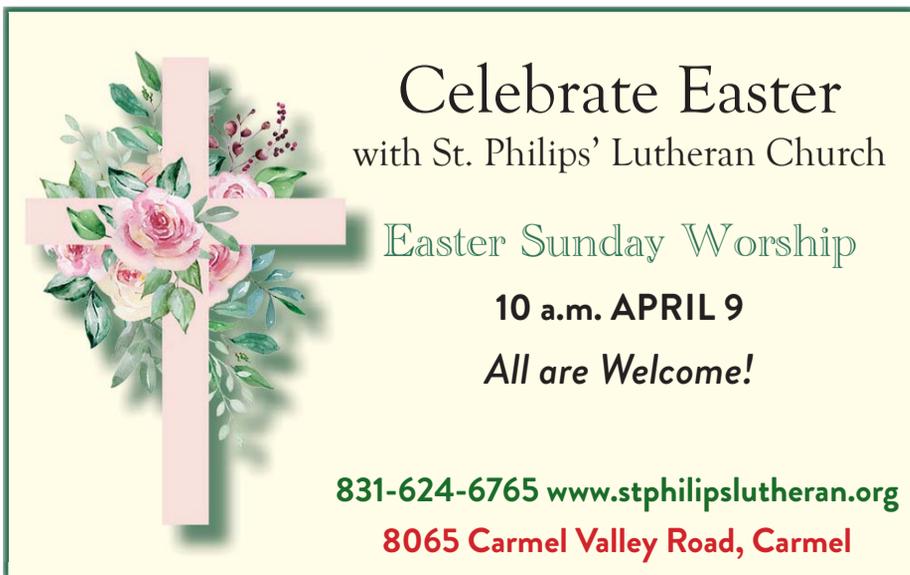
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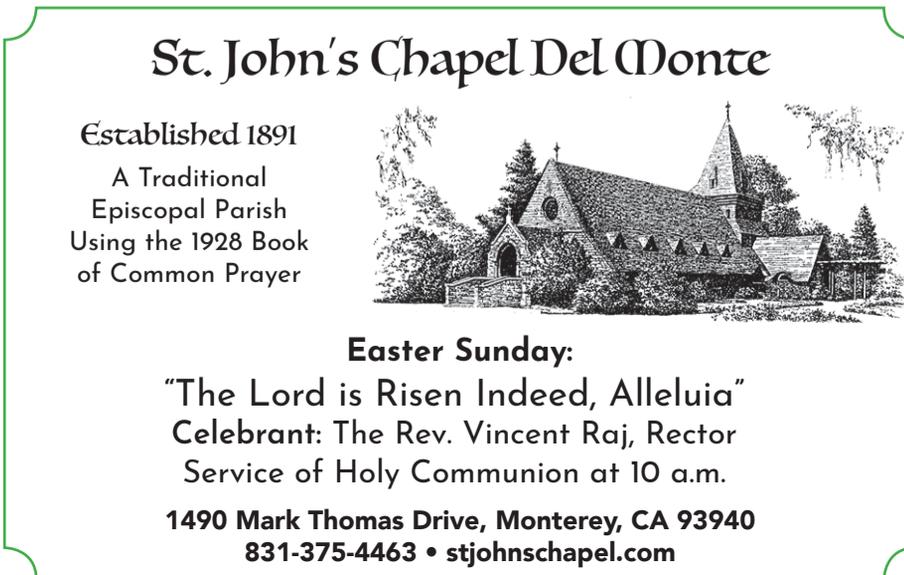
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# Free library talk on haunting Kurdish novel

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**DURING THE** free Community Night at the Library April 12, author Ava Homa and professor Nancy Middleton will discuss “Daughters of Smoke and Fire,” described as “the unforgettable, haunting story of a young woman’s perilous fight for freedom and justice for her brother.” It’s the first novel published in English by a female Kurdish writer and offers “an evocative portrait of the

lives and stakes faced by 40 million stateless Kurds.” It is “a powerful story that brilliantly illuminates the meaning of identity and the complex bonds of family,” according to the Carmel Public Library Foundation, which is hosting the talk.

Community Night the Library will start at 7 p.m. in Carpenter Hall in Sunset Center at Mission and Ninth. Register for the free program at [carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org).

# SKATEPARK

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that he did “not want a skatepark” at the field “because people will be staying there late at night making a lot of noise.”

A man called Patrick said he is opposed to a skatepark in any of the city’s greenspaces, and noted there are “three skateparks within six to 18 minutes from Pacific Grove, with many more in Monterey County.”

Senior citizen Alan Souza said he started skateboarding when he was 12 but now lives in P.G. in a “nice quiet neighborhood” with his wife.

“Now I’m scared to death about the skateboards,” Souza said, adding that “skateboards make a lot of noise from wheel sliding and crashing sounds from when they land.”

# STUDENTS

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do think the unanimous vote was important.”

Remynse, who had reached out to the teachers association for an endorsement that ultimately went to Glazer, said he was “honored and surprised they chose me.”

Watching the board make its selection, he added, “you could see the anguish in some of their faces — it’s hard to choose with everybody watching.”

## Two students ‘expelled’

Also during the March 31 closed session, the school board unanimously voted to expel two students for a year, until March 31, 2024 — but to “suspend the enforcement of the expulsion with a stipulated agreement” — according to its report after the session.

One student was kicked out for violating three Education Code sections pertaining to committing “an obscene act or engaging in habitual profanity or vulgarity,” bullying and sexual harassment, while the other was expelled for violating two sections covering “hate violence” and injuring another person.

In addition, the board in closed session, “received an update on the comprehensive investigation of additional claims regarding the handling of sexual harassment allegations at Carmel High School and whether mandatory reporting obligations were met.”

No further details were available, but memos to CHS parents last week referred to “a violent event, that included hate speech, which occurred on our campus late last week,” and a Monterey County Sheriff’s log item March 29 referred to two 16-year-old boys fighting at the school.

“We want to express that there is zero tolerance for this sort of behavior. We have been working with law enforcement on this issue. We want CHS to be a safe, loving and welcoming campus that celebrates differences,” the school’s statement read.

The memo included links for an LGBTQ crisis hotline.

A second dispatch from the school referred to comments made in social media posts that targeted certain school groups and organizations.

“We have been made aware of several posts with angry messages where school clubs and activities have been tagged,” the school’s assistant principles said. “While no direct threats have been made to students or staff, we want to assure you that we take any type of concern or threat seriously and have the full cooperation of local law enforcement.”

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# TRAIL

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big slides.

Trailheads that are either closed due to slides or inaccessible due to road closures include Bottchers Gap (where the Skinners Ridge Trail starts), Los Padres Dam (where the Carmel River Trail begins) and Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park (where the Pine Ridge Trail ends).

But the wilderness can be accessed from the Coast Ridge Road, which starts at Ventana Inn. From there, a private gated road doubles as a well-graded hiking trail. A parking lot below the gate on the right is dedicated

to hikers. It's about 4 miles from the gate to the Terrace Creek trailhead.

Also, the backcountry can be reached via the Boronda Trail, which is located about a third of a mile south of Coast Big Sur gallery.

## Carmel River Trail update

The VWA is working on repairing the Carmel River Trail, which offers lots of shade for summertime hikes, along with access to enticing swimming holes. A crew of volunteers was busy last weekend using hand tools to complete "tread work, tree removal, brushing, and rock slide removal" in anticipation of "the eventual reopening" of the trail and its many spurs. But that can't happen until some bureaucratic issues are worked out.

The VWA is always seeking more volunteers. Not all volunteers need to be able to do strenuous trail work — those who can handle administrative tasks or talk to the public are also a big help.

If you're interested in doing volunteer trail work, visit [ventanawild.org](http://ventanawild.org) and click on the "Meetup" link for more details. If you're interested in volunteering in some other capacity, send an email to [vwa@ventanawild.org](mailto:vwa@ventanawild.org).

# SLIDES

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The tiny hamlets of Lucia and Gorda remain inaccessible, along with the New Camaldoli Hermitage and Treebones Resort.

Surrounded by slides, the hermitage gave an update on its predicament this week.

"Caltrans began work on the Dani Creek Slide, which is one-fifth of a mile north of our driveway," the retreat center reported. "Caltrans is also working on several slides to the north on Highway 1, as well as Paul's Slide, a very large slide, to the south of the hermitage, as well as other road slip-outs and other damage."

With more miles of pavement now accessible, Drabinski suggested there's lots for visitors to explore down the coast — north and south of the work zones.

"Many beautiful miles of highway stretch on the South Coast with communities such as Morro Bay, Cambria, San Simeon, and the Ragged Point Inn itself, welcome and open for business," Drabinski added. "The same is true for the traveler who can take in the spectacular sights and make large inroads from Monterey and Carmel deep into the heart of this scenic byway."

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## Ross Van Allen

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Ross Allen, affectionately known as Pye, passed away peacefully in his sleep late Monday, March 20th, 2023, at his home after a years-long battle with leukemia. You knew Pye for his kindness, for his calm manner, for his easy smile, and for how very caring he was to the people he loved. You saw him walking his grandson to and from school. You saw him pouring wine at all sorts of events around the Peninsula over the past 40 years. But there are a lot of things you don't know about him.

Pye was born November 16th, 1949, in Tokyo, Japan, and moved to Pacific Grove in the early 1950s. His relationship with his biological family was fraught, but he knew how to find family, and when he married Cathie Spindler in 2000, he became a part of her large, loving, family. They divorced amicably in 2003, and he remained an important part of Cathie's daughters' lives. He is survived by Cathie's daughters, whom he considered his daughters, Heather Kimberly Spindler Proulx Lazare, her husband Benjamin Eugene Lazare, and their children Jack Holman Tor Lazare and Elodie Spindler Gigi Lazare; and Lauren Spindler Proulx Leonoff and her husband Nicholas Leonoff.

Pye was a man with a Forrest Gumpian past—he seemed to have been everywhere at once. He streaked his Carmel High School graduation. He attended Monterey Peninsula College. He knew the Grateful Dead. He attended UC Santa Barbara and was living in Isla Vista during the riots in 1970. He sold drugs to Hunter S. Thompson (and is even name dropped in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," "Ross Allen had the Old Psychiatrist's Club"). He and his friends watched Jimi Hendrix from the front row at Berkeley Community Theater in 1970 — they got the tickets that were supposed to go to writers from Rolling Stone magazine who didn't show up. At 26, he was running drugs over the border and was arrested in Mexico and imprisoned in the Palacio de Lecumberri, also known as The Black Palace. He was part of a famous prisoner exchange in 1977 and was able to come back to the U.S. after three intense years in Mexican prison. Through the support of friends, he started work in the restaurant and hospitality business and began to restart his life. He worked at everyone's favorite Carmel spot, Mediterranean Market. He had an incredible palate and studied hard to become a Master Sommelier. He was the wine buyer for Whole Foods when they first moved into Monterey. He worked in the wine business for years and developed his own book of exciting wines that he sold throughout the Peninsula. He eventually became the sole wine rep for Robert Talbott, before they were bought by Gallo.

In his later years, he found Buddhism and developed his daily meditation practice that helped him through the pain of cancer and treatment. When his home burned down in the Carmel Fire in August 2020, he moved in with his daughter Heather and her family in Pacific Grove. He helped care for Jack and Elodie during the pandemic and after, tackling dishes that a family of five can make daily while living and working at home. He sorted laundry like a pro and helped lighten the demands on Heather and Ben. His daily phone calls with his daughter, Lauren, helped ground them both during the challenges of the past few years. He often reminded her, "heaven and hell is between your ears," a wise mantra from someone who had lived a very colorful life! Miraculously, for someone with nearly no immune system, he never got Covid! He used his Buddhist practice to help him live in the present, something so easy to do when surrounded by children.

He told a friend, "I want to live long enough so my grandchildren remember me." They do Pye, we all will forever.

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# CAL AM

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and other components.

“This conclusion of value consists of compensation amounts for the operating assets of the Monterey Water System, including tangible improvements, improvements pertaining to the realty, personal property, real estate, and intangible assets including water rights, construction work in progress, memorandum and balancing accounts,” the report Raftelis provided to the water district says. “This value estimate, including the base Monterey Water System and asset additions as defined in this report, corresponds to a value of approximately \$10,989 per customer account.”

The water district would issue bonds to pay for the acquisition.

But even with debt of \$449 million — repaid over 30 years at 4.5 percent interest — Stoldt contends that a water district-run system would mean “annual savings over Cal Am ownership of \$17.7 million.”

While the water company hasn’t yet responded to the district, spokesman Josh Stratton raised questions about the board’s authority to run it, pointing to a February 2022 decision by the Local Agency Formation of Monterey County to reject an application by the water district to get into the business, even as he reiterated the company’s position that it’s not willing to sell.

“The MPWMD doesn’t have Monterey County LAFCO’s authority to operate a water system, and California American Water’s Monterey water system isn’t for sale,” he told the Pine Cone.

The water district sued LAFCO over the decision, alleging bias on the part of the members of LAFCO, and the case is pending.

### Lower rates?

Stoldt told the packed meeting Monday that the advantages of public vs. private ownership of the local water system include a lower cost of operation, “same or better quality of service,” local governance and “greater transparency.”

There wasn’t much talk at Tuesday’s meeting of what a government-run water system would mean in terms of Peninsula residents’ monthly bills, though. Anti-Cal Am group Public Water Now, which spearheaded Measure J, told Peninsula voters they would see lower water bills under public ownership.

“Vote Yes for More Affordable Water,” the group repeatedly claimed. The promise was, in fact, the centerpiece of its campaign for a Cal Am takeover.

In December 2022, Stoldt told The Pine Cone that a study indicated the district’s acquisition and operation of the Monterey system would mean “significant annual reductions in revenue requirements and projected monthly water bills.”

“And even if all things were to remain equal, and your rates were the same” as Cal Am’s rates, Stoldt said at this week’s meeting, “going forward, there is a lower cost to capital to a public agency.”

Before Monday’s meeting, Cal Am attorney George Soneff told The Pine Cone that it’s likely water rates for Peninsula customers would actually be higher under the

water district’s ownership, and he refuted that public ownership would eliminate profit.

“MPWMD plans to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars from Wall Street investment banks to pay for the purchase of the water system,” Soneff said. “Those loans would include millions in interest and fees for the investment banks, the cost of which would be included in water rates paid by Monterey residents.”

Soneff pointed to two recent eminent domain cases he was involved with that failed, including the town of Apple Valley, which lost its case after spending \$8 million on a water company takeover effort. The city was later ordered by a judge to pay \$13.2 million for the water company’s legal fees and costs.

Cal Am “does a good job providing safe and reliable water service in probably the most difficult area in the country to serve,” Soneff said. “The idea that the water district has never operated a potable water system and

would have to expand massively and borrow hundreds of millions of dollars — it’s not going to fly.”

### Citizens chime in

During public comment Monday night, businessman Paul Bruno, who is opposed to a government-run water system, said the district is making a mistake pursuing a takeover of Cal Am.

“The action you take has the potential to bankrupt the district,” Bruno said.

Seaside resident Susan Schiavone, however, didn’t think that would happen, and she expressed her trust in the water district.

“I don’t believe for a second this will bankrupt the district,” Schiavone said. “I know how fiscally responsible you are, I know how careful and conservative you are in using the public’s money. And I have no doubt that you will prevail.”



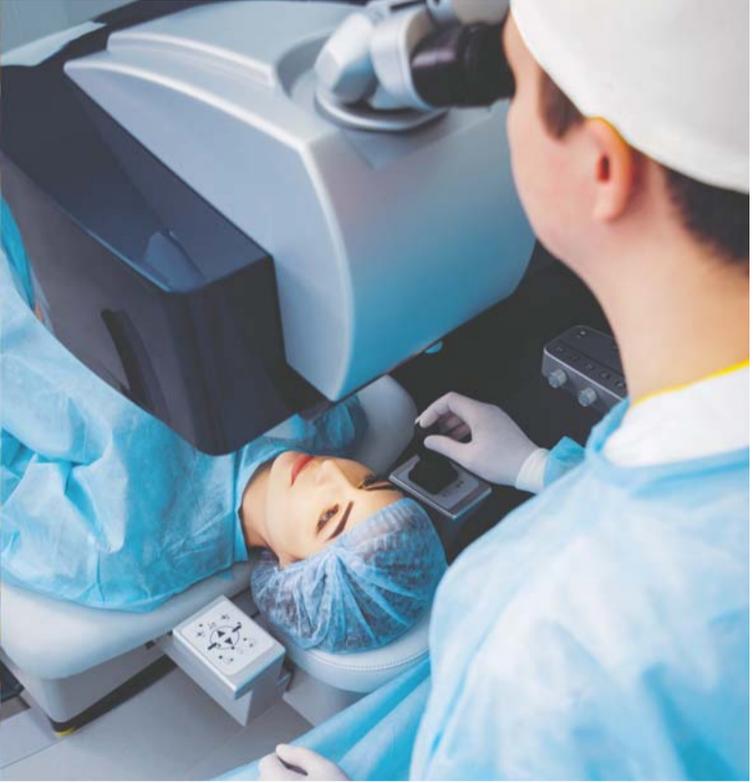
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## Editorial

# The price is the question

SUPPORTERS OF a public takeover of Cal Am must have felt positively giddy this week with the release of an appraisal valuing the company at \$449 million, along with an announcement from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District that it was prepared to pay that much for it.

The appraisal itself, as appraisals tend to do, seems irrefutable, with its sophisticated jargon, extensive tables and copious appendices — not to mention the impressive credentials of its authors. But as anyone experienced in real estate knows, an appraisal of a complicated asset such as Cal Am necessarily rests as much on assumptions as it does evidence. And with Cal Am having said five years ago that it was worth \$1 billion, there could be a long slog ahead to establish the company's final valuation for eminent domain purposes.

If the water district and Cal Am end up negotiating the price of a takeover, they could take care of all the details themselves, but if it ends up being decided by a judge or a jury, the documentation and testimony to convince them one way or the other would be mind-numbingly extensive, and at the end, nobody knows what the buyout number will be.

Which is to say that it's important for takeover proponents to temper their enthusiasm right now. After almost 90 years of trying, they're finally getting close to the finish line of buying out the Peninsula's water company and handing the keys to the wells and pumping stations to the government. But there's also danger for them, because throughout the various campaigns to buy out Cal Am and its predecessors, one constant has been the endlessly repeated promise that a government-run water agency would lower water bills for consumers.

As far back as 1935, Peninsula voters were asked to approve a government takeover of their water company. That year, after a heated debate over water rates that went on for months, they rejected it by a 2-1 margin.

The next time they were asked, in 1965, Peninsula residents said an even louder, "No," voting 3-to-1 against a takeover initiative. The studies and arguments leading up to that vote, including extensive hearings before the PUC on the water company's probable value, lasted a full seven years.

In 2005, the idea was raised yet again, generating interminable debate in public meetings and on the editorial pages of local newspapers. Despite ardent promises from takeover proponents that they could deliver lower bills, the public rejected it again, this time by 63 percent to 37 percent.

At least the activists who cherished the idea of government ownership of their water system in those earlier eras had the decency to wait a few decades before bringing it up again. But a mere nine years after soundly rejecting the notion of public ownership of Cal Am, Monterey Peninsula voters were once again faced with the necessity of saying an emphatic, "No," which they did in 2014 — only to be asked yet again to vote on the issue in 2018 after a campaign in which lower water bills were relentlessly promised. This time, the voters said, "Yes."

