

STAINED GLASS REPAIR REVEALS LINK TO FAMOUS ARTIST

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHAT STARTED off as a simple project to repair a broken stained glass window at All Saints' Episcopal Church turned into the discovery that Dutch artist Willemina Ogterop had designed and built the window more than 70 years ago.

The repair work got its start when "late this summer, All Saints' discovered some panes of stained glass were broken in its cozy Grant Hall," reported Daniella Romano, a volunteer who helped with the project.

The church reached out to Alan Masaoka of Masaoka Glass Design in Carmel Valley, "who developed the plan to reproduce and replace the broken originals," according to Romano.

After going to considerable lengths to create glass that matched the broken pieces, Masaoka completed the repair. And that's when Romano began a search to learn who made the window.

Created in 1950

According to the church's records, it was done by a San Francisco firm, Cummings Stained Glass Studio, in 1950 the same year the church opened a new sanctuary at

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PHOTOS/COURTESY ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCI

Carmel Valley glass artist Alan Masaoka recently repaired the stained glass at All Saints' Episcopal Church, and along the way, he uncovered some interesting art history.



Poachers caught red-handed with rare abalone

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIVE PEOPLE were arrested in Big Sur Nov. 19 for poaching endangered black abalone (Haliotis cracherodii), which is protected by federal law,

according to Patrick Foy of California Fish and Wildlife.

Those arrested were caught illegally harvesting 62 abalone and an undetermined number of gooseneck barnacles near Soberanes Point just south of Carmel Highlands. The poachers, who were working after dark, were caught within Garrapata State Park about 10 p.m.

According to Foy, they are Yuqiang Yu, 24, of San Jose, Jian Jian Nian, 31, of San Jose, Licheng Lin, 28, of San Jose, Fei Fei Chen, 31, of

Fremont and Yusui Lin, 29, of Milpitas.

The rarity of wild abalone has driven up the price and

fueled a thriving black market. A local retailer sells a 3.5ounce portion of farmed abalone for \$34.99, which works out to \$160 per pound.

Foy noted that the Monterey County coastline is at the heart of the rare black abalone's habitat.

Many were saved

Fifty-one of the abalone seized from the poachers, along with the barnacles, were returned to their sea, while the others were expected to die and were retained as evidence.

When fish and wildlife officials showed up, the poachers tried to hide their illicit catch, which Foy said could result in additional charges. All five were released on \$3,500 bail each.

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In 2008, four men from San Mateo were fined a total

School intruder charged with threatening principal

By KELLY NIX and MARY SCHLEY

THE MAN who repeatedly walked onto two Pacific Grove school campuses and threatened to kill a principal earlier this month has a lengthy criminal record and mental health issues, according to Monterey County Superior Court records.

This week, in response to incidents in which 28-yearold Riley Elvin entered school buildings and trespassed on the campuses, the head of the P.G. Unified School District announced more safety provisions and directed teachers and staff to follow existing ones.

School officials said Elvin first walked onto the high

school campus Nov. 14 at about 10:25 a.m. and entered the middle school about 20 minutes later. He walked around upstairs while class was in session and reportedly told school staff he was there to inquire about his daughter, "Lucifer," but was advised the school had no one enrolled by that name. A vice principal eventually intercepted Elvin, but he returned to the high school campus that day at about 2:40 p.m.

While they hadn't called police after his earlier visits, officials immediately contacted the officer

Riley Elvin

assigned to P.G. schools, Andrea Hill, but Elvin couldn't be found.

Charges filed

A week later, he went to the P.G. High library and asked for an ID card. He was escorted off campus by principal Lito Garcia after allegedly threatening him and was subsequently arrested. PGPD Cmdr. Brian Anderson said officers intercepted Elvin as he was heading to the middle school.

On Monday, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office charged EIvin with two felonies for threatening Garcia and a misdemeanor for illegally entering school grounds.

According to the criminal complaint filed Nov. 27, Elvin "threatened to commit a crime which would result in death and great bodily injury to Lito Garcia, with the specific intent the statement be taken as a threat.'

Furthermore, "the threatened crime on its face and under the circumstances in which it was made was so

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wildlife showed up, they tried to hide their catch

When fish and

■ 'Hopefully, we never have to use it'

By CHRIS COUNTS

 $\operatorname{A}_{\operatorname{CTIVISTS}}$ FOR the Black Lives Matter and Defund The Police movements have decried the use of military-grade equipment by law enforcement agencies, but that didn't stop Monterey County supervisors Tuesday from unanimously approving the latest request from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office to employ technology that was made for the armed forces.

New state law

Approval by county supervisors of certain types of equipment purchases by law enforcement is a proviso of Assembly Bill 481, which was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom in September 2021. It requires the supervisors to OK use of military-style equipment by

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PHOTOS/MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors unanimously gave the sheriff's office approval Tuesday to acquire more equipment that was made for the military, including drones (left) and an armored Caterpillar multi-terrain loader (right).

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Jazzy was a beautiful dog with a tortured past. She was a cattle dog who was good at herding but better at biting - a nipping kind of thing inbred to keep cattle in line. But when the biting became more aggressive and the target was her person's husband, it didn't end well.

Ultimately, she let Jazzy go. Intent upon replacing the canine heart in her home, she learned of a "pitsky," a pitbull-husky, curled up in the cramped quarters of an apartment who needed room to roam.

"She's so adorable and looks so much like my cattle dog," her person said. "I knew I'd be calling her Jazzy by mistake, so I gave her the same name. It took us about a year to get to know each other. She's just a kick and a lot of fun, but she's got mostly husky traits, which make her very prey-driven and very aggressive

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By Lisa Crawford Watson



with other dogs. I'm working with her on that."

Jazzy, now 7, hasn't been to the beach. Trusting she wouldn't run away, her person would love to let her run free down that long stretch of sand framing Carmel Bay. Yet, she fears, were she to let Jazzy off leash, her traits would kick in, and she might go after another dog or a squirrel or a bird.

The Pacific Grove pitsky does well when exploring her neighboring Rip van Winkle dog park, where she seems most comfortable around people, particularly her person.

"Jazzy wants to be with her family all the time," her person said. "No matter where I am, she's right there at my feet. And, although I'd never wanted a dog on the furniture, she sleeps on the bed. This dog came to us with all her traits and behavior; what were we going to do? We just love her."





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Happy Landing Inn sells for \$11M

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Has been converted to private residence

By MARY SCHLEY

FIVE YEARS after deciding to embark on the remodel of their historic Monte Verde Street hotel to convert it into a home, Mark and Shari Lasher have sold the former Happy Landing Inn to an LLC for \$11 million, according to Monterey County property records. It had been listed by Carmel Realty Co. for \$13,750,000.

Built by M.J. Murphy in 1926 for two sisters, the complex sits on an 8,385-squarefoot lot and includes several stand-alone buildings surrounding an interior courtyard and garden. The home was converted to a boardinghouse and then a B&B that served guests for more than half a century.

The Lashers bought the Happy Landing from Diane Lewis in December 2013



PHOTO/COURTESY CARMEL REALTY CO

The former Happy Landing Inn was converted back into a residence by Mark and Shari Lasher, who sold it Nov. 21 for \$11 million

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for \$250,000, according to county records. They updated the rooms and operated it as an inn until late 2018, when the couple decided to turn it back into a home and live

Contractor Giles Healey headed the remodel, which was approved by the city in 2019 and took more than three years to complete. Its three structures cover 3,363 square feet and contain a combined five bedrooms, five-and-a-half bathrooms, two living rooms, a great room, an expansive kitchen and dining room. The property also contains a two-car garage, three-car driveway and an elevator.

Perfect Getaway

The Lashers, who own several other Carmel properties, are based in Sacramento, where they have a thriving automotive business started by his late father in 1955. Lasher Auto Group sold five of its dealerships to Canada-based Knight Auto-

motive Group a year ago, according to industry reports.

Little is known about the purchaser, The Perfect Getaway LLC, which is based in Reno, Nev., and managed by Sean Saunders. The company also bought the home the southeast at corner of Ocean and San Antonio in June 2021 for \$4,050,000, according to the Monterey County Assessor's Office

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Pacific Grove: Officers conducted an area check for a reckless vehicle. The vehicle was located on Forest Avenue and stopped for several vehicle code violations. The 63-year-old female was arrested for driving under the influence and was booked into Monterey County Jail on multiple charges. She was held on \$17,000 bail.

Pacific Grove: Report of a possible overdose on Sunset Drive. Subject transported to CHOMP by ambulance

Carmel area: Fairway Lane resident turned in a revolver for destruction at the Monterey substation.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Counter report taken for a non-injury accident at Mission and Ocean. Property damage only, with no information about other driver. **Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury vehicle vs. tree on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Mission and Fifth. Property damage only.

Pacific Grove: Officers conducted a traffic stop at David and Cypress. A 33-year-old female and a 34-year-old male were contacted and arrested for various narcotics-related charges and violation of probation.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on First Street marked as abandoned.

Pebble Beach: Resident on Venadero Road surrendered a firearm for destruction.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of trespassing on East Carmel Valley Road. A 61-year-old female was cited for an outstanding warrant and ordered not to return.

Pebble Beach: Stevenson Drive resident reported theft of a golf bag from a vehicle.

VETERANS DAY

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on the recreation trail.

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The gavel falls

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

Oct. 24 — Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey sentenced Clemente Magana Alanis, 37, a resident of Castroville, to 25 years in state prison for committing three counts of forcible lewd or lascivious acts on a minor under the age of 14. The sentence follows Alanis' previous plea to these charges on Sept. 20. These convictions constitute three violent felony strikes pursuant to California's three strikes law. Clemente will also have to register as a sexual offender for the rest of his life.

On Aug. 24, 2022, Monterey County Sheriff's Detectives were dispatched to a local middle school after a sexual assault was reported to a school counselor by a female student who was, at that time, under the age of 14. Detective Rosio Silva responded and worked with the school counselor to get the details of the sexual assaults and ongoing trauma the student, Jane Doe, was suffering at the hands of Alanis.

Doe detailed molestation going back to when she was 7 years old. During an interview with Alanis, he admitted to Silva that he had touched Doe, and he wrote Doe an apology letter. This prosecution was made possible because of the invaluable assistance of a school counselor who not only reported to law enforcement immediately, but who took the time to build rapport with and earn the trust of Doe, which allowed her to be comfortable fully disclosing what Alanis had done.

This case was investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's Detective Rosio Silva. The victim in this case was assisted by victim advocate program manager Alma Sanchez and Odie, a victims' services dog.

Oct. 24 — A Monterey County jury found Gustavo Morales, 32, a resident of Salinas, guilty of first-degree murder of Salinas Police Officer Jorge David Alvarado. The jury found that Morales murdered Alvarado to avoid arrest; he murdered a peace officer who was lawfully performing his duties; and he personally discharged a firearm resulting in the death of the officer. The jury also found Morales guilty of shooting at an occupied vehicle, assault on a peace officer with a semi-automatic firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm and unlawful carrying of a loaded firearm in a public place.

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DA: Man arrested for double homicide in bar opened fire in self-defense

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MAN who fatally shot two people and injured three others at a bar in Pajaro a little more than a week ago

is not being accused of murder, Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni announced Tuesday, because he fired in self-defense. But Sergio Carranza, who remained in Monterey County Jail this week, has been charged with a felony for unlawfully carrying a loaded firearm in public.

At 1:07 a.m. Nov. 21, officers from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, Watsonville Police Department and California Highway Patrol responded to the shooting at El Torero Bar at 540 Salinas Road and found

36-year-old Gerardo Herrera dead from a gunshot wound, and three injured women, all of whom were taken to Natividad Medical Center. One of them, a 36-year-old San Jose woman named Carolina Bejarano who worked at the bar, died at the hospital. A fifth person, a man, sustained a graze wound to the leg.

The shooter had left by the time officers arrived, but at 4:30 p.m. the same day, Monterey County Undersheriff Keith Boyd announced his department had identified Carranza as the suspect and released surveillance images, including one of him in the act of pointing his gun and one of him in his Chevy Silverado truck outside the bar. The sheriff's office requested help finding Carranza and warned he should be considered armed and dangerous.

Four-and-a-half hours later, Boyd reported Carranza had turned himself in to Watsonville P.D. shortly after 8 p.m. and was being held on two counts of homicide.

But investigators subsequently discovered Carranza had fired in self-defense, Pacioni explained Nov. 28. Herrera had walked into El Torero armed with a gun and shot at Carranza, who drew his own weapon and returned fire.

"Carranza shot and killed the assailant. All shots were fired within 3.5 seconds," Pacioni said in the statement. "A bullet mortally wounded a female employee, and three other persons were

struck by gunfire. The injuries to these three individuals were not life-threatening."

Under the legal doctrine of transferred intent, "if a person fires justifiably in self-defense and inadvertently injures or kills an innocent bystander, the law of self-defense applies, and the person does not commit a criminal act," she explained. "Under this law, the person who initiated the gunfire is responsible for all injuries or deaths that result."

However, Carranza was illegally carrying a loaded gun in public and was arraigned on that felony charge Tuesday.

"The investigation and review of the shooting continues, and the district attorney will have no further comment until that process is complete," she said.

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Big Sur's Camp Pico Blanco sells to leadership group for \$2.1M

By CHRIS COUNTS

A POPULAR summertime destination for youngsters in Big Sur for more than six decades, Camp Pico Blanco was sold by the Boy Scouts of America and the Scouts' Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council to a local youth program called the White Stag Leadership Development Academy for \$2.1 million, confirmed one of White Stag's board members, Steve Cardinalli. The deal closed escrow Nov. 3.

The acquisition includes "roughly" 365 acres, along with 20 buildings, including a dining hall and kitchen, an administrative office, a rangers residence, two lodges, a chapel, an archery range, a shooting range, a swimming hole, campgrounds and facilities, a campfire "bowl" with seating, a boathouse, and a network of hiking trails. The camp is located alongside the south fork of the Little Sur River and surrounded by towering redwoods.

The property is inaccessible to the public because the upper portion of the road that leads to it, Palo Colorado Road, has been closed since 2016 due to damage from the Soberanes Fire and the mudslides that followed it. But Cardinalli is hopeful the camp will be able to welcome youngsters again by summer 2025. "Hopefully the road gets repaired sooner than later," he said.

Besides being used for White Stag's leadership programs, the camp will continue to host Boy Scout troops as well as other groups "for generations to come." "We want to get it reopened so youth of all ages can use the facilities," Cardinalli told The Pine Cone.

Despite limited access, White Stag volunteers, including a group of Defense Language Institute students, have





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Surrounded by redwoods, Camp Pico Blanco has long offered an ideal summertime experience for youngsters.

been busy in recent weeks sprucing it up.

"The camp has been abandoned for seven years," he explained. "We're doing what we can to bring it back to life, such as painting and cleaning. We're doing what we can to maintain the buildings."

Fundraising continues

Cardinalli said White Stag raised \$1.4 million to buy the camp, and the sellers are carrying the balance of \$700,000. While many people made donations to raise the funds, he singled out three major donors — Granite Rock, the Ausonio family, and the Nancy Eccles and Homer M. Hayward Foundation — for their generosity. To raise the balance, the group currently has a fundraiser underway at whitestagmonterey.com. "We are asking for a little more help to get over the finish line," he said.

The property where the camp is located was donated to the Boy Scouts by William Randolph Hearst in 1948, and the camp opened in 1955. Three years later, the White Stag group was created to launch a youth leadership training program for local boy scouts. Cardinalli said the program was later adopted nationwide for the Boy Scouts. In 2002, White Stag splintered off to form its own group. Now, more than two decades later, White Stag has bought the camp where it was founded, "coming full circle," Cardinalli added.





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Mills Act, beach cleanup on agenda

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By MARY SCHLEY

The Carmel Pine Cone

TWO MILLS Act applications, which represent significant tax breaks for property owners in exchange for their commitment to restore, preserve and maintain their historic buildings, will be considered by the city council Dec. 5., including contracts for the Frank Lloyd Wright House on Scenic Road and the Agnes Shorting house on Third northwest of Junipero. Two other applications for Mills Act tax breaks — for the Cypress Inn at Lincoln and Seventh and the Cosmas House on Lopez northwest of Fourth — will be delayed to a future meeting, according to the council agenda released Wednesday.

The city council decided last month to take another look at the Mills Act policy especially its diversion of tax dollars from the city and local schools — but to process applications already in the pipeline. Frank Lloyd Wright House owner Patrice Pastor and the Michael Griffin and Kimberly S. Griffin Trust, owner of the Agnes Shorting house, will try their luck at the Dec. 5 meeting, while the other two will be delayed. The historic resources board has recommended the council approve all of them.

The forest and beach commission's proposed guidelines for cleaning up Carmel Beach, including the driftwood that some locals find objectionable, will also be up for discussion, as is a presentation on the "2023 Storm Drain Master Plan Update."