But they're going to expect the promises of lower bills to be fulfilled. More than any other factor, making good on that promise depends on the price paid for the water company. Will it be \$449 million, or twice as much? No one can say.

Private businesses do a superb job of providing goods and services at the lowest possible cost — but that only works if they operate in a competitive environment. Regulated monopolies like Cal Am are different beasts that have their own problems with being fair to the customers. Which is why we've never taken the position that a buyout of Cal Am was a necessarily bad idea for Peninsula residents. But we have argued that the lower prices promised by takeover advocates were a politically expedient myth.

In the end, what will happen to your water bill after a government takeover? Much of answer depends on Cal Am's value. The water district's appraisal says that number is \$449 million, but hold on to your pocketbooks, because the real value could be much higher.

## BEST of BATES



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### 'Don't mess with Mother Nature'

Dear Editor,

"Perhaps, after all, the crowning glory of Carmel is her trees: her pine trees with stately spires and young cones like altar candles: pine trees with sheltering boughs inviting one to rest beneath upon the fragrant needle carpet: fantastic trees, wind-blown and distorted: and her oaks, with grey arms flung out in frenzied terror to escape the storm: sheltering oaks, homing the birds and spreading a canopy beneath which rabbits frolic and insects and lizards live their cycle." In 1925, so wrote Eunice T. Gray, one of Carmel's earliest artist/naturalists to settle here. She and the other beauty lovers who set the course for Carmel aspired to an ethic of simple living and high thinking, espousing a land ethic of respect for nature that is more timely today than ever before.

Many may not realize that the Monterey

pine is the keystone tree species in our Monterey Peninsula's most character-defining natural feature, the rare and world-famous treasure, our native Monterey pine forest. And Carmel has always prided itself in its role as steward of Carmel's portion of this beautiful and ecologically unique forest, and in fact its centrality in Carmel's beauty and character is repeatedly validated in our general plan, which everyone should read.

Our local forest is ancestral to the two other small California populations, and its genetic material is of special importance to the worldwide timber products industry based on Monterey pine. Thus preservation and protection of the full range of native genetic material is critical. Carmel's trees evolved on sand dunes of varying ages of which there is little preserved on the Peninsula.

Therefore, those very old trees that remain here are likely to be important reserves of unique genes. Their seeds need to be saved and propagated to form a new generation of trees in our Carmel forest.

Monterey pine, "the noble, the remarkable pine," as botanist David Douglas named it, provides many health giving benefits to us, and it helps fight Climate Warming. In its youth, it rapidly absorbs CO<sub>2</sub>. In its adulthood, the fragrant aerosols it produces in its canopy create cooling clouds and reflect heat away from the earth. And many species of wildlife find sustenance and shelter in its branches. It's understandable that people become nervous when going through a winter like this one. But forests everywhere have been

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# A parade of pioneering champs

The U.S. Women's Open will be played at the Pebble Beach Golf Links for the first time this summer. In honor of that event, this series of articles traces the history of women's golf in the Monterey Peninsula.

THE ROARING '20s proved to be the perfect time for S.F.B. Morse to develop his sports-centered residential

Despite all the setbacks, the local economy outside the forest was bolstered by a growing fishing industry. Golf, a relatively inexpensive activity, continued to grow in popularity, and Pacific Grove acquired land west of town from Morse's company for a nine-hole municipal course in 1932. Greens fees when it opened were 25 cents. The company's championship courses at Pebble Beach and Del Monte carried a \$1 green fee. And on the company courses, men's and women's championships continued to attract top golfers who wanted to prove their mettle as the best in the state.

California was beginning to produce several top golfers, all of whom trekked to the courses of the Monterey Peninsula to show off their talent. Leona Pressler (1904-1982), wife of San Gabriel Country Club's golf professional, Harry Pressler, came to the fore in the late 1920s. She was medalist and runner-up in the California Women's Amateur in 1927. In 1929 and 1930, she won that championship and the Del Monte Championship for Women. She won the state amateur title again in 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934 — six straight years — the last three as Leona Cheney. During those same years, she reached the quarter-finals of the U.S. Women's Amateur.

### Mrs. W.E. Shepherd

Southern California's Helen Lawson (1907-1978) also emerged in the late 1920s, first competing in the Pebble Beach and Del Monte championships in 1925. She first won the Del Monte Championship for Women in 1927 and the 1931 Pebble Beach Championship. In 1930 and

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Southern California's Helen Lawson began competing at Pebble Beach in 1925. In the 1930s, as Mrs. W.E. Shepherd, she became a championship rival to Clara Callender locally and at the 1937 U.S. Women's Amateur in Memphis.

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

# Daughter of celebrated artist established a career of her own

A DECADE ago, Nancy Olaeta and her sister, Julie Beck, curiously dropped into an open house in Pacific Grove, where the real estate agent offered a charming selling point. "An artist lived here!" she chirped.

The tidbit wasn't a revelation to the sisters: That artist, a celebrated early-California modernist named Joe Ataide (1924-1991), was their father. And the house near Del Monte Park had been their childhood home.

"Our dad, a really good carpenter, had built a beautiful studio in our backyard that was Asian inspired — a Japanese design — and that's where he painted. He also tiled

Art of the Western Hemisphere" exhibition in New York City, the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, and the Crocker Gallery in San Francisco.

"He was pretty involved with his own thing and he spent a lot of his time with his artist friends. Sometimes Gus Arriola, Joan Savo and others would come over to our house," said Olaeta, who was a sixth-grader when her family moved to Carmel Valley. "As kids, we'd be in our bedrooms listening to them drinking and having a good time in the living room."

Vivid memory: Ataide took his daughters down the coast one day to drop off a painting he had sold to Hollywood movie star Glenn Ford. "Dad brought my sister and me inside the house with him," Olaeta recollected. "We didn't meet Glenn Ford — just some kind of butler guy — but we saw the inside of

## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

our shower with a big mosaic," Olaeta remembered. Her father had studied with George Post, Alexander Nepote, Hamilton Wolf and Carl Bauman, and became a member of the prestigious Carmel Art Association, serving a term as president.

### Marshmallows for fairies

"As kids, we'd go outside and pick wild huckleberries. There were pine trees everywhere, and sometimes we'd see marshmallows in those trees — people probably were feeding the birds or something — and Mom would tell us they were for the fairies," she said. "I think I realized, even at that age, that we were living in a special place."

Olaeta, 70, became a painter and fused-glass artist who shows her creations at Monterey's Venture Gallery and describes her skills as "mostly self-taught."

She recalls receiving an occasional suggestion on how to improve her childhood drawings but doesn't remember getting a lesson from her well-known dad, whose art would be shown at the "20th Century

this amazing mansion, with marble floors and a grand staircase, which was like ... whoa!"

Joe and Virginia Ataide were divorced and went their separate ways when the siblings were young adults.

"I think I always felt close to him but didn't see him as much after that," Olaeta said. "I was married by then. He moved down to Mexico to get his master's degree at San Miguel de Allende. Afterward, he lived around Carmel and up in the Sierra."

### "Quit being lazy!"

All three Ataide kids graduated from Carmel High (David in 1967, Julie in 1969 and Nancy in 1970) where Olaeta recalls receiving tough-love encouragement from her art teacher, Jeanne Fosnot. "She kept saying, 'Quit being lazy — draw, draw, draw!'"

When Fosnot passed away in 2019, her former student created a piece of art for the memorial service at the request of a family member.

"Her nephew asked me to copy one of her paintings and add a bottle of beer because Mrs. Fosnot liked to drink beer as she painted," Olaeta remembered with a laugh. "And since I was trained in floral design, I put the painting inside a wreath, and put paintbrushes and tubes of paint inside the wreath. I think the family liked it."

Nancy Ataide was 19 when she married handsome Cal Poly student and former Monterey High School baseball star Michael Olaeta. She was 20 when she gave birth to their daughter, Andrea (known as Drea), and 21 when she had their son, David.

"That basically ended my art career until the kids got a little bit older," she said.

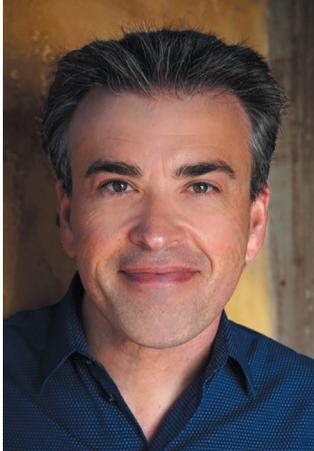
Michael Olaeta had studied electrical engineering at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo and had a career



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Nancy Olaeta, daughter of artist Joe Ataide, an early California modernist, is mostly self-taught as a painter and glassworks artist.

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# The thoroughly unglamorous life of an avid nature photographer

IN ORDER to get the photo, Bob Western has braved all sorts of frightening things — shark-infested waters, volcanic eruptions spewing toxic, noxious fumes in Hawaii, cramped and foul smelling bat-filled caves in Baja California, and belligerent locals antagonistic toward outsiders. He persevered, though, because of the great satisfaction he finds in capturing remarkable images.

The Monterey native has traveled throughout the 50

## Great Lives

By CLAY SHANNON

states, as well as in Canada, Mexico and Australia, yet the (sea) lion's share of his most impressive photos have been captured right around here.

Born in photogenic Monterey, it's not surprising that Western became interested in photography at a young age. His gallery of images contains shots of whales breaching, egrets fishing, raccoons plotting their next bits of mischief, hummingbirds in flight and beautiful blue bioluminescence in Monterey Bay — and that's not all. At his website, [bobwestern.com](http://bobwestern.com), you can see his abundant assortment of images, categorized into marine mammals, birds, other wildlife (including plants), and painstakingly subcategorized from there.

Western has been active in the photographic arts and sciences for the past half century — from research photography, industrial advertising and special effects, to motion picture and television production, and of course, nature



PHOTOS/(ABOVE) BOB WESTERN, (RIGHT) CLAY SHANNON

Photographer Bob Western (right) has traveled the world for more than 50 years. During that time, he has captured and catalogued images of wildlife, including Monterey Bay denizens like pelicans, gray whales, bottlenose dolphins and of course, sea otters. He has also served as personal photographer for former Secretary of Leon

photography — and he's still going strong.

He has been the personal photographer for former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, and his still photography has won numerous advertising awards. A long list of clients is filled with names like Chevron, The North Face,



Memorex, Gatorade, Sony, the U.S. Forest Service, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Western's artwork has been on display at the Monterey Museum of Art and in private collections around the country. His nature and advertising photography has appeared in numerous publications, including Germany's Der Spiegel magazine, Time-Life Books, National Geographic Books, Runners World and Scientific American. They have also been used by The Nature Conservancy.

### Camera-shy bird

In 1971, Western was one of the first two members of the University of Hawaii Marine Options Program when he worked as a dolphin trainer at the Naval Undersea Research and Development Center on Oahu. The following year, Western was employed as an illustrator and photographer for the diving physiology division of university's biomedical department. His bachelor's degree is in invertebrate zoology. Not surprisingly, he counts Ed "Doc" Ricketts (1897-1945), the Monterey marine biologist, ecologist and friend of John Steinbeck, as an early hero.

Western documented native plants and animals on Maui, Kauai and the big island of Hawaii. He once spent eight hours a day for 11 days in a blind on a branch high up in a tree, patiently waiting for a crested honeycreeper to get close enough that he could capture a good image of it. One day, as he patiently waited for a sighting of the elusive bird, he heard a sound below him, looked down, and saw the very species he was chasing, perched on a branch 4 feet below him, looking up at him quizzically.

Because the honeycreeper was a little more than arm's length away, he couldn't get a picture. Ironically, his camera's lens was designed for extreme long-distance photography and was unable to focus on an object that close.

In 1976, after receiving his master's degree from the University of Hawaii, Western returned home and has been involved in several different roles within the photographic discipline ever since: in advertising and as a photo researcher, graphic artist, and photo acquisitions manager. Around the turn of the century, he migrated from traditional photography to digital.

### Monarch butterflies

In 2005, Western turned his attention back to nature photography and digital illustration. (You can find his more recent books exclusively on Apple's Books app.)

Since he lives so close to Pacific Grove, it was perhaps inevitable that Western developed an abiding interest in butterflies.

His book, "Monarchs of the West: An Illustrated Natural History" is not just a collection of pretty pictures. This nearly 300-page tome contains not only magnificent full-color photographs, but also charts, graphs and maps, along with explanatory text. It could have been titled "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Monarch Butterflies but Didn't Know You Should Ask."

Another of Western's books is, "Nature Photography: Professional Tips" which contains examples of his work along with guidance, tips and principles for capturing such images yourself.

He's still at it, too. You may spot him at the Pacific Grove Monarch Sanctuary, on a whale-watching tour or roaming the trails of Point Lobos or other local environs. In the works is a book on sea otters, which is bound to be every bit as comprehensive and impressive as his other books.

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# HISTORY

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1932, she was runner-up to Pressler in the State Amateur. At the Del Monte Championship in 1932, she was a co-medalist with the eventual winner Clara Callender, and Sylvia Potter, who defeated Lawson in the semifinals.

In 1934, Lawson married industrialist Willard E. Shepherd, then president of the Wilshire Country Club, and began competing as Mrs. W.E. Shepherd. She became a medalist at the Del Monte Championship for Women in 1935 and won the championship in 1936 and 1937. She also finished as runner-up to Clara Callender in the 1937 California Women's Amateur. Later that year, Shepherd defeated Callender in the Del Monte Championship and the third-round match in the U.S. Women's Amateur. Future Hall of Fame golfer Patty Berg of Minneapolis defeated Shepherd in the quarterfinals of the 1937 U.S. Women's Amateur.

### Prodigies with clubs

Clara Callender (1919-2003) practically grew up at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club and was the focus of last week's column. As a pre-teen, she reached the semifinals in the Del Monte Women's Championship in 1931. Between 1931 and 1942, Callender reached the semifinals nine times and the finals seven times, with five wins — 1932, 1934, 1935, 1940 and 1942 — the last at age 23. She also won the Pebble Beach Championship three times, in 1937, 1938 and 1941; and won the California Women's Amateur in 1937.

Another young lady who showed her

pro prowess early was Dorothy Traung of San Francisco. Traung took up golf at 14, shortly after her mother married Louis Traung, a member of the Lakeside Club. She began winning tournaments in the Bay Area by 1930 and first entered the Del Monte Championship for Women in 1932. In 1933, at age 19, Traung entered the Pebble Beach Championship and finished runner-up to Marion Hollins.

Traung won the 1934 Pebble Beach Championship and decided to enter the U.S. Amateur when it was played in Philadelphia in 1934. The husky young golfer garnered attention by defeating the 1931 British champion, Diana Fishwick, in the second round of match play.

Traung garnered even greater attention when she defeated veteran Opal Hill in the semifinals to face defending champion Virginia Van Wie for the championship. Traung lost, but became an even bigger name in California golf circles. She won the Pebble Beach Championship again in 1936 and 1939 and also captured the state title in 1939.

Elizabeth "Betty" Hicks (1920-2011) of Long Beach was 17 when she entered the 1938 Del Monte Championship and shot the low score of 75 to capture medalist honors; she had been playing less than two years. She lost in the semifinals to eventual winner Barbara Beach Thompson.

The next year, she was runner-up to Traung in the Pebble Beach Championship. In 1941, Hicks defeated Traung to capture the California Women's Amateur and later that year became the first native Californian to win the U.S. Women's Amateur. In 1944, Hicks became the first president of the Women's Professional Golfers Association, the organization that preceded the Ladies Professional Golf Association.



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Dorothy Traung (left) of San Francisco competed regularly at Pebble Beach, winning the Pebble Beach Championship three times. In 1934, she was runner-up in the U.S. Women's Amateur at Philadelphia. Betty Hicks of Long Beach is seen here at the 1938 Del Monte Championship at age 17. Three years later, she won the California and U.S. Women's Amateur Championships.

As evidenced above, Pebble Beach provided an ideal proving ground for women's golf in the West. Even the USGA recognized that fact in the 1930s and selected Pebble Beach to host the 1940 U.S. Women's Amateur. That will be the focus in two weeks.

We have one more story from the 1930s for next week. It involves an exhibition visit by the woman of whom the celebrated Bobby Jones said, "I have not played golf with anyone, man or woman, amateur or professional, who made me feel so utterly outclassed."

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# ARTIST

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with Pacific Gas and Electric, where he worked his way up from groundman to lineman, to electric crew supervisor.

He was her husband for 39 years, until he lost a battle with cancer in May 2011.

## An earthshaking event

Nancy satisfied part of her artistic craving with a 15-year career as a floral designer, originally at a small shop in Aptos. She remembers working there alone when the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake knocked all the vases off the shelves. "I had to take a long route home that night because a lot of the bridges were out," she recalled.

She later worked alongside her daughter, Drea, at Swenson & Silacci Flowers in

Salinas, where co-workers gave her a complimentary nickname: The Color Queen.

Olaeta also waded back into fine art, painting landscapes, still lifes, koi (a frequent muse) and other subjects in a studio she created in the garage of the Prunedale house she and Michael purchased in 1984 — still her home today. She explored classes in figure drawing at Monterey Peninsula College, and sculpture and glasswork at Hartnell College, and also took occasional workshops.

"I like to listen to programs on NPR as I paint, and I'll turn on some music when I get tired of politics," she explained. "But glasswork requires more concentration than painting — you really need to know what you're doing when you put it in the kiln because it's very easy to make a mistake."

She credits a workshop she took from Oregon-based Roger Thomas for accelerating her learning curve as a glass artist.

"I'll usually start with a piece of clear glass, which is like your canvas, then add to that — I just kind of make it up as I go," she said. "First I'll do the trees, then I fill the in-between areas with frit (crushed glass). To make the branches, I'll melt stringers, which are like spaghetti, using a torch, which allows you to bend and pull it. It's a fun process."

Olaeta began to expose her creations to a wider audience as part of a group called Aromas Hills Artisans.

"It was just a fun thing where we'd get together once a month to support each other," she said. "Everybody would bring their work, and we'd share and talk and sometimes do little crafts fairs."

An Aromas Hills crafts fair provided Olaeta her first notable sale as an artist, an oil-on-canvas still life of a pear.

"That was about 15 years ago, and a lady bought my painting for \$700," she said. "It was the first time I had sold anything, and she actually put it on layaway and made payments, which was very flattering."

Additional validation came in 2014, when Olaeta won a pair of first-place awards at the 2014 Monterey County Fair — one for a portrait, another for a landscape. But she has become better known for her spectacularly colorful glasswork. A fused-glass rendering of a koi is part of the collection at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

"I've definitely gotten better with age, in part because I'm doing a lot more art now," said Olaeta, who has four grandkids and a great-grandchild. "I'm growing by doing."

She was represented for 13 years by the Salinas Valley Art Gallery and has shown her work since 2018 at Venture Gallery (260 Alvarado St. in Monterey's Portola Plaza).

Images of her work can be found online at [venturegallery.com](http://venturegallery.com) and at [facebook.com/nanolaeta](http://facebook.com/nanolaeta).

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## HYUNDAI

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its cars will be displayed at various locations around the track. It will also be granted five days for exclusive use of the race-track for media events.

### More money

The new contract marks a major increase in revenues in manufacturer sponsorship money, according to Fields. In 2022, the deal with Lexus, combined with Hyundai as title sponsor of the IMSA races, netted \$449,624.

Now, with Hyundai as car sponsor and Motul oil company coming in as title sponsor of the IMSA races and other events, the track will net \$836,391, Fields told the supervisors.

"We have stepped up to a partner that realizes the value of an association with the raceway," he said.

Narigi described the new agreement as "a good win for us."

"We met in Daytona, and I've never seen a more excited marketing team from a

sponsor," he added.

Board chair Luis Alejo said the contract could have been on the consent calendar for the meeting but was "such a big deal, we wanted to have it as an agenda item."

"The message should be that we want to continue to have partners like this," he said.

No one from the public commented, and the board unanimously approved the deal, with 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams absent.

After the ink was dry, the track, officially known as WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, announced the change and released a statement from Hyundai North America executive Angela Zepeda, who said the partnership "demonstrates Hyundai's commitment to dynamic performance vehicles."

Narigi said the manufacturer's team "brings experience and passion to everything they do and is an ideal fit for the exciting new chapters in our racing facility."

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# LETTERS

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stressed by the long drought and trees of all species have been falling in these storms throughout the state. Carmel's history from its beginning tells a story of ferocious periodic storms that brought large numbers of trees down. I can remember such storms in the 1950s, '80s and '90s.

But Monterey pines are actually used as wind breaks and for soil stabilization throughout California. Trees when grown in groups give each other support and moderate wind. In fact, we should plant many more of our Monterey pines, for that reason and for their climate-modulating ability alone.

Above all, we don't want to mess with Mother Nature who determined eons ago that Monterey pines and their biotic companions belong here.

Linda Smith, Carmel

## 'The buyout will lower bills'

Dear Editor,

John McPherson's letter to the editor last week questioned the actions of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District without bothering to do his research. He correctly stated that Peninsula voters were responsible for the passage of Measure J in 2018. But he missed the fact that Measure J was not just a feasibility study. It directed the water district to determine if a buyout of Cal Am was financially feasible, and, if so, to proceed. He seemed unaware that MPWMD consultants proved feasibility in 2019.

He decided that Cal Am's declaration that they weren't for sale was enough to make the buyout infeasible, when in fact, it simply proves how desperate Cal Am is to hang onto its shareholders' golden goose and the 10 percent profit and rate hikes the CPUC bequeaths each year.

McPherson further suggests that supporters' justification that the buyout will lower water bills is bogus because ratepayers will get stuck with the cost of the takeover. Now that the water district has completed its appraisal of the Cal Am System and made its buyout offer of \$449 million, he may want to visit the water district's website to see how this works and why the buyout will lower water bills.

As for his concern for Cal Am employees, the only thing that will change for them is who signs their checks.

As for operating the system more efficiently, that should not be hard to do when profit is no longer the guiding principle behind our water supply. And I doubt that anyone cares about corporate trophies, this is about the high cost of our water and years of mismanagement of our watershed.

The water district made a clear case for the Cal Am buyout in its presentation on April 3. For those who base their opinions on facts, I highly recommend visiting MPWMD.net to view their April 3 presentation.

Zan Henson, Carmel Valley

## 'Only a few would participate'

Dear Editor,

The City of Carmel's senior planner advised the Historic resources board it could put board member Karyl Hall's Level 2 program — that even the HRB speculated just a small percentage of property owner's would be interested in — into the residential design guidelines. And on Feb. 16 the city attorney wrote that the guidelines should be just that, i.e., "goals and not mandates."

But if only a few would be interested in Hall's program, how could the program be a goal? Why would the senior planner, who makes recommendations to approve or deny building permits, support a program that only a small percentage of property owners would be interested in?

Is it because the city has an agenda of approving certain house aesthetics described in Hall's program? And if so, wouldn't that create a bias? And finally, should the planning commission be guided by anything other than the law, and not a guide authored largely by laypeople?

After all, the guide is riddled with flaws and is unclear, even according to the people currently revising it.

Unfortunately, because the guide isn't done by architects, engineers and designers, it leaves room for Hall

to ease in her program, and even get help from the city to enable her to do that. The planning commission must make its decisions solely on the law. Otherwise, as a Carmel builder for 25 years recently wrote, it will be mostly the cookie-cutter houses that get permits.

Hans Weber, Carmel

## Residents for local control

Dear Editor,

Carmel-by-the-Sea's aesthetic character is being seriously threatened by state housing mandates:

■ State bills SB 9 and SB 10 threaten to change residential zoning, approving multiplex housing on our 4,000-square-foot lots to four-plex or 10-plex housing developments right next door to our existing single family homes.

■ They also make possible zero setbacks for accessory dwelling units, which means they could be up against our fences.

■ There would be a 1,000-percent increase in our housing allocation this cycle to 349 additional housing units to be added somewhere in our one-square-mile, already built-out community, with no water, space or parking solutions.

■ The state projects the construction of 1,200 more affordable units in Carmel-by-the-Sea during the next housing cycle.

■ The state seeks fast, ministerial approvals of affordable housing with no accountability to our zoning and discretionary standards to be able to retain our city's design character.

The state's one-size-fits-all housing policies don't apply to small vacation and retirement towns like ours. We are not a high-resource mecca-center for job growth and housing. We are a quaint historic tourist town dependent on a general plan to preserve its village charm and aesthetic.

I urge the Carmel City Council to join California Cities for Local Control. It is simply a coalition of concerned cities, just like ours, that wish to learn about ways to protect their aesthetic character through strengthening local control. This is an organization that works with city officials throughout California to stop the passage of bills that remove or limit local control. Eighty cities in California have already joined the coalition and passed resolutions in their communities supporting local control.

Residents love the character of our home. The Carmel Residents' Association has linked to the California Cities for Local Control website. Please write to your city council members to join California Cities for Local Control, to pass a resolution to fight for local control, to retain our zoning and discretionary standards, and to protect our community assets, because the charm of Carmel-by-the-Sea is absolutely worth fighting for.

Tasha Witt, Carmel

## Setting record straight

Dear Editor,

The May 28, 2021, Carmel Pine Cone contained an advertisement on page 15A concerning a proposed development in the Carmel Highlands. We wish to correct or clarify two statements we made in this ad.

First, we said, based on information derived from a 1967 Monterey Herald article, that the original donation by Mr. and Mrs. N.J. D'Ambrogio involved 30 acres of land. Subsequent surveys have indicated that the amount of land involved in the proposed development is only 22

acres.

Second, it contained a statement that the proposed development "is fundamentally inconsistent with the zoning, slope and set back provisions of the Carmel Area Land Use Plan." In fact, the proposed development would not require variances from the slope and setback provisions.

We regret any confusion that may have resulted from these errors.

Ronny Proler, Carmel Highlands

## Supports party chair

Dear Editor,

The Democratic Party is a big-tent party. It reflects a multitude of interests, and usually bases its priorities on inclusiveness and fairness.

The current dispute within the local Democratic Central Committee is manufactured from within and will undermine the success of inclusiveness and fairness. Of course there are differences of opinion and assertiveness. But for sure we do not want a party that may be dominated by a handful of loud members.

What we want is a level of deliberation and decision-making that is inclusive and fair and is consistent with meeting rules and bylaws that support full participation. Proof of success is the largest representation ever by Spanish-heritage members. As a big-tent party, it matters.

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The Request for Proposal (RFP) 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.

Proposals must be received at City Hall by **Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** by hand delivery or mail addressed to Robert Harary, P.E., Director of Public Works:

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**Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting and Tour:** The City will hold one mandatory pre-proposal meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Scout House. This will be the only opportunity for Proposers to have full access to the interior of the building. While the pre-proposal meeting will start at 10:00 a.m., the building will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on that date for any Proposer to take detailed measurements, photographs, and/or inspect the condition of the facility with their proposed teams.

**Request for Proposals #2022-02: The RFP outlines:** the history of the building, prior renovation efforts, current building condition and renovation requirements, financial and legal considerations, proposal contents, and selection criteria. An initial, rough cost estimate for the renovation is \$500,000. The Contractor may raise funds and/or provide commercial operations as permitted by the Zoning ordinance. No City funding will be provided for this project.

Proposals shall cover key issues including: project team qualifications and related experience, technical approach to design and construction of the renovation, project schedule, approach to subsequent activities programming and outreach, approach to ongoing facility management and maintenance, and financial resources of the Proposers.

The selected Contractor will be required to enter into an Operations and Maintenance Agreement and a Site Lease, both of which are included in the RFP. The Site Lease requires the occupant to pay fair market rent. The initial term of the Agreement is for 10 years with an optional, annual extension of up to 5 additional years; however, Proposers may suggest alternative timeframes.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on or after **Monday, May 1st**, the Director of Community Planning & Building of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will take action on the following application:

**Proposed Action:** Consideration of Design Study application DS 22-401 (Soo) and associated Coastal Development Permit for an interior remodel of the residence and garage, replacement of all windows and doors, replacement or refinishing of existing stucco wall cladding, installation of one skylight, and minor site improvements located on Scenic Road 6 southeast of Ocean Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay, Beach & Riparian (BR) Overlay, and Coastal Commission Appeal Jurisdiction.

**Project Location:** Scenic Road 6 SE of Ocean Avenue Block: C1, Lot: pt. 5 & 6, APN: 010-311-016

**Coastal Permit Status:** Required

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Please direct questions about this item to Marnie R. Waffle, AICP, Principal Planner: [mwaffle@cbs.us](mailto:mwaffle@cbs.us) or 831-620-2057.

Project plans can be viewed on our website at: <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/post/current-planning-applications>

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# The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

## Santa Catalina runner learns that it takes a year to win a race

WE CAN'T see the target on the back of Juliette Kosmont, but it's there. Nor can we feel its weight — but it must be heavy.

As she begins her senior track and field season at Santa Catalina High, Kosmont, a natural-born sprinter, remains in the discovery phase of what it means to be “the person to beat.”

As a 10th grader at the 2021 Central Coast Section Championships — a meet that included the fastest high school humans from South San Francisco to King City — Kosmont placed second in the 100-meter dash, 0.09

seconds behind St. Francis senior Kaley Peterson (now sprinting at Pepperdine University).

Last year, as a junior, she won the CCS crown in the 100, pacing six seniors across the finish line, and was the section runner-up in the 200.

But after competing in the state meet a week later, Kosmont did something with her summer vacation that was disappointing — but not surprising — to her coach.

“As long as I’ve known her, working out with her these last four years, she’s always been a seasonal athlete,” Barry Panes said. “From the time we left last year’s state meet to the day we started track this spring, she didn’t sprint, didn’t train, didn’t do anything hard.”

“Juliette always has been a very hard worker, but sometimes it takes some kind of eye-opener to make her want it even more,” he said.

### Early season alert

A wakeup call, Panes said, came at this year’s St. Francis Invitational — Catalina’s second meet of the season, on March 18 — when the public-address announcer acknowledged her celebrity status prior to the 100-meter

dash, informing the crowd that Kosmont was the reigning Pacific Coast Athletic League and CCS champ, and a state qualifier.

“Juliette knew she wasn’t in shape, knew she wasn’t ready, and she didn’t do very well,” Panes said of his star, who placed sixth that day in her best event.

“Afterward, she said, ‘All right, Coach, we’ve got to work out harder. We’ve got to get in the weight room more. We’ve got to do this ... we’ve got to do that ...’ And they were actually pretty hard workouts that she wanted to do.”

Since that day, Kosmont stepped up her training and reaped the rewards. Seven days after the St. Francis disappointment, where her 100 time was 12.72 seconds, she won a 27-school meet, the Avis Kelley Invitational, in 12.33. Her nearest pursuer was more than half a second behind.

### The mental side

“I was feeling pretty slow at the beginning of the season, but I’m slowly starting to feel better,” said Kosmont, who has attended Santa Catalina School since pre-kindergarten.

“Track is becoming more of a mental sport for me, and my mindset has been changing over the past couple of years. I’m becoming more focused on racing against myself, bettering my times, as opposed to beating my competition.”

And if she doesn’t win, or fails to achieve the time she targeted, she’s learned to move on.

“When Juliette was younger, she wouldn’t accept it. She would beat herself up. She was her own worst critic,” Panes said. “She’s not that way now. Her mentality is all about ‘It is what it is.’ A year ago, she kind of expected things to happen. This year, she knows what she needs to do.”

For now, that’s a productive approach, her coach said. Faster times naturally produce higher placements, and Kosmont is intent on eclipsing her own school record in



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Catalina’s Juliette Kosmont, who won CCS in the 100 and was second in the 200 as a junior, stepped up her training this spring — even using a parachute for extra resistance — after a disappointing early season performance.

the 100 — 11.91, set last year — as well as beating Catalina’s fastest-ever, clocking in the 200 — 24.44, set in 2015 by Mikayla Revera, a sophomore at the time. (Kosmont’s quickest time to date is a wind-aided 24.67.)

“She has a chance to break that record, even though she absolutely hates running the 200,” Panes said. “I tell her she needs to run that event more often if she’s going to get that mark, and she also needs to run more 200s to lower her 100 time. Every time she ran it last year, all of her times got faster.”

An even greater enticement for Kosmont to embrace the dreaded 200 is that she’ll be running next season as a recruited athlete at Yale University.

“When she gets to Yale, I think they’ll insist that she

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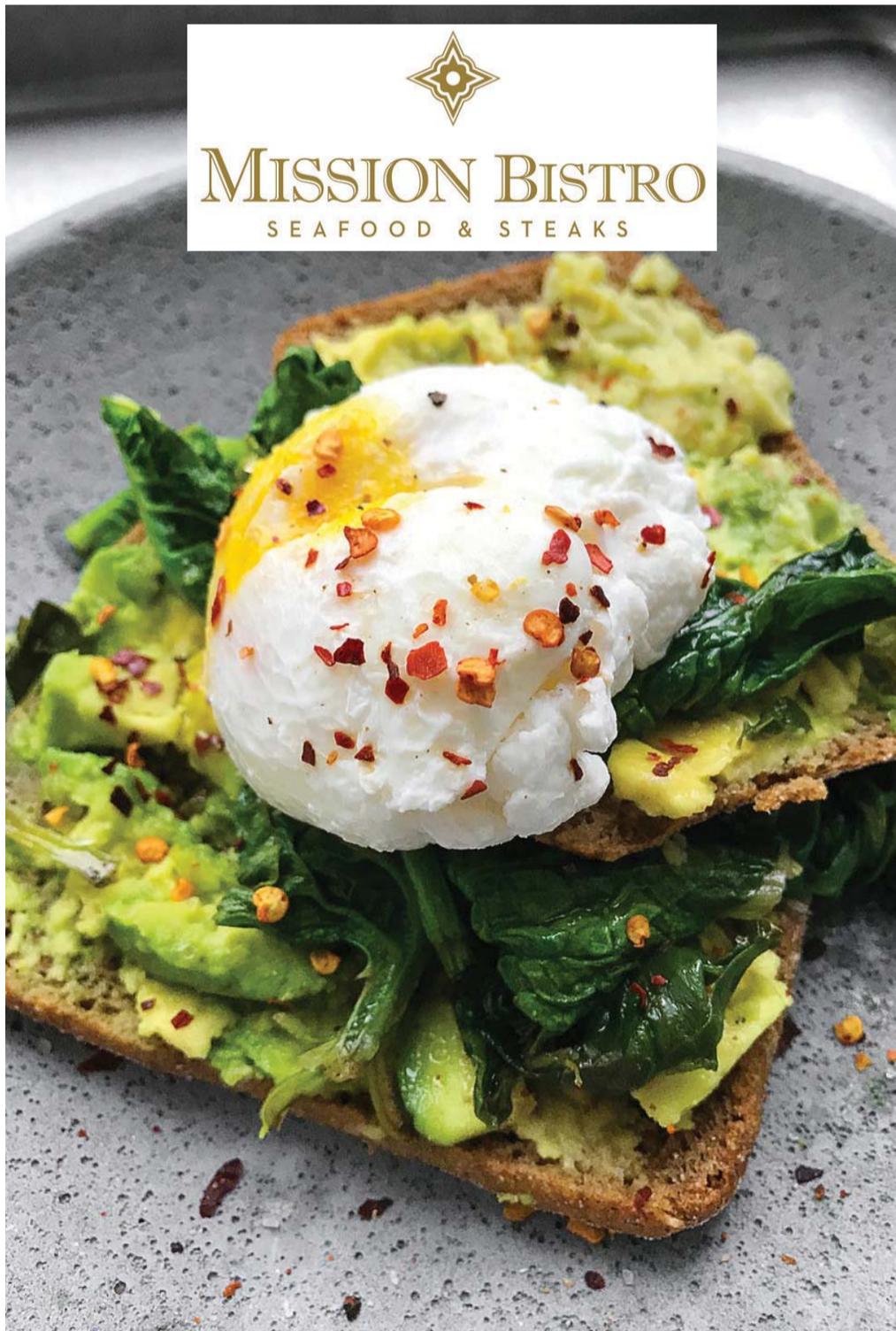
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run both events," Panes said. "As a college athlete, they're not going to let her do just one event."

That reality isn't lost on the athlete, but it's a bridge she plans to cross at the time.

"I'm really excited about going to Yale," said Kosmont, who carries a 3.75 grade-point average at Catalina. "I love the school, love the coach, love the team that's already there."

"I know it gets pretty cold in New Haven, and I'm not looking forward to that part, but the campus is very old and really beautiful, and it feels pretty empowering to look at 100-year-old photos of students studying there in the same places where I'm going to be sitting next fall."

### Year-round training ahead

Based on her personal best time of 11.9 seconds, Kosmont figures to be one of Yale's fastest sprinters immediately, but Panes predicts that her times will drop dramatically after she begins the intense, year-round training regimen that is required of collegiate athletes.

Kosmont does not compete in any sports besides track at Catalina, but is in Italy with Santa Catalina's Global Leadership Program, serves as an admissions ambassador on campus, giving prospective students tours of the school, and has done summer-time community service as a volunteer at the SPCA Monterey County.

Her parents, Charles and Deborah, own and operate a Salinas-based agricultural company that sells plants and flowers.

"My dad was a football player and my mother was a hurdler in high school," she said. "They have an ongoing debate about where my athletic ability came from. My mom insists I got it from her, and my dad says, 'No way — it definitely came from me.'"

Her younger sister, Anna, attended

Santa Catalina last year as a freshman, and placed second to her sibling in the 100 and 200 at the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Cypress Division Championships.

She transferred this year to Stevenson School, where she is planning to compete in track this spring.

Kosmont plans to major in ethics, politics, and economics at Yale, then pursue a master's degree in business administration.

### Alumni watch

**Tuck named All-Big 12:** Carmel High graduate Sara Tuck, an equestrian athlete, was named to the All-Big 12 flat team (a competition that does not involve jumping over fences) in her senior year at CSU Fresno after competing at the conference championship meet in Stillwater, Okla. Tuck is the fourth Bulldog in school history to be named to the All-Big 12 flat team.



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Juliette Kosmont suspended all training over the summer, a decision that drew some tough love from Catalina coach Barry Panes.



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## Lead singer of Men at Work performs at Golden State, Bach Fest sets schedule

**BEST KNOWN** as the lead singer of the hit-making 1980s Australian pop group Men at Work, singer and guitarist **Colin Hay** takes the stage Monday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theater in Monterey.