In addition, the council is set to consider a recommendation from the traffic safety committee, which comprises the police chief, the director of planning and building, and the public works director, to convert parking spaces in front of bus stops on Junipero north of Fourth and San Carlos northeast of 10th into no-parking zones.

The day before, the council will convene to vote on an ordinance stopping the acceptance of applications for Mills Act contracts. Because it's an "urgency ordinance," the ban would take effect immediately.

Lawsuit

Council members will then go into closed session to discuss the case filed against the city in U.S. District Court by Theresa Buccola, who was arrested for being on the beach unlawfully while it was shut down on order of the city administrator due to the Covid pandemic. While she got the charges dismissed, her lawsuit alleges numerous civil rights violations. (See story page 9A.)

For information on how to participate in the meetings, whether online or in person, and for full agenda packets, visit ci.carmel. ca.us. City hall is located on Monte Verde south of Ocean. Both meetings are set to begin at 4:30 p.m.



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Woman arrested during beach closure in long legal battle with city, county

By MARY SCHLEY

SINCE HER July 3, 2020, arrest for being on Carmel Beach when it was closed by city officials to discourage people from gathering during the pandemic, stainedglass artist Theresa Buccola successfully

fought the charges and got them dismissed in July.

But her fight against the city and Monterey County in federal court continues,. She filed a federal lawsuit claiming her rights had been violated, but before that case can proceed, she needs to file a complaint that complies with the law, a judge ruled this month. Buccola is representing herself. The city council is set to discuss the suit in closed session Dec. 4.

Arrests

"For three years, I lived under illegitimate warrants and three criminal charges that all stemmed from that

beach arrest," she said, including obstruction, possession of "a tear gas weapon," and entering a closed/disaster area.

At the time, police said Buccola had inquired if she would be arrested for going to the beach, was told she would be, and then went. She posted on social media as she was being taken into custody.

"I was willing to be arrested, I didn't go to get arrested," Buccola recently explained. "I was willing to endure humiliation, handcuffs and having strangers dig their hands into my pockets and rifle through my purse because I saw a theft of biblical proportions taking place and nobody else was doing a damned thing about it. 'Closing' Carmel Beach had nothing to do with 'keeping the people safe.'"

Representing herself in Monterey County Superior Court, Buccola managed to get the charges against her thrown out in July, she said. "That took months for me to study and figure out how to get that done,"



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rate incidents for being on the beach when it was closed in 2020. ling obstruc- she said. "I was told it's really hard to do

Theresa Buccola and a man, pictured here, were arrested in sepa-

that without an attorney, but I did it."

But her legal battles aren't over. "I am now suing the city, city administrator Chip Rerig and others for what they did to me and my community in stealing that which belongs to all of God's children," she said.

Buccola first filed suit in U.S. District Court on June 30, 2022, alleging multiple violations of her constitutional rights. Six months later, U.S. Magistrate Judge Nathanael Cousins granted the city's and county's motions for dismissal but allowed Buccola to file an amended complaint that

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Tree, menorah lightings to kick off holiday season

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH RAINSTORMS no longer in the forecast, Carmel city officials and the public can look forward to officially heralding the arrival of the holiday season Dec. 1 with the traditional Christmas tree and menorah lighting in Devendorf Park, visits with Santa Claus, and live performances, and the annual open house at Carmel Plaza that follows.

The city's festivities will begin in the park at Ocean and Junipero at 3:30 p.m. with the arrival of Santa Claus on a fire engine to tunes performed by the Naval Postgraduate School's Del Monte Brass band.

Singing, dreidel spinning and lots of gelt will accompany the lighting of the park's large menorah from 4 to 4:30 p.m., followed by an hour of caroling, dancing and other entertainment leading up to the moment Mayor Dave Potter flips the switch to light the large tree in the median. Realtor Ben Beesley will be the MC again this year, announcing performances by Carmel Dance Center, the

River School choir, Carmel High School chamber singers, I Cantori, Myles Williams and Debbie Davis.

The open house across the street at the Plaza will run from 5 to 7 p.m., with live music and entertainment, delectable treats, in-store promotions, and activities for the kids. Santa will pay a visit to the plaza, too, after his work is done in the park.

Sunset Center soiree

Later in the month, Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth will welcome community members to its holiday party Dec. 13 from 3 to 6 p.m.

The celebration's headliner will be a free livestream of "Jazz at Lincoln Center: Big Band Holidays" in the theater at 4 p.m. Accompanying the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, award-winning jazz vocalist Ashley Pezzotti will interpret classic holiday favorites like "Winter Wonderland," "The Christmas Song," "Deck the Halls," and "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel," as directed by Marcus Printup.

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Turkey Trot raises record funds for food bank

By MARY SCHLEY

THE 12-YEAR-OLD tradition of inviting locals and visitors to take as many laps as they like around the world-famous Laguna Seca Raceway — on foot, with dogs if desired — on Thanksgiving morning in exchange for donations to the Food Bank for Monterey County raised record funds this year, according to communications manager Alicia Busa.

On a clear and crisp Nov. 23, after a three-year hiatus caused by the pandemic and track construction, the Turkey Trot returned, with walkers arriving before the 7 a.m. opening time and continuing to show up throughout its four-hour duration. Participants contributed a total of \$10,185 in cash and two overflowing barrels of

nonperishable food. Their donations far surpassed the previous cash record of \$6,100, Busa said.

Food bank CEO and executive director Melissa Kendrick has said every donated dollar amounts to \$5 worth of distributed food, and that the nonprofit feeds one out of every four residents in Monterey County, making it "the largest and most comprehensive provider of emergency supplemental food in the community."

According to the organization's tax forms, the food bank brought in \$28,927,721 in revenues in 2021. Among its expenditures were \$13,974,497 on the emergency food assistance program, which distributes USDA food commodities at 62 sites throughout the county every week, serving 50,500 households per month

with a total of 24.8 million pounds of food annually, and \$9,250,122 on delivering 2.7 million pounds of food to a network of 104 local nonprofits serving the elderly, chronically ill, homeless, unemployed and working poor. The food bank also directly gives out food and fresh produce to families in a farmers-market-like setting at 10 sites.

Tired dogs

The previous year, during the height of the pandemic, the food bank brought in nearly \$25 million more in revenues — including \$33,120,370 in taxpayer-funded grants and contributions — and spent more than \$42 million on programs and food distribution.

WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca staff volunteered their time to host the

holiday event to ensure that 100 percent of the donations went to the food bank. Among them was director of heritage events and public relations Barry Toepke, who said he'd never seen so many people turn out for the Turkey Trot. In addition to locals, he said he chatted with visitors from Texas, Wisconsin, Michigan, Washington, Japan and Holland.

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"Plus, I've never seen so many happy, tired dogs after their laps around the track," he said, observing that they started out peppy and returned contentedly spent.

The Turkey Trot is part of WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca's community outreach program that includes Cars & Coffee — the next session will take place Dec. 2 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and will benefit CASA of Monterey — and Twilight Cycling, which will next be held Dec. 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. Find more information at weathertechraceway.com.

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With vote looming on new sewer system, some residents oppose it

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIFTY-SIX property owners in Carmel Highlands will weigh in Dec. 12 on whether they want to be part of a new assessment district and fund the construction of a sewer system. The homes are located along Corona Road, Corona Way and Spruce Way. Currently, all are on septic systems, some of which have failed or are failing.

According to the Carmel Area Wastewater District, if the majority of homeowners vote in favor of the Corona Road Area Sewer Extension Project, each property owner would be responsible for paying \$69,000 over a 30-year span, at an interest rate of about 4 percent. But if the sewer is approved, there is no opt-out for those who want to continue to rely on their septic tanks.

Two Carmel Highlands homeowners spoke out against the proposed sewer line Tuesday at the Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting, including Gwyn DeAmeral, who suggested that some "retired and fixed-income residents" will be subject to an "undue" financial burden.

"The potential assessment could force some of these individuals to reconsider whether they can continue to live in their homes as they are now faced with a loss of money and a sense of a loss of security," DeAmeral said. "They are prepared to repair or replace their systems when the time comes on their own terms."

'Don't want to invest'

Also commenting was Carmel Highlands homeowner Leila Banijamali. "Some have failing or failed septic systems, and they don't want to invest in repairing them because the cost is too high," Banijamali said after the hearing. "Other folks are perfectly happy with their septic systems and don't want to be on the sewer." Banijamali questioned whether CAWD can legally force homeowners to connect to the sewer system if they have a functioning septic system. She also suggested she could replace her existing septic system for just \$15,000.

"I would still have to pay \$69,000 even if I choose to not connect to the sewer," she asserted.