With chart-topping singles like “Who Can It Be Now” and “Down Under,” Men at Work skyrocketed to fame in the early days of MTV. The group had a debut album, “Business as Usual,” that sold 6 million copies in the United States alone and earned a Grammy Award in 1983 for Best New Artist.

### ‘Down Under’ a hit again

Born in Scotland but raised in Australia, Hay launched a solo career in 1987 and relocated to California. Since then, he’s released 15 albums of his own, including his most recent LP, “Now and the Evermore,” which came

out last year.

Hay’s solo career got a boost in 2021 when a remix of “Down Under” became a No. 1 hit in New Zealand, and a

## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Top 10 hit in Australia and England.

An alternative rock band from Santa Monica, **Laslo Bane** joins Hay on his West Coast tour this month. Besides its longtime collaboration with Hay, the band’s song, “Superman,” was the theme of the hit TV series, “Scrubs.”

Next up at Golden State is a sold-out concert by **The**

**Pixies** (May 6), followed by Salinas-born roots-rocker **Jackie Greene** (May 9) and guitarist **Mike Campbell** (May 17), who is best known for his longtime association with the late Tom Petty.

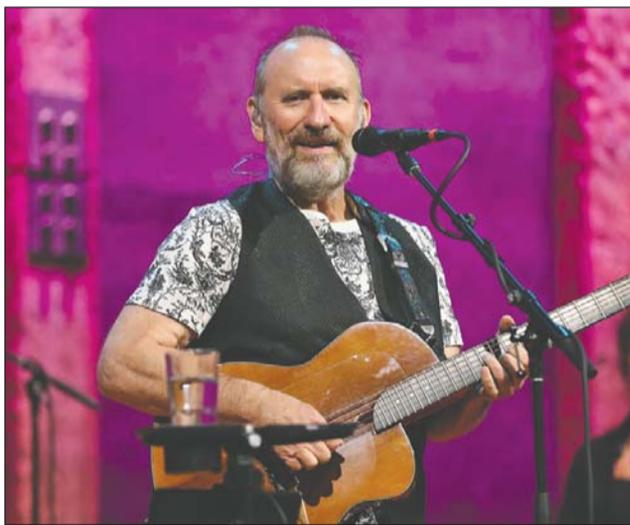
Tickets start at \$34.50. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070.

### Getting ready for classical fete

The Bach Festival recently announced the details of its 86th season, which is set for July 15-29, with tickets on sale now. The two-week-long gathering features 50 events, including concerts, classes, recitals, talks and tours.

“The festival’s theme, ‘Beginnings,’ will reveal how

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Tickets are on sale for the 86th Carmel Bach Festival, July 15-29. The gathering attracts world class talent, including concertmaster Peter Hanson (left). The former lead singer of the 1980s pop group, Men at Work, singer and guitarist Colin Hay (center) takes the stage Monday at Golden State Theater in Monterey. Singer and guitarist Gin Fragonard performs Saturday at the Puma Road tasting room in Monterey.

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## Bistro Moulin and Cantinetta Luca change hands, and classes abound

FANS OF Bistro Moulin, the classic French bistro that's been an institution on Wave Street near Cannery Row in Monterey since chef Didier Dutertre started it more than 15 years ago — after a stint as chef at Casanova in downtown Carmel — will no doubt be interested in seeing what the restaurant's buyers, Federico and Sabrina Rusciano, have planned for the beloved spot.

According to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Dutertre and wife Colleen are transferring their liquor license to the Ruscianos and a company called Mirea, indicating the restaurant is changing hands. The Dutertres weren't available for comment, and the phone message at the restaurant indicated it's "closed for renovation for a few days."

### Next chapter

Rusciano has a lengthy restaurant career, including serving as general manager at Peppoli in the Inn at Spanish Bay more than a decade ago. More recently, he was the chef/co-owner who helped open The Pocket on Lincoln Street south of Fifth during the pandemic before leaving in November 2022 to do other work.

It could be said that Didier Dutertre, a quiet force in the

kitchen and out of it, had more influence on local French and Mediterranean cuisine than most. Point of fact: the pillow-soft spinach gnocchi in bechamel and parmesan that he showcased at Casanova persisted there after he was gone, has been a staple at Moulin since its founding, and was brought to the menu at La Bicyclette by chef Obdiel Luna, who cooked in Dutertre's kitchen more than a decade ago.

"For me, working with Didier was game changing in the way I started cooking," said Luna, whose elegant, thoughtful, seasonal cuisine has become the hallmark of La Bicyclette restaurant at Dolores and Seventh, where he's served as the head chef for several years.

"I had the privilege to work with him," Luna said. "He taught me a lot about how to cook and how to do things, and he was always answering my questions. He was always working so hard."

Luna subsequently worked in the kitchen in the upscale Sierra Mar restaurant at the Post Ranch Inn before joining the team at La Bicyclette.

Luna observed that Dutertre's bistro always featured a small menu and strikingly consistent food.

And after all these years, he added, Dutertre has well earned his retirement and whatever the next chapter in his life holds.

Meanwhile, keep an eye on bistro moulin.com to see what unfolds there under new ownership. The restaurant is located at 867 Wave St.

### Another change

After 17 years of ownership, restaurateur David Fink is handing over Cantinetta Luca to chef Jason Balestrieri, Fink announced this week.

"Our concept in the beginning was to create an authentic Italian dining experience, using the best local ingredients, curing salumi in house, hand cutting our meats, and making all the pasta and breads," Fink said in a letter to friends and loyal customers of the Dolores Street eatery. "I am proud to say we achieved that."

Balestrieri helped open Luca and stuck with the team for several years, tapping into his south-



Albatross Ridge winemaker Garrett Bowlus will lead guests through the process of blending their own pinot noir in his Alvarado Street tasting room.

ern Italian roots to inform the menu in collaboration with Fink's original partner, chef Walter Manzke. Balestrieri later left to pursue other opportunities, including opening The Meatery in Seaside, but returned to Luca not long ago to continue overseeing the enterprise they built.

### Passing the baton

"So, now it is time to reward Jason's hard work and pass on Cantinetta Luca to him for its next chapter," Fink said in the letter.

Fink, meanwhile, will continue to run L'Auberge Carmel and Aubergine restaurant a couple of blocks away and is preparing to open the Carmel Beach Hotel and Secoya restaurant, the overhaul and rebranding of the Colonial Terrace Inn on San Antonio at 13th. In the late summer, he's also planning to launch a hotel and restaurant in Burgundy, France.

"Jason will be taking over in May, and in the meantime, come and see us in April to say hi, have a glass of wine and a bite," Fink concluded. "I greatly appreciate all your support over the years."

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Bistro Moulin, founded and run for years by chef Didier Dutertre, is apparently being sold to Federico and Sabrina Rusciano.

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At that class, guests will learn about Spain's legacy in wine and "discover the ins and outs of what makes it special, including soil type, climate and topography." Tastes of iconic and classic Spanish wines will be compared with Folktale's iterations, allowing tasters to identify the similarities and differences in each. In this series, a different wine region will be featured each month.

The April 27 class, also set for 5 to 7 p.m., will be Seasonings, Salts & Rubs, and Robarge plans to take guests "on an adventure of spices, seasonings, salts and techniques to pull them all together into a mixture that will have your tastebuds screaming with excitement." The importance of aromas, flavors and experimentation will be highlighted, and guests will get to take home their own one-of-a-kind

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Robarge will discuss different emulsifications of butter and techniques for presenting it, and will share a couple of trade secrets on how chefs use butter in their professional kitchens compared with cook-

ing at home.

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# FOOD

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brilliantly demonstrates the range of style and dynamic evolution within this wine-growing region of California,” said the restaurant’s wine director, Eric Ewers. “Featuring two vintages of Aleksander’s red blend and two vintages of their reserve, this dinner is for the carnivore, with a savory, five-course feast deftly crafted by chef Cal Stamenov.”

Aleksander Winery was founded by Goran Bjekovic and his wife, Sena, who met in Slovenia and later moved to Italy when their son, Sasha, embarked on his basketball career.

There, Goran became deeply involved and interested in winemaking, and when Sasha’s career landed him with the Los Angeles Lakers in 2004, they and the rest of the family, including son Al and daughter Nina, moved to California. Committed to the idea of a family winery, they found vineyards on the east side of rural Paso Robles that matched their ideals and launched their effort to produce high-quality

ity Bordeaux-style blends with a heavy emphasis on merlot.

Dinner costs \$150 per person, inclusive, and will be held on the rooftop deck. Register at [grasings.com](http://grasings.com). For more about the wines, visit [aleksanderwine.com](http://aleksanderwine.com).

## Blend with Albatross

Albatross Ridge Winery & Kitchen on Alvarado Street is hosting blending seminars the second Friday of the month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. through June. During the sessions, winemaker Garrett Bowlus will lead guests through blending their own pinot noir, sharing his insights on years of making pinot noir and chardonnay at the family-owned Carmel Valley he runs with his father, Brad.

Upcoming dates are April 14, May 12 and June 9. Tickets are \$35 for members and \$50 for everyone else, and can be purchased at the door. Admission includes one glass of wine, a glass of the blend, and hors d’oeuvres.

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen is located at 316 Alvarado St. in Monterey. Visit [albatrossridge.com/our-monterey-winery-kitchen](http://albatrossridge.com/our-monterey-winery-kitchen).



Linguine con aragosta (lobster) is one of the new spring-inspired dishes on Mezzaluna’s menu. The Pacific Grove restaurant serves dinner Wednesday through Sunday.



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## 'Lost & Found' opens at the Cherry, abstract paintings look to Japan

A PAIR of abstract painters, Heidi Hybl and Noro Partido, share new work inspired by Japanese aesthetics Saturday at the Carmel Art Association. The gallery hosts a reception at 4 p.m.

Titled, "Datsuzoku, Freedom, and the Exploration of Being Unbound by Convention," the show continues an "exploration of the seven pillars of Japanese aesthetics known as wabi-sabi."

"Last year, they concentrated on producing work inspired by *Kanso*, a term used to encompass simplicity and essential form," the gallery's Grace Wodecki explained. "This year, they focus on *datsuzoku* — an exploration of creative freedom."

The theme gives each artist an opportunity to the push the boundaries of their creativity.

"For Hybl, *datsuzoku* means the message lies in the medium and the application of paint," Wodecki added. "The consistent elements she incorporates in her work are light, motion, gesture and influences of the landscape of her Big Sur home."

"Similarly, Partido's creative process emphasized action and response. Atmosphere, water and landscape are recurring themes in her work. Focusing on these elements and working with a limited palette of oil-based etching inks, the results are

abstract."

The exhibit will be on display through May 1. The CAA is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. [carmelart.org](http://carmelart.org)

### ■ The fine art of assemblage

A show that delves into the fine art of assemblage, "Lost and Found," opens Friday at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, including a reception at 5 p.m.

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

The exhibit includes pieces by local artists Nancy Sevier, Ray Magsalay and Robert Armstrong, along with five artists from other parts of California: Spencer Brewer, Esther Siegel, Monty Monty, Dianne Hoffman and Sean O'Donnell.

"The show is very cool and exciting," said Ellen Osborne, a Cherry Center board member. "I guarantee you'll see something there that sparks your imagination or puts a smile on your face — cars, horses, clothing, musical instruments, motorcycles and more all reimagined."

Curated by Jim Dultz, the show continues through May 6. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

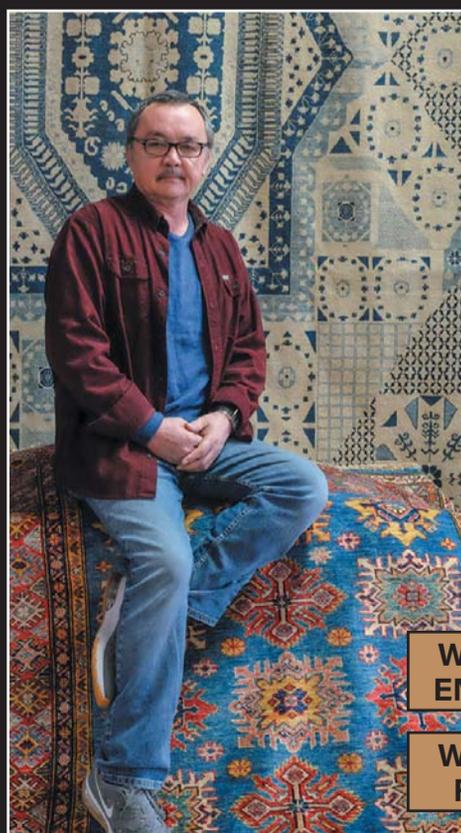


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# MUSIC

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composers and performers are innovative, creative and affirming,” said artistic director and principal conductor **Grete Pedersen**. “They can show us paths, familiar and unknown, outwards to the world and inwards to ourselves — together with our highly skilled musicians, staff, and volunteers, I very much look forward to meeting you this summer in a soundscape of old and new ‘beginnings.’”

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## Live music April 7-13

**Bernardus Lodge & Spa** in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Sunday at noon and Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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

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

**Cuz's Sportsman's Club** in Seaside — **Octane** (Led Zeppelin tribute featuring singer and guitarist **Steve Moseley** of **The Money Band**, Friday at 7 p.m.) and **Drifting Compass** with **Dave “Nomad” Miller** (rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway.



PG-13 rocks First Friday at Phill's Barber Shop in Pacific Grove. The music starts around 7 p.m.

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

**De Tierra Vineyards** tasting room — singer and guitarist **Jackie Kohls** (pop and rock, Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

**Folktale Winery** in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Saturday at 2 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

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

**The Henry Miller Library** in Big Sur — **Pfeiffer Beach Hotel** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

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

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

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

**The Links Club** — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.) and Open Mic Night (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

**The Lodge at Pebble Beach** — singer and guitarist

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# MORE MUSIC

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

**Midici Pizza** in Monterey — singer **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Jon Dryden** and bassist **Tom Langan** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Pablo Riviere** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

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

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

**Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa** — pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Peter Cor** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

**Portola Hotel & Spa** in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **David Conley** (Sunday at 10 a.m., pop and rock).

**Puma Road at Portola Plaza** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Asher Stern** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Gin Fragonard** (Saturday at 5 p.m.) and singer **Akina Miyata** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

**Rio Grill** — singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Friday at 5 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Hayley Jane** (Saturday at noon). Crossroads shopping center.

**Rockfish Harbor Grill** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **McKayla Maddox** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 101 Fisherman's Wharf.

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

**Salty Seal Pub** in Monterey — **Mixtape** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (country and rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and **The Coastal Commission** (reggae, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

**Sly McFly's** in Monterey — **The Money Band** (pop

and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Sasha's Money** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.) and **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

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**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, and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

To update these listings, email [chris@carmelpinecone.com](mailto:chris@carmelpinecone.com).

# CALENDAR

**April 8 – 25th Annual Breakfast with the Bunny in Bunnyland**, 8:30 a.m.-noon at Devendorf Park, Carmel-by-the-Sea. \$5 for children 12 years old and younger, \$10 for adults and \$25 for a family of 4 (2 adults and 2 children). After breakfast, visit "Bunnyland" (\$10 per child) for family fun! In case of rain, events will be held at the Carmel Youth Center, Fourth and Torres.

**April 9 – Easter at the Wayfarer**: 7 a.m. in the Garden, 10 a.m. with Hallelujah chorus sing-along and Easter egg hunt after. Lincoln & Seventh, Carmel. [churchofthewayfarer.com](http://churchofthewayfarer.com)

**April 12 – Community Night with the Library program, "Daughters of Smoke and Fire," by Ava Homa**. Join author Ava Homa and Professor Nancy Middleton as they discuss this evocative portrait of the lives and stakes faced by 40 million stateless Kurds. This powerful story illuminates the meaning of identity and the complex bonds of family. 7 p.m. at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center and online. Register at: [www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org). Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: free; seating first come first-serve. \$10 suggested contribution. Questions? [afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](mailto:afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) or (831) 624-2811.

**April 14 – Camerata Singers, William McMillan**, artistic director and conductor. 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Salinas. Adults \$20, students free.

**April 15 – MMA Block Party, a free public arts festival**

for all ages from noon to 4 p.m., and 21+ Dance Party from 7-9 p.m. 559 Pacific St., Monterey. Your contribution of \$25 includes dance party admission, Monterey Museum of Art access, plus one beer/wine ticket. Tickets: Eventbrite

**April 15-16 – Art Sale at our 1925 Villa, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1078 W. Franklin St. in Old Monterey**. Bubbly and cupcakes served. Local and international artists, home decor, furniture, kitchenware, books and music. For info, email Toni with Carmel Premium Home Organizing at [tonilakind@yahoo.com](mailto:tonilakind@yahoo.com)

**April 15-16 – Camerata Singers**, 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Monterey. Adults \$25, students free

**April 16 – Celtic Music Series, Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas** performing 3 p.m. at St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 146 12th St., Pacific Grove. Tickets available at [www.celticsociety.org](http://www.celticsociety.org), Tickets \$30 advance/\$35 at the door. For more info, call or text (831) 224-3819

**May 7 – MOWMP Women Who Care Luncheon honoring Jan Praisner, Supervisor Mary Adams and Aimee Cuda**, at the Monterey Marriott. Purchase tickets at: [www.mowmp.org](http://www.mowmp.org) or call (831) 375.4454

**May 21 – Alasdair Fraser and The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers**, 3 p.m. at Carmel High School Performing Arts Center, 27990 N. Doris Watson Place, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Tickets available soon at [www.sffiddles.org](http://www.sffiddles.org)

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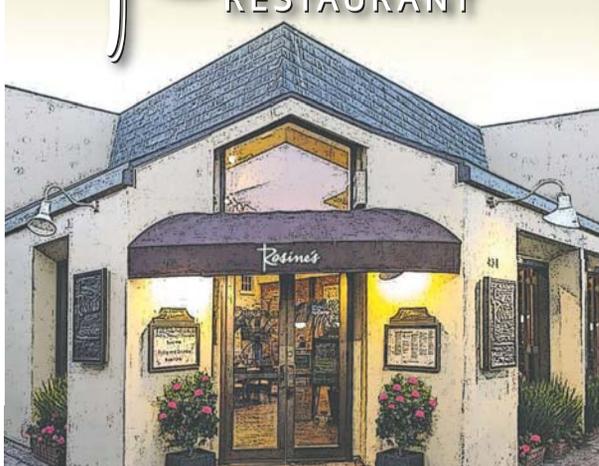
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20230383  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOLDEN AGE BUILDERS, 349 Bishop Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1519, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in

the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: AIDEN ENTERPRISES INC., 349 Bishop Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pur-

suant 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/Stephanie Horning, Chief Financial Officer  
Date: Feb. 17, 2023  
This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 24, 2023.  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Publication Dates: March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 2023. (PC 331)

(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Publication Dates: March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 2023. (PC 336)

Pacific Grove, CA 93950.  
(831) 920-0205  
This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on March 15, 2023.  
Publication dates: March 24, 31, April 7. (PC340)

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 23CV000794  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JAMES EDWARD FEDO, AUTUMN ADELE FEDO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A Present name: JAMES EDWARD FEDO, AUTUMN ADELE FEDO**  
Proposed name: JAMES FEDO UNIVERSE, AUTUMN ADELE UNIVERSE

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 change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:  
DATE: April 28, 2023  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DEPT: 14  
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

(s) Carrie M. Panetta  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: March 10, 2023  
Publication dates: March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2023 (PC342)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20230359

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

**Salinas Valley Post Acute, 637 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA. 93901,** County of Monterey  
Registered Owner(s):  
Salinas Community Healthcare, LLC, 637 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA. 93901  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

S/ Mark Hancock, CFO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/21/2023  
**CNS-3671980# CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023. (PC 348)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20230509

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DEL REY OAKS CITIZENS ACTION GROUP, 650 Canyon Del Rey, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940**

Registered Owner(s):  
KRISTIN CLARK, 988 Via Verde, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 19, 2018.

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

S/Kristin A. Clark  
Date signed: March 15, 2023  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 15, 2023.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023 (PC 349)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20230548

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **A Z PIZZA, 20 Russell Rd. Sp. 13, Salinas, CA 93906.**

Registered Owner(s):  
AARON ZAMORA ZAMORA, 20 Russell Rd. Sp. 13, 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.

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

S/Aaron Zamora Zamora  
Date signed: March 21, 2023  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 21, 2023.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023 (PC 351)

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**AVISO DE FOROS PÚBLICOS (Audiencias de Participación Pública)**

**Solicitud de California-American Water Company para cambiar las tarifas del agua SOLICITUD 22-07-001**

**¿Cómo puedo participar?**

California-American Water Company (California American Water) y la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de California (CPUC, por sus siglas en inglés) desean saber su opinión. Lo invitamos a participar en un Foro Público, también llamado Audiencia de Participación Pública (PPH, por sus siglas en inglés), sobre el caso de tarifas generales de California American Water.

Estos Foros Públicos son parte de un procedimiento formal que se documentará y se incluirá en el registro formal para que la CPUC pueda decidir sobre la solicitud de California American Water. Usted podrá hacer comentarios y plantear sus inquietudes al Juez de Derecho Administrativo de la CPUC que supervisa esta solicitud.

También puede enviar comentarios públicos por escrito en cualquier momento durante el procedimiento a [apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/a2207001](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/a2207001).

**¿Dónde y cuándo se celebrarán estos Foros Públicos?**

Los Foros Públicos se llevarán a cabo en persona y de forma remota. La información sobre los PPH presenciales y remotos programados se encuentra a continuación:

**VIRTUAL/REMOTO: Martes, 11 de abril de 2023 | 2:00 p.m. y 6:00 p.m.**

**Transmisión pública por Internet: [www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc)**  
**Línea para comentarios públicos en inglés: 1-800-857-1917, código de acceso: 1767567#**  
**Línea para comentarios públicos en español: 1-800-857-1917, código de acceso: 3799627#**  
**\*1 para hacer un comentario público.**

Los Foros Públicos se podrán ver a través de Internet o escuchar por teléfono, con la información anterior. Si desea hacer un comentario público, participe por teléfono y pulse \*1 después de usar el número de teléfono y el código de acceso que figuran arriba.

**Tenga en cuenta:** Si necesita un intérprete de idiomas, póngase en contacto con la Oficina del Asesor Público de la CPUC utilizando la información de contacto que figura al final de este aviso al menos cinco días hábiles antes del Foro Público.

**PPH PRESENCIALES: Martes, 25 de abril de 2023 | 2:00 p.m. y 6:00 p.m.**

**Ayuntamiento de Seaside - Cámara del Concejo Municipal**  
**440 Harcourt Avenue**  
**Seaside, CA 93955**

**Tenga en cuenta:** El lugar es accesible en silla de ruedas. Si desea asistir y necesita adaptaciones especiales o un intérprete de idiomas, póngase en contacto con la Oficina del Asesor Público de la CPUC utilizando la información de contacto que figura al final de este aviso al menos cinco días hábiles antes del Foro Público al que tiene previsto asistir.

**¿Por qué he recibido este aviso?**

La CPUC exige que California American Water presente una solicitud del caso de tarifas generales (GRC, por sus siglas en inglés) cada 3 años. El 1 de julio de 2022, California American Water presentó una solicitud de GRC (A.22-07-001) que abarca el período comprendido entre 2024 y 2026.

El 27 de enero de 2023, California American Water presentó una solicitud actualizada para proponer un Plan de Sostenibilidad de los Recursos Hídricos (WRSP por sus siglas en inglés) como alternativa al mecanismo de ajuste de los ingresos por agua al estilo de Monterrey (M-WRAM, por sus siglas en inglés) propuesto en su solicitud del 1 de julio de 2022. El WRSP consta de varios componentes, incluida la Cuenta de Equilibrio de Servicios Esenciales Desacoplada, un Mecanismo de Consumo Anual modificado, un calendario de amortización ajustado y modificaciones en el diseño de las tarifas.

El WRSP y el M-WRAM son dos mecanismos reguladores independientes diseñados para recaudar los ingresos necesarios para operar la empresa de agua y financiar las inversiones en infraestructura necesarias. Además, California American Water incorporó los cambios en las tarifas aprobados recientemente y las previsiones de demanda revisadas en la solicitud actualizada para reflejar mejor la información reciente. California American Water solicita un aumento de ingresos en la División Central de \$9,443,400 o 10.52% en 2024, \$2,464,000 o 2.48% en 2025 y \$3,418,400 o 3.36% en 2026 bajo las propuestas WSRP y M-WRAM.

Si la CPUC aprueba esta solicitud, California American Water recuperará los costos previstos en las tarifas durante un período de 3 años a partir del 1 de enero de 2024, como pronto. Esto aumentará su factura, y los impactos en la factura son los mismos bajo las propuestas WSRP y M-WRAM.

**¿Por qué California American Water solicita este aumento de tarifas?**

Existe una necesidad constante de invertir en la infraestructura para suministrar agua segura y confiable a los clientes de Monterey, Central Satellite y Chualar.

Este plan plurianual permite a la empresa de servicios públicos realizar mejoras en la infraestructura para mantener la confiabilidad del sistema de agua para los clientes, protegerlos de contaminantes conocidos y emergentes, y expandir el abastecimiento de agua para garantizar que sea sostenible.

Además, los aumentos de tarifas propuestos ayudarán a respaldar los aumentos en costos laborales y equilibrar los cambios en la demanda y la inflación.

**¿Cómo podría esto afectar mi factura de agua?**

**Con WSRP o M-WRAM**

Si el GRC de California American Water se aprueba con un WRSP o M-WRAM, la factura mensual de agua de un cliente residencial unifamiliar típico de Monterey, o un cliente residencial de Central Satellite o Chualar sería similar a las que se detallan a continuación. Los impactos en las tarifas pueden variar debido a los cambios propuestos aún pendientes en el diseño de las tarifas. Los montos mostrados incluyen tarifas, impuestos y recargos.

MONTEREY - FACTURA PROMEDIO RESIDENCIAL UNIFAMILIAR						
AÑO	TAMAÑO DEL MEDIDOR	CONSUMO PROMEDIO (CGL) <sup>1</sup>	FACTURA ACTUAL	AUMENTO \$	FACTURA PROPUESTA	% AUMENTO
2024	5/8 de pulgada	34.83	\$113.39	-\$0.58	\$112.81	-0.51%
2025	5/8 de pulgada	34.83	\$112.81	\$2.80	\$115.61	2.48%
2026	5/8 de pulgada	34.83	\$115.61	\$3.89	\$119.50	3.36%

CENTRAL SATELLITES - FACTURA RESIDENCIAL PROMEDIO						
AÑO	TAMAÑO DEL MEDIDOR	CONSUMO PROMEDIO (CGL) <sup>1</sup>	FACTURA ACTUAL	AUMENTO \$	FACTURA PROPUESTA	% AUMENTO
2024	5/8 de pulgada	121.9	\$113.04	\$0.63	\$113.66	0.55%
2025	5/8 de pulgada	121.9	\$113.66	\$7.09	\$120.75	6.24%
2026	5/8 de pulgada	121.9	\$120.75	\$6.06	\$126.81	5.02%

CHUALAR - FACTURA RESIDENCIAL PROMEDIO						
AÑO	TAMAÑO DEL MEDIDOR	CONSUMO PROMEDIO (CGL) <sup>1</sup>	FACTURA ACTUAL	AUMENTO \$	FACTURA PROPUESTA	% AUMENTO
2024	5/8 de pulgada	117.19	\$45.16	\$0.51	\$45.67	1.12%
2025	5/8 de pulgada	117.19	\$45.67	\$1.42	\$47.09	3.11%
2026	5/8 de pulgada	117.19	\$47.09	\$1.46	\$48.55	3.11%

**¿Cómo funciona el resto de este proceso?**

Esta solicitud ha sido asignada a un Juez de Derecho Administrativo de la CPUC, quien considerará las propuestas y pruebas presentadas durante el proceso formal de las audiencias. El Juez de Derecho Administrativo emitirá una propuesta de decisión que podrá adoptar, modificar o denegar la solicitud de California American Water. Cualquier Comisionado de la CPUC puede proponer una decisión alternativa con un resultado diferente. Los comisionados de la CPUC analizarán y votarán la decisión propuesta y cualquier decisión alternativa en una reunión pública de votación de la CPUC.

Las partes interesadas del procedimiento revisarán la solicitud de California American Water, incluida la Oficina de Defensores Públicos, que es un defensor independiente del consumidor dentro de la CPUC que representa a los clientes para obtener la tarifa más baja posible por un servicio consistente con niveles de servicio confiables y seguros. Para obtener más información, llame al 1-415-703-1584, envíe un correo electrónico a [PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov) o visite [PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov](http://PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov).

Su participación al dar su opinión sobre la solicitud de California American Water puede ayudar a la CPUC a tomar una decisión informada.

**¿Dónde puedo obtener más información?**

**California American Water**

Teléfono: 1-619-446-5520  
Correo electrónico: [cawc.customeradvocacy@amwater.com](mailto:cawc.customeradvocacy@amwater.com)  
Correo: 655 W. Broadway, Suite 1410, Attn: Customer Advocacy, San Diego, CA 92101

También se puede revisar una copia de la solicitud y cualquier documento relacionado en [amwater.com/rate\\_app](http://amwater.com/rate_app).

**Información de la CPUC**

Visite [apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/a2207001](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/a2207001) para enviar un comentario sobre este procedimiento al expediente de la CPUC. Allí también puede ver documentos y otros comentarios públicos relacionados con este procedimiento.

Si tiene preguntas sobre los procesos de la CPUC, puede comunicarse con la Oficina del Asesor Público de la CPUC en:  
Teléfono: 1-866-849-8390 (línea gratuita) o 1-415-703-2074  
Correo electrónico: [Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov)  
Correo: CPUC Public Advisor's Office, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Haga referencia a la **Solicitud 22-07-001** en cualquier comunicación que tenga con la CPUC con respecto a este asunto.

Publication dates: April 7, 2023 (PC402)

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 23CV000713

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, NANCY VIOLA LITTLEJOHN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**A Present name: NANCY VIOLA LITTLEJOHN**  
Proposed name: NANCY VIOLA TIFFANY

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

NOTICE OF HEARING:  
DATE: May 5, 2023  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DEPT: 15

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

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

(s) Carrie M. Panetta  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: March 8, 2023  
Publication Dates: March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 2023. (PC 333)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20230391

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

**Mbody Hypnotherapy, 828 Maple St., Apt A, Pacific Grove, CA 93950,** County of Monterey

Registered Owner(s):  
Jessica Maciel, 828 Maple St Apt A, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/15/2023

S/ Jessica Maciel  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/27/2023  
3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7/23  
**CNS-367327# CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 2023. (PC 334)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20230431

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTREY BA LAUNDRY, 40 Clark Street, Ste. A, Salinas, CA 93901.**

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ADVANCED UNIFORM DUST CONTROL & LINEN, LLC, 243 Orange Avenue, Patterson, California 95363.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1, 2022.

**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
S/Gordon Hickman, Member  
Date: Feb. 21, 2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2023.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Publication Dates: March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 2023. (PC 335)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20230476

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**1. PAPA'S BREW**  
**2. PAPA BREW**

**484 Washington Street, Ste. 416, Monterey, CA 93904.**

**Mailing address: 9658 Knollwood Court, Prunedale, CA 93907.**

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BUENAVISTA GLOBAL INVESTMENTS, LLC, 484 Washington Street, Ste. 416, Monterey, CA 93940.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: NV  
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. 13, 2008.

**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
S/Wilfred Mercurio, Manager  
Date: March 8, 2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 8, 2023.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20230473

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SWING TRADING CLUB, 1 Arkwright Ct. #7, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**

**Mailing address: 798 Lighthouse Ave. #303, Monterey, CA 93940.**

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230534  
 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EDEN VALLEY CARE CENTER, 612 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **SOLEDAD COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT, 612 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960.**  
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
 Registered Owner(s):  
 IDA LOPEZ CHAN, 612 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960.  
 This business is conducted by an unincorporated association other than a partnership.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1970.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
 S/Ida Lopez Chen  
 Date: March 22, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 23, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023. (PC 352)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230534  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOMMY DAY CARE, 224 Park St., Soledad, CA 93960.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **ALONZO ENTERPRISE INC., 224 Park St., Soledad, CA 93960.**  
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California  
 This business is conducted by a corporation.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 24, 2023.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
 S/Lucina Alonzo, President  
 Date: March 20, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 20, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023. (PC 353)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230540  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PARTY IN THE VILLAGE, 66 E. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**  
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 2001, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.  
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **CARMEL VALLEY VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, 66 E. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**  
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
 This business is conducted by a corporation.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 25, 2012.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
 S/Karolyn Stone, Treasurer  
 Date: March 20, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 20, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023. (PC 354)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230580  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BONNIE SHEPARD WALLCOVERINGS, 283 Watson Street, Apt. D, Monterey, CA 93940.**  
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 1623, Monterey, CA 93942.  
 Registered Owner(s):  
 PETER ANTHONY SHEPARD, 283 Watson Street, Apt. D, Monterey, CA 93942.  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 16, 2023.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
 S/Peter A. Shepard  
 Date signed: March 23, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 23, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023 (PC 355)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230569  
 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SOLEDAD MEDICAL CLINIC, 600 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **SOLEDAD COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT, 612 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960.**  
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
 Registered Owner(s):  
 IDA LOPEZ CHAN, 612 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960.  
 This business is conducted by an unincorporated association other than a partnership.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 1, 1970.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed

one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
 S/Ida Lopez Chen  
 Date: March 22, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 23, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023. (PC 356)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230515  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KITCHEN TABLE CULTURES, 3212 Playa Court, Marina, CA 93933.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **KITCHEN TABLE CULTURES LLC, 3212 Playa Court, Marina, CA 93933.**  
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 16, 2023.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
 S/Andrew Thomas Renard, Manager  
 Date: March 16, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 16, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023. (PC 357)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230385  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FOUR BROTHERS GARDENERS, 31 1/2 Pine Street, Salinas, CA 93901.**  
 Registered Owner(s):  
 EVERARDO GONZALEZ VILLASENOR, 31 1/2 Pine Street, Salinas, CA 93901.  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Everardo Gonzalez Villaseñor  
 Date signed: Feb. 24, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 24, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business

Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023 (PC 359)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230583  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COMPUTER HOUSE, 360 Greenwich Way, Salinas, CA 93907.**  
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 4544, Salinas, CA 93912  
 Registered Owner(s):  
 JENNETTE LYNN WILLIAMS, 360 Greenwich Way, Salinas, CA 93907.  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1990.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Jennette Lynn Williams  
 Date signed: March 22, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 23, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023 (PC 360)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230591  
 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MEADOW HILL FARM, 3300 Portola Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953.**  
 Mailing address: 429 Hannon Avenue, Monterey, CA 93940.  
 Registered Owner(s):  
 STEPHEN JAMES PELLET, 429 Hannon Avenue, Monterey, CA 93940.  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2013.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Stephen Pellet  
 Date signed: March 21, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 23, 2023.  
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 Publication Dates: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023 (PC 401)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230611  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MIRSA'S AUTO PARTS & TOWING, 288 E. Market St., Salinas, CA 93901.**  
 Registered Owner(s):  
 JUAN ALBERTO RUIZ JR. 148 Goldenrod St., Soledad, CA 93960.  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2023.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL**

**INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Juan Alberto Ruiz Jr.  
 Date signed: March 30, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 30, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023 (PC 403)

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
 Case No. 23CV000947  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, INEZ MARIE SILVA, aka JAMIE MARIE SILVA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A. Present name:** INEZ MARIE SILVA  
**Proposed name:** JAMIE MARIE SILVA  
 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 change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
 DATE: May 26, 2023  
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.

**SUMMONS**  
 (Citacion Judicial)  
 CASE NUMBER: 20CV002704  
**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:**  
 (Aviso al demandado)  
 JOSE AGUILAR  
**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:**  
 (Lo esta demandando el demandante)  
 WESTLAKE SERVICES, LLC dba WESTLAKE FINANCIAL SERVICES

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

DEPT: 15  
 The address of the court is 1200 Agujito 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) Carrie M. Panetta  
 Judge of the Superior Court  
 Date filed: March 29, 2023  
 Publication Dates: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023. (PC 404)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230659  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALPHA GARDENS, 1622 Spumante Way, Gonzales, CA 93926.**  
 Registered Owner(s):  
 KAREN VALIENTE, 1622 Spumante Way, Gonzales, CA 93926.  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Karen Valiente  
 Date signed: April 3, 2023  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 3, 2023.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023 (PC 405)

*corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.*

*Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, pueda llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **[AVISO]:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la cote antes de que la cote pueda descha el caso.*

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y direccion de la corte es):  
 MONTEREY COURT  
 1200 AGUJITO ROAD  
 MONTEREY, CA 93940  
 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):  
 EDIT ALEXANDRYAN, COUNSEL -  
 BAR #249323  
 Westlake Services, LLC dba Westlake Financial Services  
 4751 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 100  
 Los Angeles, CA 90010  
 (888) 333-0192  
 Date: Oct. 8, 2020  
 (s) Clerk, by Kristen Simonsen, Deputy  
 Publication Dates: March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2023. (PC350)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm  
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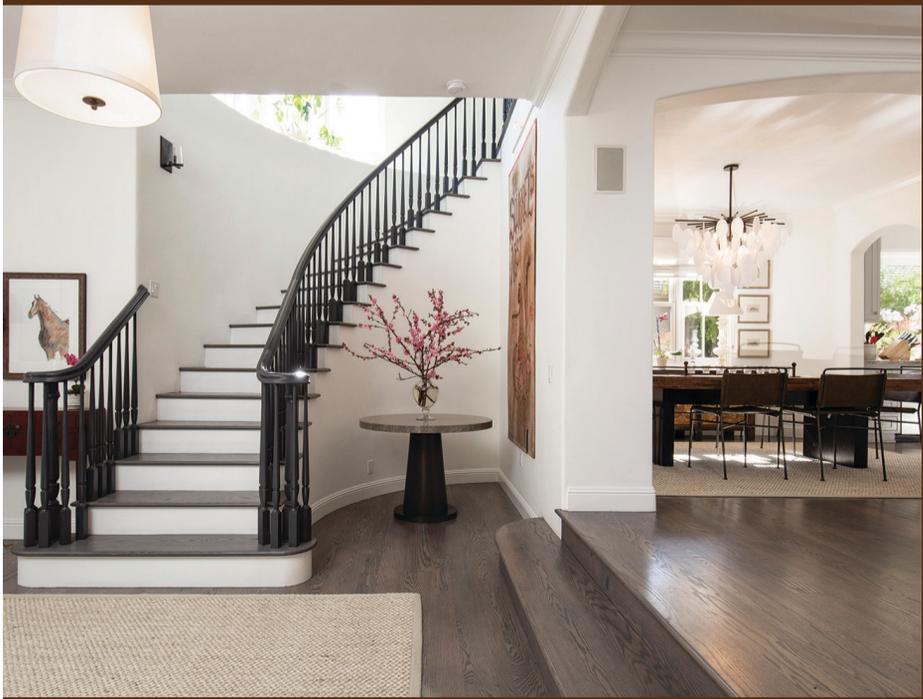
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# The Carmel Pine Cone