Banijamali said she's spoken to a number of her neighbors who have similar concerns, and that the topic "has divided" her community. She also believes the costs to homeowners will greatly exceed \$69,000.

'They came to us'

In response to the concerns of DeAmeral and Banijamali, general manager Barbara Buikema said CAWD was approached by residents who want to be on a sewer system. "They came to us," she explained.

Buikema confirmed that those who vote against the plan would still have to pay for it — even if they oppose it. She also said she was confident that the costs wouldn't exceed \$69,000, citing an engineering report, but conceded that homeowners would bear the costs of hooking up to the system, and maintaining infrastructure on their own properties.

The CAWD official observed that some septic systems in the neighborhood are failing.

"You can smell the sewage," she observed. "That's a bad sign."

Buikema noted that a petition was circulated among homeowners and indicates that 70 percent "exhibited interest" in a sewer system. But she said her agency is taking a hands-off approach regarding the vote. "We think public sewer is a good thing, but we're going to step back and let them decide," she added.

All ballots need to be turned in by Dec. 12, when the

CAWD board meets at 2 p.m. in its office at 3945 Rio Road. Buikema said homeowners can submit their ballots at the meeting.



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But you might also think about longer-term charitable giving strategies that offer tax advantages. One such possibility is a donor-advised fund, which allows you to make charitable contributions and receive an immediate tax deduction. And if you give appreciated assets, such as stocks, you might also avoid capital gains taxes.

Once you turn 73 and must start taking withdrawals from some of your retirement accounts, you could consider having some of this money go directly to charities through a qualified charitable distribution, which can be excluded from your taxable income.

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Are truck drivers using Junipero as a shortcut? City to investigate

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING UP on complaints from a few residents that commercial truck drivers are using the stretch of Junipero south of Ocean to enter and exit the city rather than follow the prescribed truck route on San Carlos Street south of Eighth Avenue, Carmel's traffic safety committee decided Wednesday to figure out just how much of a problem it is. Because while public works superintendent Rob Culver said police counted four box trucks on that route during a 30-day period, Junipero resident Rick Villafuerte said he regularly witnesses 30 to 40 truck trips a day there.

"Since I live there and work from home, I'm there quite a bit," he said, adding that he's observed semis, large delivery trucks, and industrial vehicles like those used by the Carmel Area Wastewater District entering and leaving town via Junipero. "So I see these trucks every day."

Villafuerte complained the trucks are "really noisy," and that they often hit trees and branches along the road, which is divided by grassy, tree-filled medians.

"It's disregard for the truck route," he said.

The committee typically consists of public works director Bob Harary, planning director Brandon Swanson and Police Chief Jeff Watkins, but Watkins was out sick this week, leaving the group without any input from law enforcement. "There's certainly a disconnect between what the police are telling me and what you're observing," Harary said, asking if Villafuerte has seen the same offenders repeatedly or has found the trucks to be "a mixed bag."

"If you're willing to keep a log, that would help us," he said. "The enforcement is hard, because we can't have an officer there every day."

See for themselves

Swanson suggested the city look at the signs to see if they can be improved and made more noticeable, in case the drivers aren't seeing them.

"I think a lot of the truck drivers have gotten away with it for so long that they just disregard it," Villafuerte responded.

Swanson also recommended the city undertake additional observation of the street to see how many drivers are behaving like scofflaws, and that police focus on enforcement there for a day or two.

"I don't feel comfortable asking one of our residents to volunteer their time — I don't think that's fair," he said. "I think we should spend the next three months doing some of our own analysis and also look at signage, and see if we can have a day or two of enhanced enforcement."

Harary agreed, and the committee decided to take up the issue again after collecting more data — ideally, with the police chief there.

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History, nature and diversity celebrated in new mural at Middlebury

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE works for more than two years, an ambitious and striking new mural was unveiled earlier this month in the center of campus at the Middlebury

Institute of International Studies in Monterey.

Located on the side of the institute's John and Theline McCone Building at 460 Pierce St., the mural was dedicated Nov. 8.

Titled "Advancing Peace Together," the 14-by-40-foot work was created by more than 50 volunteers, including a group of students from North Salinas High School. The volunteers also painted a colorful pedestrian path through the heart of the campus.

A team effort between the college and a local group, the Old Monterey Foundation, the mural was designed by artist Yermo Aranda of Watsonville, who elicited input from faculty, staff and students.

'Peace' in 27 languages

Against a backdrop of Monterey Bay, the mural showcases two historic campus buildings: the Segal building and the Lara Soto Adobe. The latter was built in the 1830s and later occupied by author John Steinbeck, who wrote the novella, "The Pearl," while he was living there.

The artwork also pays tribute to three late faculty members who "embodied the spirit of the mural," Edgard Coly, Tsuneo Akaha and Jan Knippers Black.

According to the school, the painting



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Ocean Ave. skincare shop embroiled in legal battle over profits

By MARY SCHLEY

W HILE OCEAN Avenue's skincare stores have been known to get in trouble for hawking their wares on the street and allegedly ripping off customers by giving them empty containers, swapping products or convincing shoppers to run up large charges and refusing to make refunds, one of them is involved in a courtroom battle over its profits.

According to a complaint filed Nov. 17 in Monterey County Superior Court, a Los Angeles-based company called 91 Enterprises LLC headed by Asher Elimelech is suing Ben Hamo, doing business as Omri Alpha Consulting Inc., for nearly half a million dollars for breach of contract at Body Frenzy, located on Ocean Avenue near Monte Verde Street.

The suit states that in March 2019, Hamo took over day-to-day management of the business through February 2021 in return for a quarter of the ownership interest, with a five-year option.

The agreement also granted Hamo 35 percent commissions on gross sales he generated at the downtown skincare store.

Not including his salary, Hamo earned \$178,522 in

commissions between March and October 2019, according to the complaint, but on Oct. 29, 2019, he abruptly ended the partnership. Elimelech's company tried to convince him to abide by the contract, according to the complaint, but he didn't.

"Plaintiff was damaged by an estimated \$487,434 in lost profits in approximately the first year following defendants' breach, due to the difficulty in finding qualified management to step in and run the store following defendants' abrupt departure, which severely damaged the store's sales, plus additional amounts according to proof thereafter," the complaint reads.





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Elvin was arraigned Monday and is being held in Monterey County Jail without bail.

Security measures

On Sunday, newly appointed Pacific Grove school superintendent Linda Adamson told staff and parents in two separate messages that because of the repeated trespassing incidents, P.G. police are increasing patrols at "all district schools, as staffing allows." She also said the school district would have "additional administrators present at the high school on Monday morning to provide added supervision."

Adamson directed teachers and administrators to review safety protocols, including keeping classroom doors closed with a device that can be locked quickly. "In the event a secure campus safety protocol is initiated, the door can be easily closed and locked in an instant," she told staff.

While the superintendent said windows can be open for ventilation, they should be shut and locked at the end of the day.

She also told staff to talk to students about the district's "big five safety protocols" during emergencies and to "consistently practice their situational awareness skills." She reminded employees to wear their district-issued IDs and to encourage students to contact a "trusted adult immediately" or call 911 if they ever feel unsafe.

The superintendent's messages followed the district's announcement last week that it would no longer keep the front door to P.G. Middle School unlocked and will secure it with electric locks and a camera linked to the main office. Other doors will also be locked.

Adamson said she and other district officials are seeking guidance from the police department, "including ways we can further secure our campuses, in particular the middle and high school campuses, which are more open in design and do not have barriers such as fencing as a part of their infrastructure."

In an email sent to district families Monday afternoon, school officials said they attended a briefing with police that morning. The email also provided a schedule for security improvements at the campuses, with the new locking mechanism at the middle school set for installation Dec. 1.

The district acknowledged learning later that Elvin had contacted a student during the Nov. 14 incident at the middle school, but did not provide any further information on the nature of the contact.

Battery, assault

According to county court records, Elvin has an extensive criminal history going back to 2015, with more than 40 cases ranging from trespassing and shoplifting at numerous Monterey drugstores and grocery stores, to vandalism, drug possession, battery and assault, and lewd behavior in public. He has repeatedly violated probation and spent time in jail. Most of the cases filed against him are misdemeanors, but Elvin has had a few felony charges, as well.

In January 2022, while incarcerated in the Monterey County Jail, he was charged with felonies after striking

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When deputies tried to remove the 5-foot-9-inch Elvin from his cell after the attack, court records state, he "threatened to kill them." He pleaded guilty to the two felonies and was sentenced to a year behind bars.

In 2019 alone, prosecutors charged Elvin in 15 separate criminal cases, records show, including assaulting a man at a liquor store.