# Real Estate



■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel, is presented by Shelly Mitchell Lynch of Carmel Realty Company (See Page 2RE)

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**San Carlos Street, 5 SE of 13th Avenue — \$3,000,000**  
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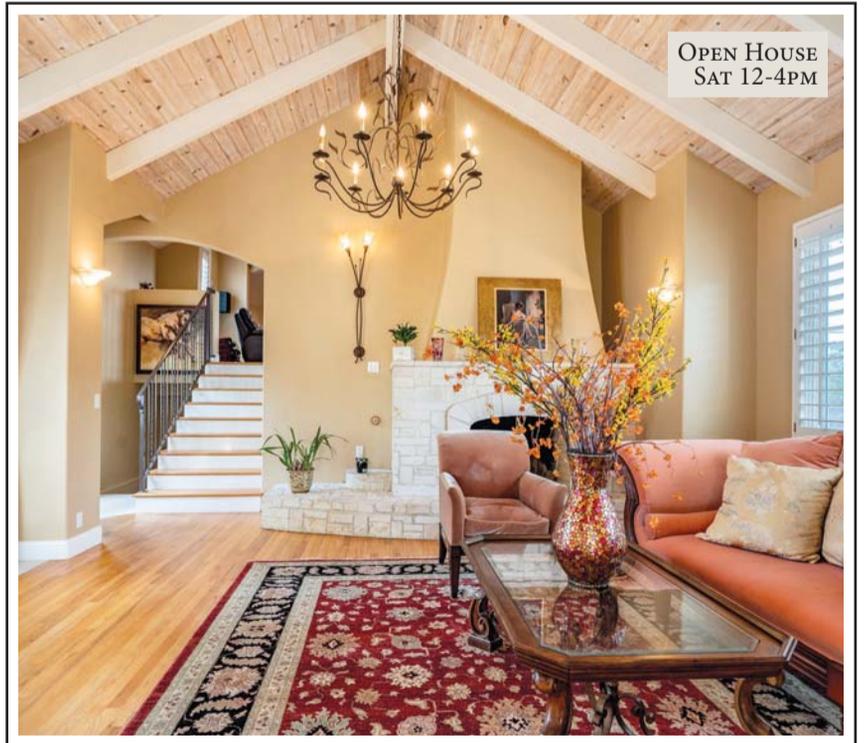
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## Carmel Highlands

**Upper Walden Road — \$1,800,000**

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1001 David Avenue, Pacific Grove — \$851,000

Kristina Comerer and Davis Trust to Sydney Shaber and Lori Silver  
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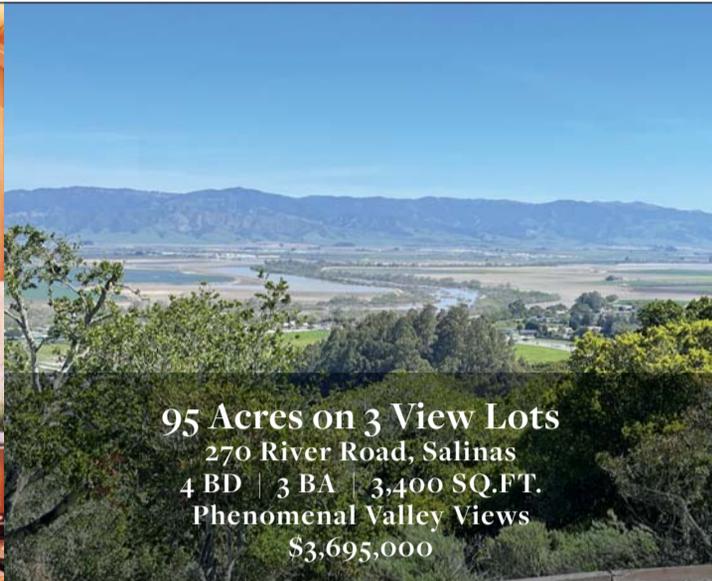
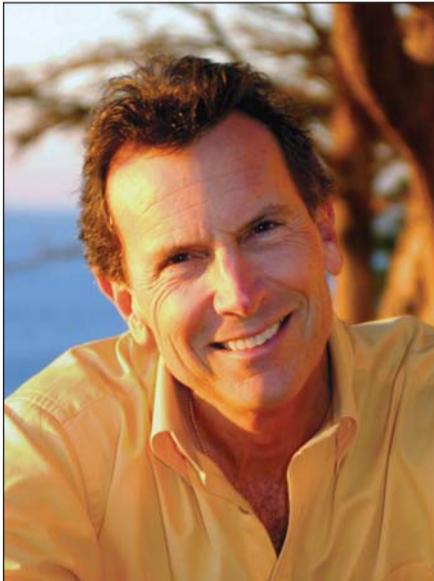


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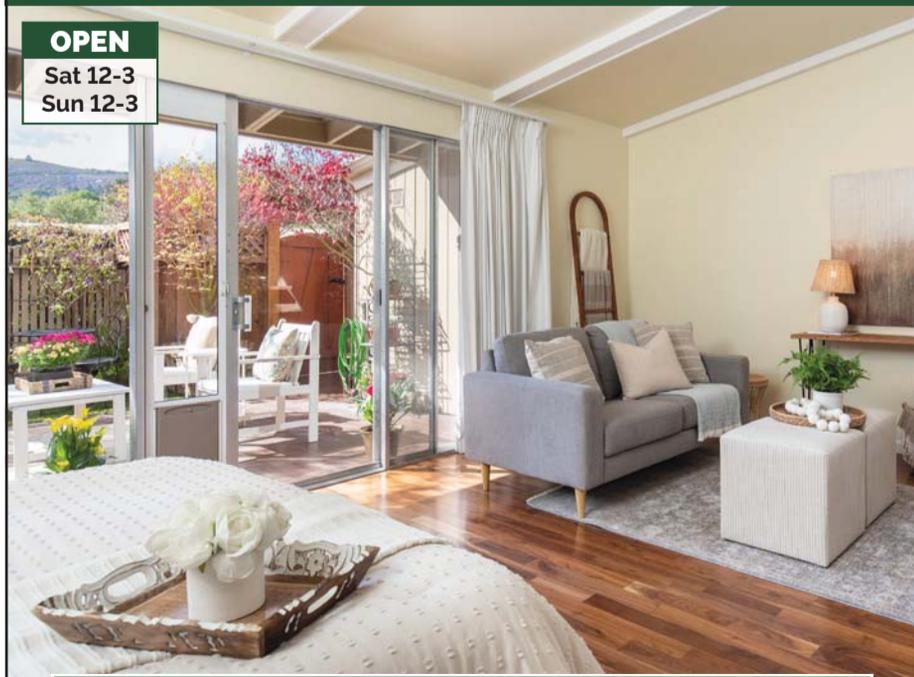


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## POLICE LOG

From page 4A

### MONDAY, MARCH 20

**Pacific Grove:** At about 1628 hours, an officer was dispatched to contact a company regarding a vehicle on Shell Avenue that was damaged by a fallen tree during recent storms.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a stolen step stool at Ocean View Boulevard and Sunset Drive.

**Pacific Grove:** Citizen turned in apparent human remains found on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a vandalism to a vehicle.

**Carmel Valley:** Male victim on Carmel Valley Road reported theft. Subject(s) remain at large.

**Carmel Valley:** A welfare check was conducted at a Carmel Valley Road residence. A female was placed on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

**Carmel area:** Via Mar Monte resident reported fraud involving a check that was mailed.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found backpack

turned in to the CPD lobby.

**Pacific Grove:** At about 1404 hours, officer dispatched to investigate a report of fraud. The reporting party, who came to the lobby of the Pacific Grove Police Department, requested a courtesy report for the bank's insurance company.

**Pebble Beach:** Juvenile was reported as a runaway from a residence on Pine Meadows Way.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

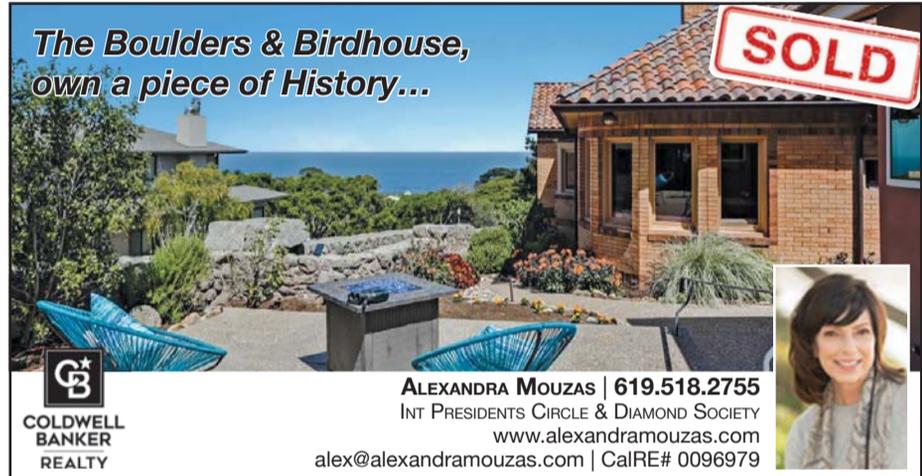
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury accident on private property on San Carlos Street. Vehicle was drivable.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male reported a possible scam after he posted a room at Lobos and Third for rent on Craigslist. No money or losses occurred, however, he provided his Social Security Number to an individual. He was provided information on how to make sure no fraudulent activity occurred using his Social Security Number.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** At approximately 2032 hours, a female walked into the police department lobby asking officers for help with family problems. The female stated she felt weird, overwhelmed and heard things in her head. The female's mother was contacted and set up a meeting to meet with a therapist. The female did not meet the criteria of 5150

See **SHERIFF** page 14RE

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3 BD | 3 BA | \$1,499,000

3 BD | 2 BA | \$1,420,000

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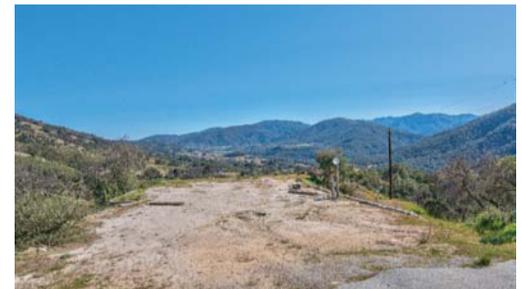
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MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY

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3 Hacienda Carmel

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OBJECTIVITY IS one of the requisites for writing a newspaper story, with the five Ws — who, what, where, when and why — presented in an unbiased manner. Writing a newspaper column slides into a slightly different category. A columnist combines objectivity with personal involvement, which easily translates into opinion. I have been accused of many things, but not having an opinion isn't one of them.

Taking up this space every week means that throughout the year certain meaningful events are going to occur that require mentioning. These would include major and minor holidays such as Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day and my birthday.

This week encompasses the end of the Lenten season, including Holy Thursday, which commemorates the Last Supper, and Good Friday, which I thought was inappropriately named because nothing good seemed to have happened on that day. Significant results came three days later. Finally, the week culminates in the celebration of Easter Sunday.

### Under the radar

I'm sure you already know about Easter Sunday. Yet how does one write about the most momentous day in Christendom without offending readers with different beliefs or with no beliefs at all? Actually, fairly easily,

because Easter seems to have slipped under the radar of the ACLU and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. There are no depictions of the resurrection on public property to protest. I haven't heard of any radio stations filling their airtime by playing Easter carols weeks before Easter Sunday. Mannheim Steamroller is not releasing its latest

Christian message to its focal point? If they did, I'm sure there would be a major attack on Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, Easter candy, Easter flowers ... heck, you might not be able to visit the Easter Islands. Revisionists might deny that Luke Easter played baseball for the Cleveland Indians.

### Producer's dream

Another reason it's been overlooked could be that the whole Easter saga is so preposterous that the secular world doesn't even take it seriously. Christmas, on the other hand, is great theater — a census, a hazardous journey with a pregnant woman riding a donkey on a cold winter night, no rooms available and a baby born in a smelly stable, with sheep, shepherds, a bright star, an angel appearing out of nowhere and a chorus of heavenly music. It's a Hollywood producer's dream.

And then there is all that shopping, and presents. That's OK with me. I love the fact that Christmas, regardless of one's beliefs, is still universally embraced if only for its commercial value. If "Jingle Bells" mean jingling cash registers, that's OK with me, too.

But the Easter story? Yuck. Did you sit through Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ?" Easter is recognizing the darkness in the world, seizing it, and taking it

See GERVASE page 14RE

## Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

Easter CD. Retailers who substitute "holiday" for "Christmas" in their advertising readily talk about their annual Easter sales while chewing on their Jelly Bellies, and restaurants joyfully invite you to join them for a special Easter Brunch.

I think what drives secularists' blood pressure into hypertensive crisis is that Christmas contains the name Christ. Quite simply, there is no Christmas without Christ. So they change the name to Holiday Season, or Winter Solstice, or Festivus, as Cosmo Kramer called it.

What would happen if secularists discovered that Easter is what it's all about for Christians? What if they discovered that Easter is the celebration that brings the

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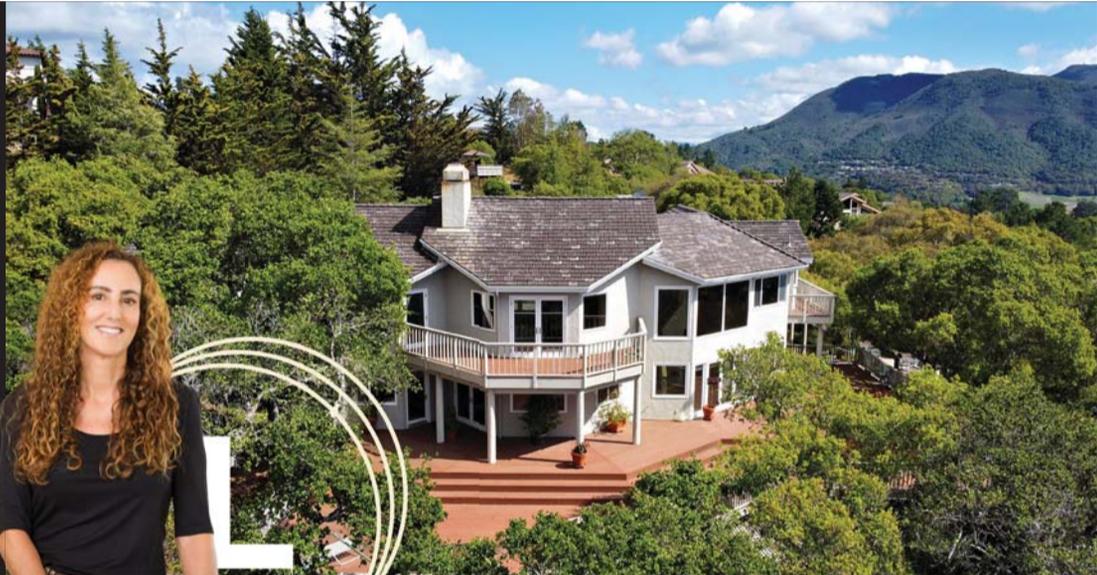
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1121 Presidio Blvd, PG	\$1,050,000	1107 Presidio Blvd, PG	\$1,050,000
515 10th St, PG	\$979,000	313 14th St, PG	\$980,000
698 Dickman Ave, MON	\$913,500	519 7th St, PG	\$915,000
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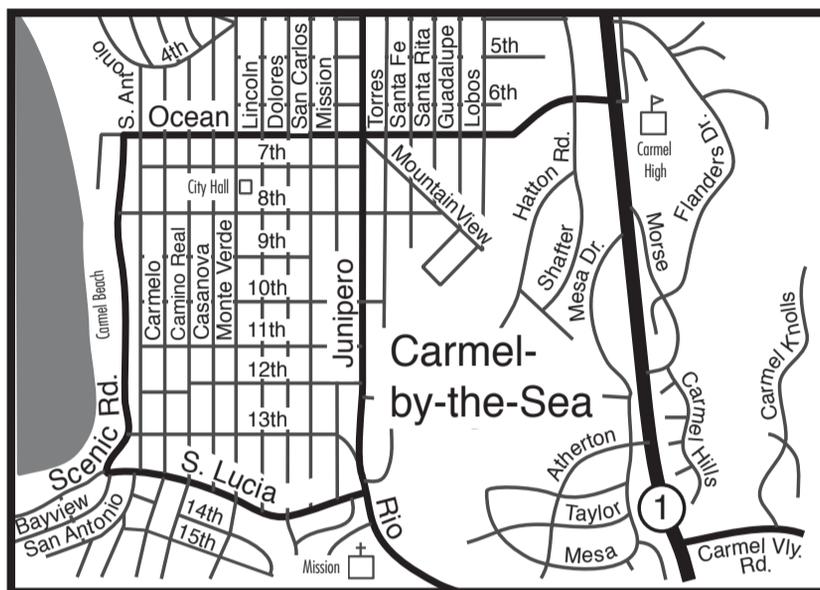
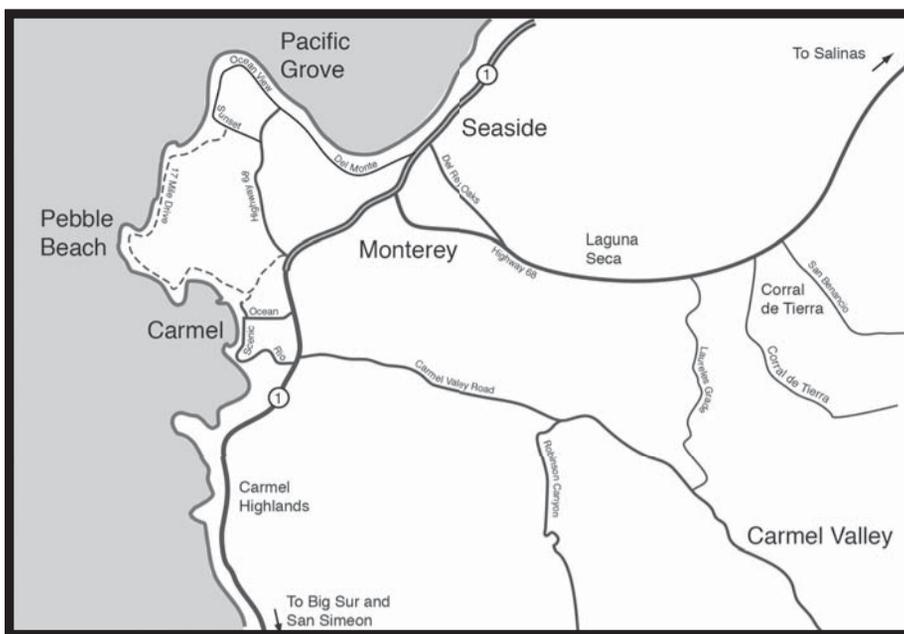
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25315 Flanders Dr Coldwell Banker Realty		
<b>\$1,699,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
26140 S Carmel Hills Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE		
<b>\$1,995,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2</b>
24690 Cabrillo Street Compass		
<b>\$2,295,000</b>	<b>3bd 4ba</b>	<b>Fri 12-3</b>
26195 Mesa Drive Carmel Realty Company		
<b>\$2,350,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 11-2 Su 12-3</b>
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<b>\$2,700,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Fr Sa 12-2</b>
24723 Handley Drive Compass		
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2700 Red Wolf Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE		
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24681 Guadalupe Street, Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE		
<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-4</b>
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<b>\$3,200,000</b>	<b>4bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4</b>
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12 Avenue 2NE of Monte Verde Sotheby's Int'l RE		