In June 2020, he was arrested for "using force and violence" on another man. That same month, he was cited for indecent exposure and engaging in lewd conduct in a public place. The exposure charge was dismissed, and he pleaded guilty to being "engaged in lewd and dissolute conduct in a public place and in a place open to the public and exposed to public view."

Two months later, Elvin was charged with possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, and "trespassing and refusing to leave," though court documents do not indicate the location of the crime.

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Despite the dozens of criminal charges against Elvin — and the numerous times he violated the terms of his probation by reoffending — he was repeatedly offered plea deals and didn't serve long stints in jail. The Pine Cone couldn't find a record of Elvin having been sentenced to state prison.

Concerned parents

Court records also show that Elvin has a history of mental illness, and the Department of State Hospitals in late 2022 sought to renew a court order authorizing his "involuntary" treatment with antipsychotic medication after he was deemed incompetent to stand trial in a criminal case.

Meanwhile, concerned parents and teachers who feel the district has not been transparent enough about the trespassing incidents and should have called police the first two times Elvin wandered onto campuses are planning to address the school board at its Dec. 7 meeting. Some of them are calling for the high school to be fenced.

After Elvin was arrested at the middle school Nov. 21, Pacific Grove police initially refused to provide his name to The Pine Cone.



Among other safety improvements at Pacific Grove Middle School to prevent trespassing, the front doors will remain locked, with remote entry allowed after a visitor's identity is verified via camera.

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cated in December of that year, while its old building became Carmel City Hall. "The church archive contains a 1951 scrapbook with an article about the dedication," she reported.

When Romano began investigating the company, she was thrilled to discover that Ogterop was its principal designer. She was not only a master glass artist, but a pioneer among women in the field. But Romano needed more evidence to confirm the link between the artist and the church.

"The proximal association of Ogterop as principal designer for Cummings Studio during the period of All Saints' glass installation was tantalizing but, to claim this part of the church's history, had to be corroborated," she explained.

During her research, glass was cred Romano learned that the Corning Museum of Glass in New York had acquired the archives of the Cummings Stained Glass Studio.

Finding proof

Through the museum, she located "a complete itemization of the All Saints' stained glass installation, as found in the meticulous records of Ogterop's own safe-keeping, and lovingly compiled into a

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catalog by her daughter shortly after her death."

A native of the Netherlands and perhaps the first woman glazier to work west of the Mississippi River, Ogterop oversaw the installation of more than 500 stained glass



PHOTO/COURTESY ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

All Saints Episcopal Church was recently confirmed that its stained glass was created by a Dutch artist Willemina Ogterop.

DAVID LYNG

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windows. The artist also created hundreds of oil and water color paintings, ink, pencil and chalk drawings and woodcarvings. She died in 1974.

Romano said the broken window at the church turned out to be a blessing. "Were it not for the broken stained glass and the quest for replacement panels, All Saints' would not have been led to a discovery of its architectural history," she added.



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"I have personally worked with David off and on over the past 20 years and have found him to be diligent, focused and very conscientious in all areas of the work he takes on in France, Hawaii, Montecito and now in Carmel." Michael Trudrung

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From the human nervous system to a village's heart and soul

BEING POLITICALLY active in a small town and taking stands on hot-button issues dear to the hearts of its inhabitants by speaking up at city council and commission meetings, writing letters to the editor, joining and founding organizations that look toward the village's future as well as sustaining its rich cultural, historical and architectural

Great Lives

By CARLIN JARDINE

heritage, has a way of getting a person known — especially in Carmel. However, simply being identified with a given set of issues doesn't tell the story of who a person is or what brought them to their point of view. Knowing something of how they've lived their life, does.

Preservation activist Karyl Hall was born in Oakland, but her family soon moved to the Monterey Peninsula. She attended Santa Clara University and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology, followed by a doctorate in education. She worked initially with schizophrenic patients in a UCSF satellite program, then taught evening courses in psychology at Ohlone College in Fremont and West Valley College in Saratoga. Her days were spent at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose as director of research for traumatic brain injury.

Hall had considerable success writing grants for brain and spinal cord injury, bringing millions of dollars to the medical center, and making it one of the few in the nation to specialize in those areas. That grant writing, her job as research director and publishing of scores of research papers consumed a large portion of her professional life.

She worked with Stanford medical school residents, teaching research methods, and at the Veterans Administration hospital in Palo Alto, working with spinal cord injuries.

"I became a specialist in measuring outcomes in traumatic brain injury and spoke on the topic nationally and internationally," she said. Hall was attending a national conference when she joined a conversation with distinguished peers discussing books they were writing, "Oh, I'm writing a book, too," she exclaimed. "What about?" someone asked. "It's about a mouse family," she replied.

The book, "A Family's Spirit," was completed and published in 2018. "That book means so much to me." said Hall. "Its 12 short stories about a mouse family talk about community, love, loss and family relationships. It's also about forgiveness and understanding." She added that her drive to understand people drew her to psychology.

Find the good

Hall grew up in a family of critics and came to realize she had picked up some of their traits. "To overcome them, I had to recognize everyone has some good in them," she said. "The trick is to find the good. It helps to understand when you get to the bottom of why people behave the way they do — we're all pretty much the same, we just want to be loved."

Speaking of love, Hall and her husband, Fred Nelson, carried on a long-distance relationship for nine years. She lived in Saratoga while working at the medical center. He was in L.A., working as a grant administrator.



PHOTO/CARLIN JARDIN

Carmel resident Karyl Hall worked in the medical field before moving here and becoming a highly visible defender of historic properties.

After nine years, they married — but still only saw each other on weekends until they moved to a home at the north end of Carmel in 1990. "Fred and I both loved doing

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of \$60,000 for illegally taking abalone from Jade Cove in Big Sur. The same year, two other men were apprehended for poaching abalone, including one who was cited for the fourth time. In 2012, a Marina man was sentenced to 90 days in jail and fined \$15,000 for poaching 22 black abalone.

Foy noted that the minimum fine for poaching more



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than 12 abalone — the threshold for a commercial operation — is \$15,000.

An important food source for California's first human inhabitants, abalone thrived along the California coast until the mid-19th century, when fishermen began harvesting massive numbers of the tasty mollusk. The abalone population was also diminished by the return of the sea otter after World War II — otters were thought to have gone extinct in the 19th century due to overhunting.

More scarce than green or red abalone but not as rare as white abalone, black abalone is a species on the verge of disappearing, Foy said. He reported that his agency is doing what it can to help boost its population, including deterring poachers through enforcement.

"This is an animal on the brink of extinction, yet we have people in Monterey County that are targeting them for sale on the open market," Foy told The Pine Cone. "There is a very detailed recovery and management plan in place that we're trying to support."



Rare black abalone are protected by the federal government, but that hasn't stopped poachers from illegally harvesting them.

Library foundation's winter wonderland for kids

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE NONPROFIT Carmel Public Library Foundation will host a Holiday Winter Wonderland Children's Celebration Friday, Dec. 8, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Park Branch at Mission and Sixth.

"We hold near and dear the tradition of celebrating

ANNOUNCEMENT

After 51 years in the Mental Health Field, I am announcing my retirement. I want to express my gratitude to all the colleagues, physicians, and psychiatrists who have supported and collaborated with me throughout the years.

It has been a privilege to work with my clients and their families. I am humbled by the trust that they have placed in me. Being a part of the mental health care community has been one of the greatest privileges of my life and I thank you all.

> Sincerely, Judith Wolfe, LCSW

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Head and neck injuries in our lifetime can be serious or subtle. They distort the balance and health of the whole body. When this area is properly balanced, you will have proper spine, pelvis, and leglength balance. Misalignment between the head and neck can cause many symptoms. Major ones are depression, headaches, pressure within the head, neck pain, TMJ, occlusion misalignment, arm and hand numbness, low back pain, sciatica and a short leg. all winter holidays here at the Carmel Public Library," library director Ashlee Wright said, describing the event as "a wonderful opportunity to bring children, families and friends together in the most special place, our public library."

Activities include a gingerbread house photo booth, games, winter crafts and snacks. The event is geared for children 12 and under, and they must be accompanied by adults.

Alexandra Fallon, executive director of the foundation, said the celebration will offer the chance for community members and kids "to establish special memories."

The event is free and open to the public, with a suggested \$10 donation, and registration is required. Visit carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org.

CSUMB welcomes its first Winter Night Market Thursday

OFFERING SOMETHING new for those shopping for holiday gifts, Cal State Monterey Bay hosts its inaugural Winter Night Market Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the school's Otter Student Union.