<b>\$4,800,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-5</b>
San Antonio 2SE of 10th Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		

<b>\$4,975,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 11-4</b>
2579 14th Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		

<b>\$4,995,000</b>	<b>5bd 4.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-3</b>
24876 Pescadero Rd Coldwell Banker Realty		
<b>\$5,995,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-3</b>
San Antonio 3 NW of 11th Carmel Realty Company		
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NE Corner Camino Real & 8th Coldwell Banker Realty		

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11523 Hidden Hills Road Sotheby's Int'l RE		
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13350 Middle Canyon Road Carmel Realty Company		
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12288 Saddle Road Sotheby's Int'l RE		
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100 Via Milpitas Sotheby's Int'l RE		

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1109 Golden Oaks Lane Sotheby's Int'l RE		
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218 4th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		

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1041 San Carlos Road Carmel Realty Company		
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1445 Riata Rd Coldwell Banker Realty		

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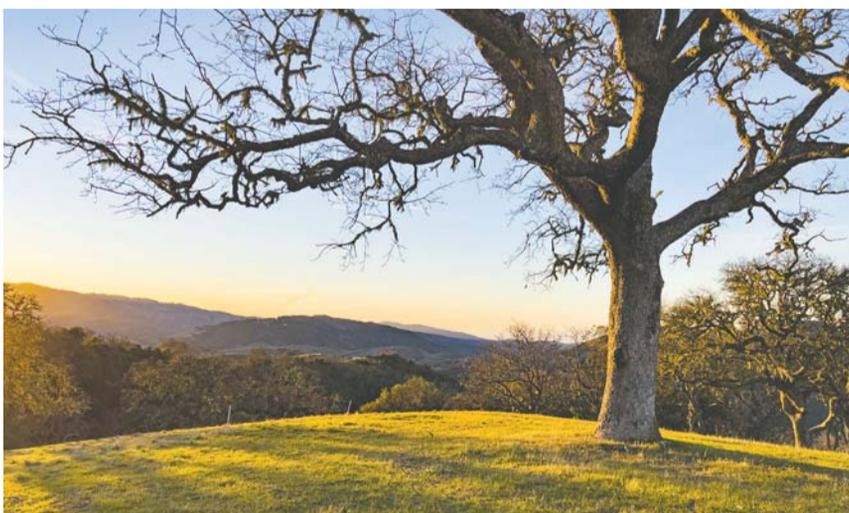
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#### 9814 Club Place Lane — \$1,725,000

Ronald and Deborah Blue to Clay Laucella  
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Alan Moon to Emily Kang  
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#### 301 Park Circle — \$750,000

Kenneth Monfore to Pasqualino and Maria Carriglio  
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#### 19011 Schofield Lane — \$800,000

Rachael Graff to Nathan Garvey  
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Alejandra Hernandez to Frank Ducker  
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# SHERIFF

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W&I [danger to herself or others], and no crimes occurred.

**Pacific Grove:** At about 1745 hours, officer was dispatched to a possible violation of a civil order on Ransford Avenue. Investigation is ongoing.

**Pacific Grove:** Female reported losing her medication at a store on Forest Avenue. Officer was later informed that the medication was found near where it was lost.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of public urination/defecation on Forest Lodge Road.

**Pacific Grove:** A cell phone was found at Sunset Drive and Congress Avenue. The owner was contacted, and the property was released to them.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 23

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle repossession at Junipero and Fourth. The 28-year-old female owner of a 2012 Dodge Journey stopped for speeding and expired registration was booked into Monterey County Jail on a felony warrant out of Arizona for possession of a stolen vehicle March 16. The Dodge was

stored by Carmel Towing, and the lienholder repossessed the vehicle. The female was the registered owner and has been extradited back to Yuma County.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Cell phone found at San Antonio and 10th was turned in to police department. Owner was later contacted and picked it up.

**Pacific Grove:** Fall on public property on Lighthouse Avenue.

**Carmel area:** Report of students, two 15-year-old males, fighting on school grounds at Carmel High School.

**Carmel area:** A couple were contacted regarding a verbal argument that occurred at a residence on Highlands Drive.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 24

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Real estate sign missing/taken from Junipero and Alta.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Residential structure fire at San Carlos and Second. No injuries, and no criminal activity is believed to have played a role in this incident. Home is believed to be destroyed after initial assessments.

**Pacific Grove:** Tree branch landed on the roof of a home on Asilomar Avenue. No injuries. Information only.

**Pacific Grove:** A cell phone was found in the area and turned in to the police department. Owner's contact information is unknown.

**Carmel area:** Attempted entry into a single-family residence on Aspen Place was discovered.

**Carmel area:** A 57-year-old male was arrested at the Crossroads for assaulting a female and being drunk in public.

**Pebble Beach:** Report of alleged financial exploitation at a residence on Del Ciervo Road.

**Carmel Valley:** A 70-year-old female was arrested for DUI on Carmel Valley Road.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 25

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Felony warrant arrest at San Carlos and Fifth at 0919 hours. The 59-year-old male Monterey resident was booked into Monterey County Jail on a felony warrant out of Kern County for violation of post-release conditional supervision. Bail was set at \$7,500.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 44-year-old male was cited at Highway 1 and Ocean for possession of controlled substances.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** City-owned tree fell onto residential property at Mission and Ninth, resulting in moderate damage. Information only, forwarded to forestry for review.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Threats made at Lincoln and Seventh.

**Pacific Grove:** Fall on public property at Fountain and Gibson.

**Pebble Beach:** Victim on Cypress Drive was assaulted by multiple subjects but did not desire prosecution. After the altercation, a male subject took his work keys from his golf cart and left the area with them.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 60-year-old male was arrested for vandalism to a public building at Lincoln and Ocean. He was cited and released.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Roadway signs at Junipero and 13th were defaced with spray paint.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a fall on public property on Lighthouse Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle towed from the public roadway on Cypress Avenue for having expired registration more than six months.



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## GERVASE

From page 8RE

inside you for three days and nights until you own it. It is feeling the dross of self-recrimination and melting it in a crucible of unworthiness until you are shriveled and ready to surrender to the glory that is Easter Sunday. Try to induce audiences into a movie theater with that story for a \$12 ticket and \$8 box of popcorn. No way. Not when you can take your kids to see "John Wick," a brutally violent, frequently bloody movie with a body count higher than the Civil War. Brutality and violence are depicted in a stylized, semi-glamorized manner. Mommy, pass the popcorn while I reload my Glock.

I like that Easter is not generally embraced and

secularized the way Christmas is. Yes, I know believers are charged to spread the good news of this incredible story. But on Easter we are reminded that we've been invited to a royal banquet and all we have to do is accept the invitation. We can't buy our way in. We don't have to go through an initiation period or a vetting process. All we have to do is believe and take our place at the table. Someone else picked up the tab.

Now to continue the subject of newspaper writing: There is a traditional ending to newspaper copy that dates back to the Civil War, when news dispatches were 30 words long. The reporter simply scribbled "30" at the end of his article. That signoff may be too cryptic today. It is more appropriate to end an Easter column with: It is finished.

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## She couldn't wait to leave, but now she's back and building a future

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

**THE ELDEST** of three daughters, Jennifer Scudder grew up in Prunedale, chopping wood, grooming and riding horses, wandering among gnarled oaks, learning a little bit about her father's namesake roofing business, and counting the days till she could get out of her small town and head off to college in the city. She went to Cal State Long Beach, majored in business with an emphasis on marketing, and ended up counting the days until she could return to the small town she knew and loved.

"I'm a country girl, not a city girl," Scudder said. "You don't realize something like this until you get out. I was homesick in that huge city, but my dad was adamant that I stick it out. After graduation, I asked if he'd be interested in bringing me on board to do his marketing."

Pete Scudder, who established Scudder Roofing in 1982, required his daughter to prepare a quality resume and undergo a formal interview with the company before he hired her and gave her the reins to his marketing

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*'I'm a country girl,  
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Jennifer Scudder (center) outside the company office with, as she said, "some of the fantastic women" she works alongside.

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

## In case you were wondering what to do with your art history degree

By ELAINE HESSER

**SOME REAL** estate agents around here make it look easy. You just find a seller with a house worth a couple of mil, point out the spectacular views to a bunch of people with money to burn and then watch them fight over it. Afterward, you walk away with a nice commission and spend the next few months chillaxing by a pool, right?

In reality, watching the folks who have made a good living in the business is like observing the ducks at Monterey's Lake El Estero. They appear to glide effortlessly across the water's surface, but underneath, those little webbed feet are paddling like crazy.

### 'She'll be OK'

Dana Bambace of Compass Realty seemed perfectly relaxed as we spoke at Carmel Belle a couple weeks ago. She smiled, joked and acted like our interview was the most important thing she had to do all day. Some internal timer, though, ticked away so accurately that when she finally glanced at her phone, it was almost precisely time for her to get back to the office and the next client.

At almost 50, Bambace has carved out a solid portion of the local market — but of course, she wasn't born selling real estate.

Bambace said she doesn't really remember White Plains, N.Y., where she was born the youngest of her parents' three girls. Her mom was a secretary for IBM, and her stepfather was tech celebrity Alan Shugart, credited with leading the team that invented the floppy disk.

By third grade, Bambace was attending Carmel Woods elementary school on Dolores Street (now the Stevenson lower

school). She was a bright student, but struggled with dyslexia. "My teachers kept saying, 'she's smart, she'll be OK,'" she recalled. Then, shaking her head and smiling, she said, "That didn't really work."

When the Carmel Woods school closed, her family purchased the site and reopened it as the private Briarcliff Academy. "My mother — a very strong woman — had a cousin on the East Coast who owned schools," explained Bambace, so the idea didn't come completely out of the blue.

Her parents hired a teacher who specialized in learning disabilities for their new academy and Bambace found academic success. Her parents later donated Briarcliff to Stevenson, where Bambace earned her high school diploma.

### Tom Hanks

She wanted to become a business executive — even before she understood what that meant — and majored in art history at Southern Methodist University in Texas. "We had a lot of artists in my family," she said. "I thought I could curate collections."

She worked for Los Angeles auction house Butterfield and Butterfield, but that didn't last long.

"I was 21 and I didn't have the patience for it," she said. Instead, she took a job as a secretary in the production office of the movie studio where Tom Hanks was directing and acting in his coming-of-age film, "That Thing You Do."

Hanks hired her as his second assistant, or "the assistant to his assistant," she laughed. From there, she went into public relations at a firm that specialized



Dana Bambace had a lively career in entertainment before returning home to sell real estate.

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

## They got in on the ground floor, and the second floor, and the third

By ELAINE HESSER

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Baker is the sales manager and design consultant at Carpets & Floors, Inc. in Monterey, while Pryer owns Pacific Grove's Grand Avenue Flooring & Interiors, which she laughingly points out has been around longer than she has.

Both come from designing families. Baker's father was an interior designer

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# Helping kids get over academic hurdles is her specialty

By RILEY PALSHAW

**FORMER ELEMENTARY** school teacher, loving mother of three, and founder of local tutoring service Carmel Academics, Rachel Irvine Schmidt has provided students throughout Monterey County with academic assistance for more than 20 years, fulfilling her lifelong passion for working in education.

Carmel Academics (previously known as Bright Horizons Academic Assistance), has primarily served local elementary, middle and high school students since Schmidt started the business in 2005, but it has the resources to teach students all the way to graduate school. With four tutors on staff, this academic service helps with all classroom subjects and test preparation, including everything from physics and the humanities, to the SAT and Advanced Placement testing.

“My favorite part of the job is watching kids learn and have that ‘Aha!’ moment,” Schmidt said. “I love watching their minds work and try to figure things out. I find that really gratifying.”

When this businesswoman isn’t occupied with her own group of students, she’s scheduling in-person and online appointments, planning lessons with the other tutors, and following up with the 80 families that rely on Carmel Academics for making academic progress.

“I always wanted to go into business for myself,” said Schmidt, “but didn’t know what I’d do. Well, of course, it came to be around education.”

**Childhood dream**

Although Carmel Academics has had a successful run thus far, its beginning wasn’t quite so illustrious.

*‘My favorite part of the job is watching kids learn and have that ‘Aha!’ moment’*

After growing up in Humboldt County, Schmidt couldn’t wait to attend Dominican University of California in San Rafael, where she graduated with a double major in liberal studies and Spanish. Following her childhood dream of becoming an elementary teacher, Schmidt went to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to obtain her bilingual teaching credential, referred to then as a Bilingual, Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development credential.

Because she had a bilingual teaching degree, she got job offers without even having to go through the application process, so she and her husband, Carmel High School English teacher Hans Schmidt, chose to make the move to the Monterey Peninsula and settle down.

From 1996 to 2002, Schmidt taught a bilingual third-grade class at Echo Valley

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PHOTO/RILEY PALSHAW

Although she never planned to go into business, Rachel Irvine Schmidt’s strong passion for education led her into tutoring.



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## Women who are serious homemakers

By ELAINE HESSER

**PARTICIPATION BY** women in construction trades has remained steady for nearly 20 years, hovering about 10 percent nationally, according to the federal government.

Around here, you might think the percentage of women in these occupations would be higher, but that's not the case. Using the California Employment Development Department's numbers from 2014 to 2018, Monterey County had no female first-line construction supervisors, stonemasons, cement masons, drywall installers, electricians, insulation workers, plasterers, roofers, sheet metal workers, flooring installers or roofers.

That doesn't mean there are no women in the business, of course. For one thing, managers and owners, like those profiled in this section, aren't counted among those statistics, and there are inroads among carpenters (5.1 percent), equipment operators (6.3 percent), laborers (3.2 percent), sheet metal workers (8.2 percent), and perhaps because it's a newer occupation, women make up 30 percent of solar panel installers.

### Role models

The numbers, of course, are only that — numbers. They don't provide any insights into why women are so sparse in those jobs, although depending on who you ask, there are all sorts of theories. Many trade magazines have articles about women who've experienced discrimination or harassment, but most theories have to do with the fact that the lack of women in the field means it's hard for girls to find role models.

Most construction jobs don't require a college education (which means no student loan debt) and pay pretty well. And, as the women profiled in this section prove, there's definitely a path to management — even to owning your own business. Many have said they'd like to be role models for other women interested in construction. They've certainly been generous in sharing their stories, as have local women we've profiled who own contracting businesses and are partners in building companies.

In short, there's plenty of room — walls, ceilings, floors and everything in between — for women in the business.



Nationally, about 10 percent of construction workers are female, but that ratio is smaller locally.

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in San Francisco and Monterey, and her mother was in real estate. Pryer's mother was a housepainter and her father was in paving and grading.

Baker said that she's been doing interior design since she was in her 20s. "My mom remodeled homes. I remember going to market with her as an 8-year-old and being in showrooms," she said. For the first 20 years of her career, she worked in the San Francisco Design Center, a sort of shopping mall for interior design. Sixteen years ago, Baker got into flooring and never left. She is clearly at home in the showroom

on Lighthouse Avenue, where she's happy to bring her big-city experience to the high-end customers she serves.

"I want to make this the closest thing to a design center I can, so they don't have to go to San Francisco," she explained. Specs, features, advantages and disadvantages of all sorts of floor coverings have been committed to memory, which is obvious as she walks through Carpets & Floors, easily discussing a dizzying array of options.

**Hard lessons**

Pryer's story is more circuitous. When she and her little brother were young, their parents died and the kids left their home

in Florida to be raised by their "hardworking and strict" grandparents in Palau, in the western Pacific Ocean. "It helped me grow into who I am and made me independent," she asserted. It also made her industrious and persistent, as well as ingenious when it comes to solving problems.

After she graduated from high school at 17, Pryer and her brother moved to California, where she had some family. She found her footing, but not until she'd had a few false starts, including two weeks of living on the streets and in a church.

"I've moved so much, I've become a

*'I've become a pro packer and mover.'*

**CARPETS** *cont. on page 24W*



Sara Pryer of Grand Avenue Flooring in Pacific Grove held a grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting in 2022 to celebrate her purchase of the business, which has been around since 1979.



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With a background in sales & marketing, as well as years of experience as an executive recruiter, Melanie Scherer uses her dynamic skill set & fundraising expertise to run one of Monterey County's most cherished nonprofits: SNIP Bus (Spay Neuter Imperative Project). As an animal warrior & advocate for underserved communities, Melanie implements the fundamentals of local outreach & philanthropic enterprise.

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**ROOFING** *cont. from page 1W*

department. She prevailed.

"I like business," she said. "I like thinking strategically about what the company is doing and their intentions, and coming up with ideas for companies to come out on top and crush the competition. It's what got me interested in marketing."

Back then, Scudder Roofing was still a mom-and-pop shop. Karen Scudder was running the business out of their home, while her husband, Pete, was "boots on the roof."

"The company didn't yet have a website," said Jennifer Scudder. "I rolled up my sleeves and, learning as I went, dug in. I went to a marketing firm in Salinas to get to know

the dynamics of this community, who we were trying to target and the image we needed to present."

As the story goes, members of the board of directors, aware of Scudder's contributions, asked why she was in an ancillary position when she should be working directly with roofing projects, an essential area of the business no one was spearheading and driving.

"Two years after I had joined the company, I had developed the showroom, created a marketing plan and gotten the website up and running," she said. "Now, with a day and a half of training, I was running production — assessing the project, assigning the crew, and managing their

**SCUDDER** *cont. on page 20W*

*'I rolled up my sleeves and, learning as I went, dug in'*



(Left) Jennifer Scudder with her husband, Javier Heredia, a senior sales associate at Scudder roofing, and their daughter, Addie. (Right) Scudder's extended "family" at company HQ.

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in entertainment. She described being around glamorous celebrities functions as “a little addicting, but you’re still going home to your little apartment” afterward.

Meanwhile, her mother, Rita, had opened R.K. Shugart

next door to where Sushi Heaven is located on Dolores Street. The high-end clothing shop occupied the first floor, and Alan Shugart had a remote office — still quite a novelty — on the second floor.

The store succeeded, and Bambace collaborated with her mom to open and run three stores in Los Angeles

— two for women’s wear and one for kids’ clothing. Along the way, she moved into, remodeled and sold a couple of houses, learning to apply her eye for design to living spaces as well as clothing.

#### Practicing diligence

A career in real estate began calling her name. She said she wanted to come home, and to make some money. After obtaining her license in 2006, she went to work for Coldwell Banker.

It was a little like selling clothing, she said. “You marry what people seem to need to the house. I listen to the person and use my background in aesthetics and art history. I understand renovation.”

But, like anyone entering the field, she had to have some patience. “It’s not immediate. It takes time,” she said. “I didn’t know at all what I was doing at first and only made one deal during my first year. It picked up, and then the market crashed.”