The gathering will showcase more than 20 homegrown vendors, including Eco-Family Farm, Aloha Charms 808, Johnny Wicks Candles and Blissful Teas. "We hope this event highlights local vendors and entrepreneurs in our community, including some CSUMB alumni, who are creating unique and amazing handcrafted items," school official Zack Simmons said.

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would remedy its legal deficiencies. Specifically, the judge said the suit had to "state a claim upon which relief can be granted," according to the law, and that "because the complaint does not contain a 'short and plain statement of the claim' showing that Buccola is entitled to relief, the motions to dismiss will be granted."

"But the court determines that justice requires allowing Buccola leave to amend her complaint," he ruled.

In response, she filed a 25-page amended lawsuit in February arguing the city, the county, police officers, Rerig and others "have engaged in a course of conduct in violation of constitutionally secured rights to redress grievances with the government, to contract, to commune with God, to maintain property and privacy rights and bodily integrity, and to maintain liberty."

After her initial arrest at the beach, Buccola did not go to court, saying that she rescinded her signature on her promise to appear, but the court issued a warrant, and she was arrested again in February 2021 and taken to jail. In her lawsuit, she alleged being forced to sign her promises to appear, unlawful issuance of arrest warrants, illegal searches, mistreatment in the jail, unreasonable force while being arrested, and other wrongdoing.

'Breached duty of care'

Principally, Buccola argued that the city had no authority to shut down the beach and order that police arrest anyone who violated the closure.

"Plaintiff believes Carmel intentionally and maliciously breached their duty of care to the public in that policy maker Rerig issued an edict which violated the constitutional freedoms of all the people of Monterey County by ordering his subordinates to arrest anyone that went walking on Carmel Beach," she wrote in the complaint. According to Buccola, only the Monterey County Health Director and the California Department of Health have the authority to order police to arrest violators under those circumstances

The complaint also accused the city and county of violating her First Amendment right "to practice the free exercise of plaintiff's religion, which includes her right to commune with God in nature" and said being forced to wear a mask and have her temperature taken violated her religious beliefs

In addition, her First Amendment rights were violated because she was "handcuffed and arrested for wanting to

discuss the government's authority in 'closing a beach," and an officer took her phone, which she was using to record the confrontation.

Both arrests constituted Fourth Amendment violations, she said, as did the "excessive force," "unlawful searches," "unlawful seizure of plaintiff's effects," and "malicious prosecution."

Finally, she said she was deprived of her Fifth Amendment right to due process.

Buccola demanded compensatory damages of \$250,000 per constitutional violation committed by law enforcement and \$500,000 per violation committed by the city and county, as well as punitive and exemplary damages, special damages, and "compensatory damages of \$51,537,690." The complaint didn't say what the money would be compensating her for.

She also asked the court to order the firing of everyone involved and an apology from the city to the media for closing the beach. The lawsuit demanded a jury trial.

Try again

In August, as it had done previously, Monterey County filed a motion for dismissal "for failing to state a cause of action or cognizable legal claim for which relief can be granted," and the city's lawyers filed a similar motion a month later.

On Nov. 9 Cousins again dismissed Buccola's complaint without prejudice and recommended she take advantage of the court's legal help desk. He described her complaint as "a confusing mix of facts and law that constitute neither a short nor plain statement of plaintiff's claims," and said "some of the statements in plaintiff's 102 factual allegations appear to have no bearing on the case."

In her defense, Buccola "concedes the complaint is 'windy' but urges the court to 'bypass the dross and get on with the case," Cousins continued. "While the court credits plaintiff for streamlining the first amended complaint in relation to the initial complaint, plaintiff must keep the allegations brief and relevant."

Also, as he did in his first ruling, Cousins admonished Buccola not to add any allegations or defendants that weren't included in the first complaint without getting permission from the court first.

"Because the deficiencies can be remedied, the court also grants plaintiff leave to file a second amended complaint," he said.





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projects together adding to our home, the large garden — and giving memorable Halloween parties," she recalled.

"My husband was becoming ill, so I retired at an early age. It gave us lovely times traveling and doing things together until his passing." He died in 2006, and in 2017, she moved to a home on Dolores Street. She became, in her words, "a Carmel-by-the-Sea person."

Notable Homes project

Hall had often walked past the house on Dolores, thinking it must be an authentic old Carmel home. She learned it was erected in 1927 by homebuilders Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous, who also founded the Carmel Bach Festival. Owing to its condition, its long-term future seemed at risk, but Hall was determined to save it. Three years of restoration followed, with her living in the house while work was underway.

During that process, she learned how the city operated, how people built in the city and where Carmel becomes part of the county, where policies are different. She became interested in the housing stock in town, leading to a position on the city's historic resources board. Her own home had previously been added onto, so it could not be designated as historic — it could someday be torn down.

Hall conceived of a project called Notable Homes that received a positive response from the city council earlier this month and is expected to be up for council consideration during a future meeting. It is an incentive program to save homes that fall short of the stringent standards of historic designation but that still have historic significance to the cultural and architectural heritage of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

"I find modern architecture to be a little cool, a little unfriendly and un-cozy, but fine in the right place. For me, Carmel is not the right place," said Hall.

She believes that if the city continues to favor modern designs over traditional ones to make everyone happy, in time, the cottages will be lost, as will much of the allure and enchantment Carmel holds for residents and visitors. Hall and architectural designer Neal Kruse founded the Carmel Preservation Association in an effort to insure that never happens.

One of the association's main goals is to share information. "We wish the city would listen to the people. Informed citizens should be heard," added Hall. More than a thousand signatures have been collected so far from those who want to keep Carmel's historical character intact. She believes the desires and needs of residents should shape public policy, not personal preferences of

LYMAN C. HAMILTON, JR.

Lyman Critchfield Hamilton, Jr. died at 97 on November 18, 2023, after a brief illness. He was a beloved family man, long-time international executive, and resident of Carmel Valley. Lyman was born on August 29, 1926, in Los Angeles to Lyman Critchfield Hamilton of North Dakota and Edna Lorraine Gluck of Minnesota and grew up there during the Depression.



During the early years of World War II, Lyman attended Principia College in Illinois. At 17 he enlisted in the Navy and was in its V-12 program at the University of Redlands. He graduated from the V-7 program's Midshipman's School at Columbia University in July 1945, commissioned as an ensign just before Japan surrendered. He was mustered out in 1946, returning to Principia to graduate, but was a Lieutenant JG in the Reserves until 1954.

Lyman was one of 30 college seniors nationwide selected for an internship in Washington, D.C. by the National Institute of Public Affairs. He wed college classmate Mary Shepard in 1949; they were married more than 30 years, and she was the mother of his four sons. He graduated from Harvard's Littauer School of Government (now Kennedy School) with a master's degree and later served on its Visiting Committee. Lyman always was grateful for the benefits of the G.I. Bill.

Lyman's international career began with the government in 1950 when he chose to work for the Bureau of the Budget's international division. His first year included an extensive trip to examine U.S. agencies in 11 Asian countries, the second a trip to five Latin American nations. In 1953 when President Eisenhower wanted "to get his arms around the CIA," Lyman became its first examiner.

The most rewarding four years of his career, he always felt, were in Okinawa beginning in 1956 when he joined the U.S. Civil Administration of Japan's Ryukyu Islands. His roles were like being head of the central bank (handling a currency conversion), head of the economic development bank (creating the commercial pineapple industry among others), and the minister of finance (initiating the steps to put the U.S. government's ownership of the local bank and insurance company into Okinawan hands).

The World Bank hired Lyman in 1960. His major projects were with the development banks in India and Pakistan but also in Nigeria and Ethiopia. When the function was transferred to the International Monetary Fund (IFC), Lyman became the IFC's Chief Investment Officer for North Africa and the Middle East.

Lyman shifted to international business with conglomerate ITT in New York City, the ninth largest company in the U.S. with over 400,000 employees in 70 countries. Then-CEO Harold Geneen had used the cash flow from international telephone operations to acquire 300 companies as diverse as Sheraton hotels, Avis rental cars, Hartford Insurance, and Wonder Bread. From 1962 to 1979 Lyman became treasurer, chief financial officer, president-COO, and president-CEO. As CEO, Lyman began organizing the company's 240 profit centers into five businesses and selling units that weren't 1st or 2nd quartile against competitors or didn't fit, with the ultimate goal of taking the five public as separate companies. Still the board's chairman, in 1979 Geneen did not approve. In the 1980-90s divestiture strategies became popular and highly successful.

From 1980 to 1989 Lyman ran a private equity firm formed in NYC by a Chicago family to shift its investments from real estate to corporations. Until his retirement in 1993 he was CEO or on the boards of several small technology companies.

city officials.