“I learned so much,” she said of that difficult period. “It taught me to persevere.”

She stayed at Coldwell Banker for several years, then moved to Carmel Realty. In 2018, Compass invited her to become a founding agent for the firm in Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pebble Beach, which she did with her brother-in-law, Mark Peterson. The Bambace Peterson team has become highly successful.

“The business gives back to you if you stay,” she

**BAMBACE** cont. on page 18W

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Carole Strauch Heinrich was raised in Memphis, TN, in a large family with four siblings before she attended the University of Oklahoma. At the university she met her future husband Ben Heinrich and they later moved to Carmel with their son Grant in 1976. Here she worked as a stockbroker and subsequently as a mortgage Broker and in 1987 she achieved the designation Certified Financial Planner®, the highest designation among financial planners and built an extensive clientele with her easy-going manner and professional attitude. In 1990 Carole started her career as a licensed Realtor and together with her husband built a successful Real Estate business. Her team is consistently in the top 1% of Coldwell Banker Northern California Agents. Ben and Carole enjoy living in Carmel Valley with their rescue dog Puddin’, the Heinrich Team mascot.

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**TUTOR** cont. from page 6W

Elementary School in North Monterey County Unified School District, but when she had her first daughter, she decided to leave teaching and be a full-time mom. Soon, however, this busy bee had ants in her pants. Since she'd always fallen back to the world of education, Schmidt started taking classes at the Monterey County Office of Education to obtain her master's in education administration, which she completed through San Jose State University.

**Surprising herself**

Not long after, when that itch to work with children resurfaced, she began offering private tutoring sessions. That was in 2003.

"I was shocked that I wanted to do something outside of the home," said Schmidt. "I had always wanted to be a stay-at-home mom and I was very fulfilled by being one, but I also had this desire to do something else."

*'I was very fulfilled by being a mom, but I also had this desire to do something else.'*

Determined to find a way into education while also balancing motherhood, Schmidt called around to all the local schools, pinning up flyers that read "Mrs. Schmidt's Tutoring Services." Soon, she had a circuit of clients stretching from Carmel to Salinas and Hollister, and when kids came home from school, Schmidt would meet them at their homes to assist them in reading, writing and math.

"It was challenging to get started and make a name for myself because people didn't know me from a hole in the ground," the local business owner said. "There's a lot of people who tutor and a lot of people who think they can tutor, and there's quite a few individuals and companies

who do it, so for me to break into it, the only thing I had going for me was my desire to do it."

When clients started asking Schmidt for assistance in other subjects she didn't know well, the entrepreneur began hiring juniors and seniors from California State University Monterey Bay. They would set up shop with students at local libraries or other suitable spots nearby. And when parents started requesting an office space to send their children to, Schmidt strayed from the mobile method and established a location on Lincoln Street,

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A British native of Indian heritage, Sarda discovered cooking at the age of 12 in a home economics class. On moving to the United States in 1985, she started at the ground floor of the restaurant world, learning the ins and outs of fine food creation from every angle. Along the way she honed her skills from server in restaurants and banquets, to assist the executive chef at Pebble Beach Resorts. Most recently, she taught front of house restaurant and customer service skills at Rancho Cielo's Drummond Culinary Academy.

Sarda is the first graduate of both the Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Programs at Monterey Peninsula College. For Sarda, food is not a profession; it is home and where she shines.

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said, but it's no place for dilettantes. "You have to treat it like a real job, run it like a business and nurture your relationships.

I love negotiating and strategizing — it's so much fun." Now, she said, she gets more than half of her business by word

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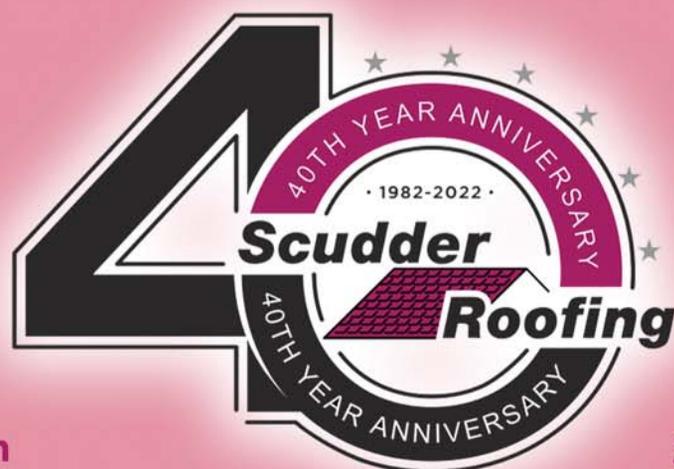
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work. I spent many late nights and early mornings getting up to speed and getting to work at 4 a.m. to earn the trust of the crew.”

Driven by a desire to understand what they were up against and to communicate with insight and respect, Scudder decided to go out every day for a week and help out with roofing jobs. She also learned to speak Spanish. “Leaders who work shoulder to shoulder with their

crew become better managers,” she said. “I didn’t want the reputation of being the boss’s daughter with a silver spoon. I wanted to earn my stripes, earn their respect. My dad came from that work, as did my husband, Javier Heredia, who is now a senior sales consultant.”

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Although Jennifer Scudder has been with the company for more than 20 years, as the boss’ daughter, she has been connected to the company her entire life. On the job, she calls her father Pete. After hours, he resumes the role of Dad.

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Today, the mother of three serves as the firm’s chief operations officer, not only managing day-to-day operations, but focusing on employee support and customer satisfaction.

“We’ve grown from a mom-and-pop shop to a large, thriving company. My dad is still the president and visionary of the company,” she said.

“He calls me the integrator. He is always thinking ahead of where we are, while I’m in the present pulling it all together.”

Like when her father said, “What if we did solar? We’re



Jennifer Scudder (right) with Aubrie Salde from C4 Consulting at the 30th annual Comics for Kids Auction.

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of mouth. “I get a lot of network referrals through Compass,” she added.

When the pandemic began, Bambace applied the perseverance she learned

during the crash. Although it was difficult, she said, “My brother-in-law and I saw that this would be a good place for people fleeing the city,” she said. They began to talk with clients about “sheltering in style” in Carmel and Pebble Beach.

Her knowledge of the area has served her well. She said that she focused hard on the markets she knew well and didn’t put up with old school attitudes that said, “You’re young,” or “You’re a girl.”

Bambace is married, with an 11-year-old

son and 13-year-old daughter. “Almost 14,” she quickly amended. She also enjoys travel and spent her 40th birthday in Myanmar. But, as she learned amid the glitz and glamor of Los Angeles, it’s always nice to come home.



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in California and want to go green.”

Today, she said, Scudder’s solar installation is almost as big as their roofing part of the business.

“Jennifer is really on top of running the business,” said Pete Scudder. “She has become a great leader. People respect her. She has turned our core values — customer

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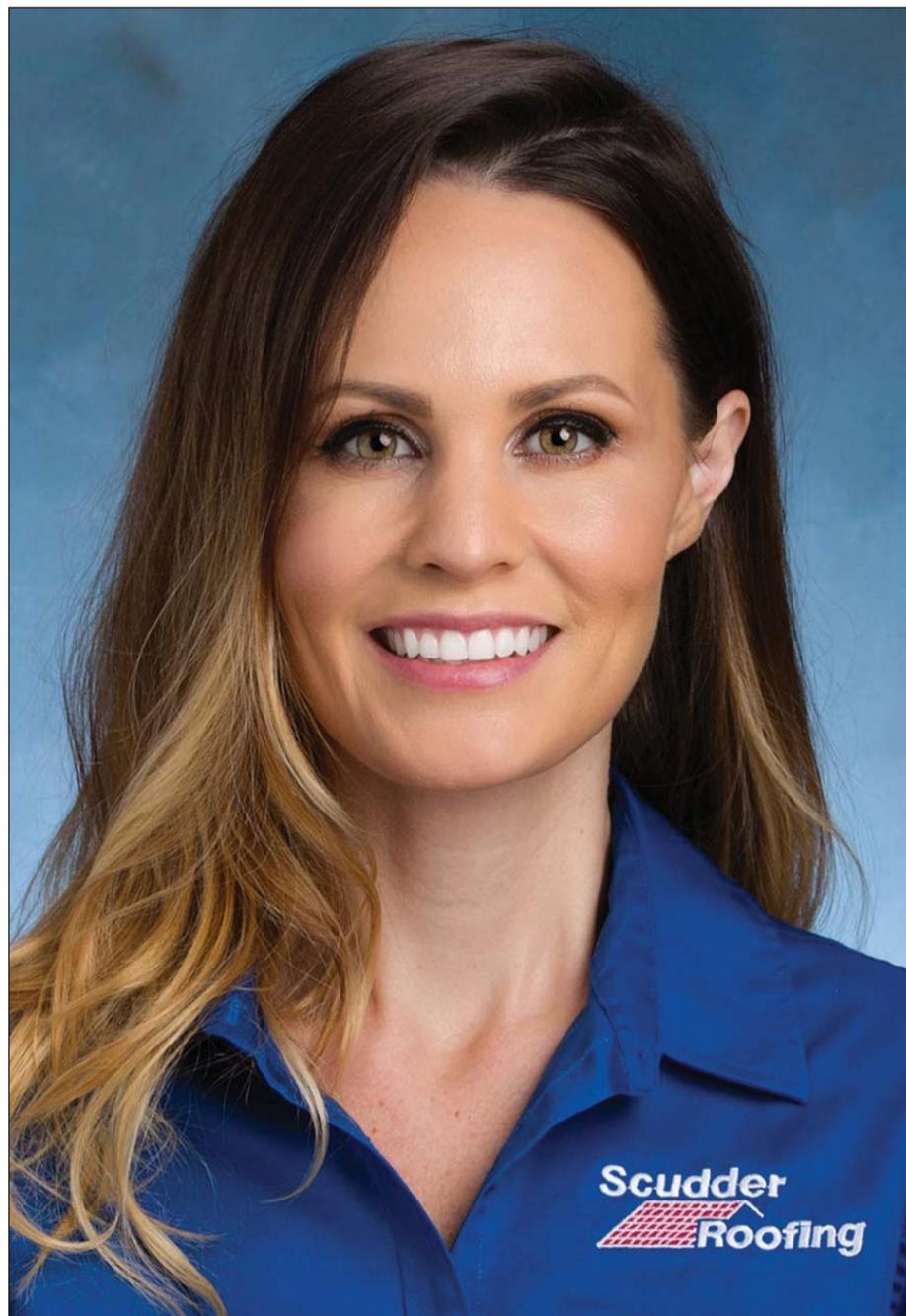
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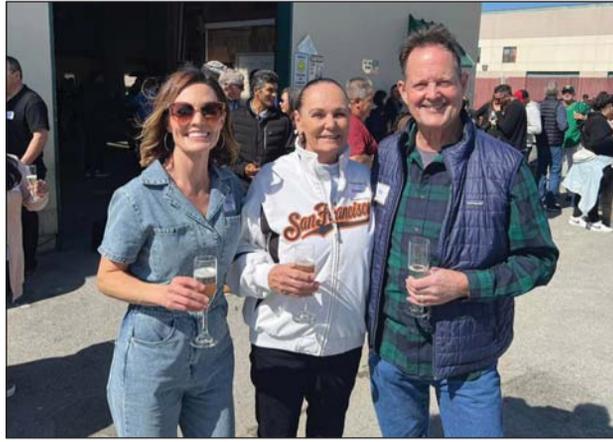
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“Pete’s been a guiding force but has allowed me the freedom to discover who I am as a leader. My favorite part of this job is being able to mentor others as he has done for me. And we’re super tech savvy now. I’m very proud of my dad.”



Jennifer Scudder enjoying time with her mother and father, Karen and Pete Scudder. (Right) Scudder Roofing’s office in Marina.



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pro mover and packer,” Pryer laughed.

Over the course of several years, she completed her degree in interior design at MPC while earning a living at a variety of jobs.

Among other things, she’s worked in hospitality at two major hotels, as well as in fireplace sales and insurance. She got her flooring and additional interior design training from Miller’s Carpet One and Anderson’s Monterey Bay Floors.

Pryer was hired at Grand Avenue in 2001. There, using bookkeeping experience gleaned from other jobs, she went through the books and began collecting on dozens of

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Grand Avenue Flooring installed this hardwood floor (above), stained the stairs to match, and even installed an elevator with similar woodwork that complemented the rest of the home.



Photo by Scott Campbell



## MAUREEN HONG, O.D.

Dr. Maureen Hong, O.D. was raised right here on the Monterey Peninsula. She is a graduate of UCLA and received her Doctor of Optometry degree with honors from the Southern California College of Optometry.

Dr. Hong is an established and highly skilled optometrist with 20 years of experience. Although she takes care of all eye conditions from children to adults, she has a special interest in contact lens fittings for corneal diseases such as keratoconus. She has recently fulfilled her professional dreams of opening her own practice. Utilizing the latest modern technology, she and her caring team strive to build her patients' trust one individual at a time.

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where she's been since 2009.

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As the business has progressed, Schmidt has begun hiring tutors from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies or the Naval Postgraduate School, adding to the levels of expertise her service can offer.



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Rachel Irvine Schmidt moved her tutoring business, Carmel Academics, to the southwest corner of Seventh and Lincoln in 2009.

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unpaid accounts. "I just started calling and invoicing and everyone paid," she recalled. She also scaled back on expenses and tightened up the books to make the business more profitable, which led to a promotion to general manager.

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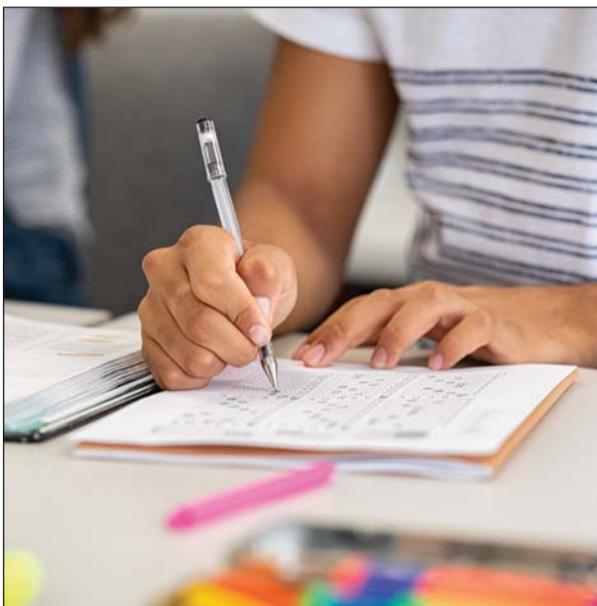
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academic support.

“Leaving teaching and a full-time career, it wasn’t like there were all these expectations for me to grow this business into what it is today,” said Schmidt. “This was never my expectation, and I didn’t have any financial expectations for myself because it was just me working and was only going to fulfill my professional desire. Whatever I made was icing on the cake.”

At the end of the day, this business owner is simply happy to help students learn and persevere through their academic struggles.

“I love it when kids feel confident,” she said. “It’s not just teaching for me. I love watching kids learn and feel like they finally can do it.”



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perseverance?" she said, clearly grateful for the opportunity.

### 'Very California'

The two women love what they do. "I get to see all these pretty houses," said Baker. "I like all aspects of home design. The flooring is the last thing to go in, but one of the first things to be picked out." In other words, it makes a statement that defines a room.

In addition to flooring — and window treatments — Pryer works with upholstery. "I'm doing something different every day. There's always something to learn."

Baker talked about some of the innovations she's seen in the past decade or two, as well as the fact that old standbys are still popular, and with good reason. Seagrass, for example, is durable, easy to clean and "very California." On the other hand, she noted, "luxury vinyl planks are replacing

the old laminates — they're much hardier." She also still loves the look and feel of classic wool carpeting, and gets a kick out of helping customers create bespoke area rugs from a wide assortment of yarns.

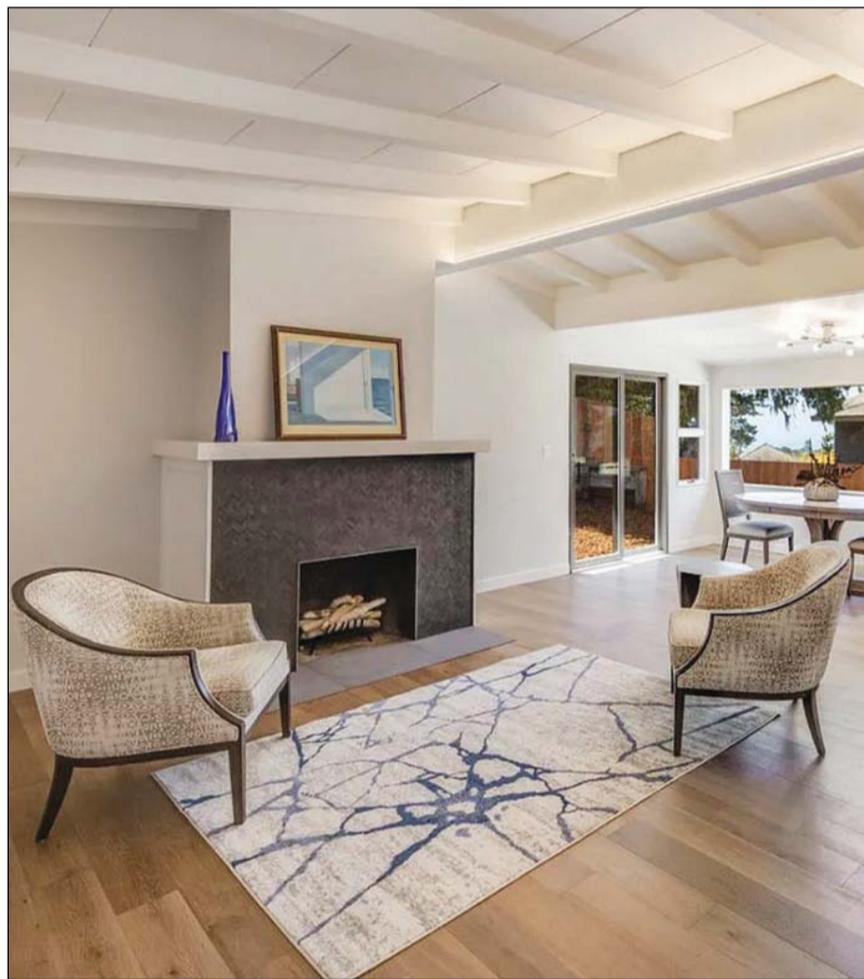
Which isn't to say that nylon and other synthetics don't have their place. Pryer was enthusiastic about some of the newer fibers' durability. She confided that she was surprised she was able to completely clean up what looked like a hopeless mess after her dog got sick on spicy Buffalo wings he dug out of the garbage. "A lot of these carpets are really good for pet owners," she said.

Both women enjoy providing great service and ensuring clients' satisfaction. "I love having someone come in here. It's overwhelming at first, because there's so much to look at, but then we come up with a solution," Baker said. She approaches everything with a good attitude.

"It's fun. Let's just have some fun," she tells customers. "Let's make it beautiful."



Flooring really can make a statement, even in small spaces, as do Grand Avenue Flooring's runner (left) with complementary wall paint, and a custom runner made by Carpets & Floors (right).



(Left) Grand Avenue Flooring upgraded the wood floors and carpets in this P.G. home, while some Pebble Beach furniture (right) got a new look with custom upholstery.

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