The Carmel Preservation Association looks for homes that people wish to save in perpetuity. Hall became aware of an elderly couple facing health issues who wished to keep their home historic, but needed to sell. She contacted a generous donor, knowing of his interest in historic houses. He visited and loved the tiny dwelling — its museum-like interior, its garden and its history. It was once a gathering place for the likes of Jack London, Robinson Jeffers and other noted bohemians, all friends of the owner's grandmother.

He agreed to buy the house and allow the couple to live there for the remainder of their lives, free of charge. "What he's offering is a real kindness and serves the objectives of the Carmel Preservation Association," said Hall. His gift to Carmel is to designate the house to remain "as is" in perpetuity, then bring world-renowned artists to stay in the home, rent-free. They, in turn, would create works of art as thank-you gifts to the city.

Rock garden

Another facet of Hall's life is her love of the stage, evidenced by her 23 years with Pacific Repertory Theatre. She performed with her husband in numerous productions, was a board member and chair, and served as chair of the special events committee and member of the advisory council. She created the rock garden in front of the Golden Bough Theatre, too.

She said, "I also got to usher. It's great watching the audience file out of the theater. They're at another level, transformed. I love the people at PacRep who make that happen; they are like family."

Hall summed up her feelings about her life, her book, her love of theater and of Carmel with the words of Beatrix Potter, "What heaven can be more real than to retain the spirit-world of childhood, tempered and balanced by knowledge and common-sense."



ANN WHITMAN CHAPMAN January 25, 1924 – November 16, 2023

Ann Whitman was born in St. Louis in 1924, the daughter of Paul and Anita Moll Whitman. Her family (including her older brother Colden) moved to Carmel, CA, in the late 1920s, where Paul became an accomplished and celebrated artist. Ann's youngest brother Paul was born in 1928. She met her husband, George Chapman, a native of Aurora, OH, in 1942 while he was stationed with the US Army 107th Regiment Cavalry at Fort Ord, Monterey, CA. They were married on September 11, 1943.

Ann attended Sunset School (Carmel) and Douglas School (Pebble Beach) and then spent her freshman year at the University of Oregon before returning home with the outbreak of WWII in the Pacific in 1941.

In 1984 Lyman married Beverly Lannquist, at that time the first woman vice president of United Technologies Corp., as she also had been at Morgan Stanley. For 35 years until her retirement, Lyman lovingly supported her work in investment management and on non-profit boards. They built a home in Carmel Valley and continued in NYC and Connecticut.

Lyman was proud to have visited 104 countries. This travel included several visits each to Japan and many European nations but also, once they opened to foreigners, China (1985) and Russia (1990). He and Beverly adventured by ship to Antarctica, by train across China and Russia, by bus through the five Stans, by Range Rover to African caves of early man, and through Eastern Europe before the Berlin Wall came down. His favorite was a three-week trip led by notable professional Egyptologists to many sites there. His last foreign trip was at age 92.

Lyman served on many boards of directors and as a trustee of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, simultaneously at the Monterey Symphony and the Hartford Symphony, York School in Monterey, and the advisory council of the Monterey Institute for International Studies.

Lyman was a wonderful man, kind and thoughtful to everyone, and will be missed sorely by family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Beverly L. Hamilton; brother, Albert Hamilton; sons, William, Richard, Douglas and David Hamilton; daughters-in-law, Debra Schadeck, Lynne Nicolson and Katherine Hamilton; granddaughter, Caitlin Hamilton Sonagere; grandsons, Evan, Henry and James Hamilton; greatgrandchildren, Jake and Clare Sonagere; and step-grandchildren, Alison Edwards and Ian Mayo. While Ann was creative and talented (she was an accomplished quiltmaker, an active member of her church community, and an exceptional tennis player), the core of her life was her devotion to faith, family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George; her brothers, Colden (Betsy) and Paul; and her son, Walter; and is survived by her sons, George (Kimberly), Geoffrey (Rebecca), Christopher (Monika), Bishop Auxentios (né Matthew), Diane (wife of Walter), 13 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren.

Ann's ashes were interred on November 25, 2023, at the Aurora Cemetery during a family service. A public memorial celebration of her life will take place at the Church in Aurora in early spring, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the Church in Aurora, 146 S. Chillicothe Road, Aurora, OH 44202.

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sheriffs' departments, and to receive annual reports regarding "the use of the equipment" and "any complaints received."

AB 481 identified 15 categories of what qualifies as military equipment, including unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial and ground vehicles, mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles and armored personnel carriers, firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber and greater, weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.

The sheriff's office owns eight vehicles that fall under the law, including one mine-resistant ambush-protecting vehicle, five Humvees and two pickup trucks. It also has 10 aerial drones and three ground-based robots, along with



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SCUBA divers deployed from a speed boat are among the highly trained and specially equipped assets the Monterey County Sheriff's Office showcases on its website.

30 qualifying firearms, according to a report to the board.

During Tuesday's meeting, the sheriff's office asked the supervisors to approve its latest wish list, which includes one mobile command post, 10 more drones, another Humvee and an armored "multi-terrain loader" which can be equipped with various attachments, including a hydraulic arm to pull things apart.

Supervisor Mary Adams asked what the sheriff's office is planning to use the multi-terrain loader for, and how frequently it would probably be deployed.

"This would be used for armed and barricaded subjects," Sheriff Tina Nieto responded. "Hopefully, we never need to use it, but when you need it, you need it — it can save lives."

Chief deputy Jason Smith of the sheriff's office said the multi-terrain loader could also be used during or after storms to clear debris.

How much will it cost?

When Supervisor Wendy Root Askew asked about the cost of the new items, Nieto said it's too early to say, but the sheriff's office reported that the Humvee would be donated by the U.S. military, and the multi-terrain loader would be paid for with a federal grant — which means taxpayers would provide it, but not just local ones.

According to the sheriff's office, the military equipment is necessary to "safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights and civil liberties," and "there is no reasonable alternative."

Nationwide, the use of military equipment by police departments has drawn fire from groups like the American Civil Liberties Union, but law enforcement agencies say the gear is needed due to increased crime and the threat of terrorism and can also be deployed in response to natural disasters.

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Anna (Anni) Gaudette

Anna (Anni) Gaudette was born in Czechoslovakia and grew up in Bavaria, Germany.

She is predeceased by her loving husband, Rene L. Gaudette, (2006).

She is survived by her children, Fritz Heinrich Gaudette, Heidy Renee Welch and Rene Leo Gaudette.

Anni loved to sew, cook and paint. She became a seamstress at several upholstery shops in Pacific Grove and Monterey and later joined a group of fellow artists who painted and became friends.

She will always be remembered throughout the entire

area for her wonderful loaves of homemade zucchini bread, which she shared with everyone she knew. In her golden years, she would walk throughout the neighborhood near Point Pinos in the evenings with dog biscuits in her pockets for any neighborhood dogs that she would meet while meandering.

Anni was fun and had a big heart. On holidays her door was always open. Whether it was a surfer in a wet suit or a neighbor without family, she would feed them. And she never lost her adventurist side when she traveled, or was trying anything "new." Whether it was a new recipe, new clothing style to sew or just a new medium for her painting, she would enjoy exploring it and learning new techniques.

The neighborhood where she lived will be forever changed without her smiles and her warmth and her sharing. She will be missed by many.

A small graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 4 at El Carmelo Cemetery.

FRANK B. KEITH

1929-2023

Frank Buck Keith, a loving husband and father who spent 50 years as a teacher, administrator, and college counselor at Stevenson School, passed away on November 18, 2023, at age 94.

Frank was born in Oak Park, Illinois and graduated with a history degree from Carleton College, where he met his wife of 68 years, Barbara, who passed away in December 2022. He served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps and received a master's degree in education and psychology from the University of Minnesota before he and Barbara wed.

As a young couple, Frank and Barbara decided they wanted to travel and accepted teaching jobs at what was then known as the American Girls College in Izmir, Turkey. Izmir became a home base for travels throughout the Middle East and Europe before they returned to the United States three years later. They lived in Rockford, Illinois prior to moving west in 1962 to join the faculty at what was then known as Robert Louis Stevenson School, where Frank took the position of assistant headmaster and taught history.



Frank and Barbara raised their six children in a home on the Stevenson campus, where they lived for 36 years. The Keith family embraced the boarding school life, welcoming students into their home for board games, coin and stamp-collecting sessions and Barbara's cookies. As assistant headmaster and later academic dean, Frank worked closely with teachers and other administrators to develop a strong college prep curriculum as the school grew. His goal was to attract inspiring and innovative teachers who would support and challenge their students to reach their full potential. Frank also ran the school's summer program for 11 years, introducing prospective students to the beautiful Pebble Beach campus, and he enjoyed teaching a psychology course for many years. Prior to his retirement in 2012, he was director of alumni relations and the official school historian.

Frank was most proud of the impact he had on generations of Stevenson students during his 25 years overseeing the school's college counseling program, now located in the Keith College Center, and more recently through the Keith Scholarship Fund, an endowment that provides financial assistance to students who might not otherwise be able to attend the school. He especially looked forward to the reports he received on the progress Keith Scholars made as students and future leaders.



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For more information please contact: Anne Papineau (831) 274-8654 anne@carmelpinecone.com In his spare time, Frank was a voracious reader and lifelong learner who enjoyed a good conversation. He also loved working with his hands, using his extensive tool collection to build everything from beautiful table-top boxes to pieces of furniture, introducing grandchildren to the joys of woodworking, and gardening with Barbara. After the couple moved to Carmel Valley, they created a vibrant organic garden filled with fruit trees, berry vines, vegetable beds, and dozens of gorgeous rose bushes. The reward after a long day was a rest on their patio, looking at the hills across the valley as the sun set and the fog rolled in.

Frank, like Barbara, took great pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren, and both loved family gatherings and family photos and videos, especially those featuring their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Frank is survived by six children, Randall (Karen), Bradley (Nellie), Jennifer (Tim), Garret (Robin), Allison (David), and Trevor (Karen); 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Keith Scholarship Fund at Stevenson School, 3152 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. Donations can be made online at www.stevensonschool.org/giving/make-gift

Editorial

More HRB follies

T'S PROBABLY not their fault. After all, people who join the city's historic preservation board don't sign up for it because they take a common-sense attitude toward preserving old buildings. And they're certainly not there because they think the government should stay out of people's private business except when intervention is absolutely necessary to protect the common good.

Instead, it's pretty safe to assume all five of the people who are on the historic board (along with everybody who's ever served on it) are avidly interested in the preservation of old buildings and think protecting them is a very high priority.

Therefore, it can hardly be a surprise when the members of the historic resources board decide that even the tiniest battle over any old building is worth fighting, regardless of the consequences for the poor soul who happens to own it now.

How else to explain the truly nonsensical decision reached by the HRB last week that the owners of a tiny Comstock cottage on Santa Fe Street will have to be content with a 235-square-foot detached garage instead of the 250-square-foot garage they proposed. And that decision came on the heels of an earlier one where the owner, Breck Lutz, was told he couldn't make the additions he and his wife, Carole, planned for the cottage — nothing that would be visible from the street, mind you, but just enough to make the house livable. Unfortunately for the Lutzes, the historic resources board decided in September that pretty much everything they wanted was a no-go.

Lutz pleaded for mercy, pointing out that he had hired top-notch architects with plenty of experience carefully restoring historic houses.

"We hired the best, not one, but a two-member architectural team that we felt had the best credentials," said Lutz. He and his wife expected they "would only design something that would quickly roll through HRB approval."

But as Mary Schley reported last week, he was wrong. "At the meeting, the historic board voted not to allow them to move some windows and doors that aren't on a street frontage but are part of the original cottage, forcing them to redesign," Schley wrote.

The board also required that a 250-square-foot garage be cut to just 200 square feet.

Dumbfounded, Lutz agreed to what the HRB demanded, but appeared again before the historic board last week to ask for his 250-square-foot garage back.

"I'm hoping you will make all of our Thanksgivings happier and reconsider," he said.

And he succeeded — sort of. In the end, he was told he could have a 235-square-foot garage, a decision one board member explained this way: "Obviously, a garage in front of a resource takes away from how the public will view that resource. There is something to be said about splitting the baby."

Exasperated, Lutz said, "So we've got to go back and redesign the garage again? Over 15 square feet?"

All this must be viewed not only in the context of a city which has numerous historic buildings, but also one where the state has recently tossed out much of its zoning code, opened it up to multi-family zoning, and required the 1 square mile city to accept 349 new housing units. And at least two

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Comstock cottage dilemma **Dear Editor**,

When I read your story last week about the family that wants to make minor changes to a Comstock cottage, I had to wonder what we are becoming. A village of precious old houses and buildings that must be frozen in time? The historic resources board refused to approve the moving of some windows and doors because they are part of the original design. But the changes are invisible from the street. The owners also want to build a 250-square-foot garage. These modest changes will make the home more livable. according to the Carmel-seasoned designers, and more importantly, to the Lutzes, who bought the house three years ago, and with taxes, architecture and permit fees, have nearly \$2 million in it. But, sorry, no, we don't care for the changes, and please redesign the garage because it's 15 square feet too big. Some historic resources board

members say they've had trouble sleeping over this deal. I wonder how the Lutzes feel.

Think about what's happening here. This couple are not asking for anything the original intent of the historic regulations don't permit. Besides Carmel's splendid array of lovely historic homes, a big part of our history is a Bohemian culture, which prized artistic freedom and minimal restrictions. I ask the city council to step in here, and restore some respect for the owners' property rights.

Joe DiNucci, Carmel

Historic homes and taxes Dear Editor,

The problem I see with this ongoing controversy about Mills Act contracts for historic homes is the disconnect between the entities deciding whether or not a building is historic and the entity deciding whether or not to grant Mills Act tax relief. I believe the temperature could be lowered and rulings applied more rationally and fairly if the Mills Act designation was granted automatically to any house deemed historic. You would then force people to weigh the value of the historic designation versus the lost property tax revenue concurrently. It seems too easy to declare a building historic and then deny tax relief as it is not their money, but someone else's.

members of the city council seem to be just fine with that.

With Carmel barreling toward a future of much denser development, it's hard to understand why Breck Lutz can't have the 15 square feet he wants in his garage.

I also note that people keep referring to the lost property taxes by granting Mills Act relief, but my understanding is that property taxes in total have been steadily

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Subdivisions, fractional owners and an important line on the map

LARGELY KNOWN today for being part of the town of Pacific Grove, the 2,666-acre Rancho Point Pinos, which makes up the northwest part of the Monterey Peninsula, has perhaps the most troubled title history of any rancho in California. The original survey identifies the Rancho as "the land known by the name of Punta de Pinos which comprises the part of the coast from the Punta de Aulones to that of Cypress and returns along the straight line (S.W. to N.E.) to the said Punta de Aulones"

That straight line, which in large part defines the separation of Monterey and Pacific Grove, is called the Armenta Line, ill in 1844, she sold Rancho Punta de Pinos to Don Jose Abrego, a colonist who arrived in Monterey in 1834, for \$162. Abrego was a savvy businessman. He had seen political turmoil play havoc with the best-laid plans of Mexican citizens. On Oct. 4, 1844, he therefore also sought and obtained a grant from Gov. Manuel Micheltorena affirming his title to the Rancho.

Increased land values

Abrego had built a home in Monterey and bought the new property as an investment. It had lumber, and he eventually developed a sawmill there. A couple of years after the purchase, the American

land values. In January 1850, Don Jose

Abrego and his wife, Doña Josefa Estrada,

deeded Rancho Point Pinos to Milton Lit-

tle, Jacob P. Leese, Santiago Gleason and

file their title under the new laws of the

state. Pacificus Ord entered the picture.

Ord came to California in 1849 from New

Orleans with his new bride. An attorney, he

became a delegate and signer of the Cali-

fornia Constitution and a territorial judge.

(He was an older brother of Maj. Gen.

Edward Ord, for whom the local military

base was later named). Pacificus Ord filed

suit on behalf of the Armenta children,

arguing the Mexican Grant of 1833 was

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Before the four Yankee owners could

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History Beat By NEAL HOTELLING By NEAL HOTELLING

named for the person who originally owned it. Gov. Jose Figueroa granted the Rancho on May 24, 1833, to Jose Maria Armenta, who built a home there for his wife Brigida and their four children. An associate of mine thinks he has identified part of the foundation of their home near a natural spring along the Pacific Grove Golf Links.

Gambling parlor

Armenta was not a young man. It is believed he was born May 5, 1753 (some sources say 1761) in Ahualulco De Mercado, Jalisco, Mexico, making him 80 years old when he received the land grant. Armenta was married and had two children who he left behind when, as a soldier, he was transferred to Monterey in 1790.

His wife in Mexico died, and in 1803 he married the much younger Brigida in San Juan Bautista. She was born in 1785. Together, they had eight children, only four of whom survived infancy: Maria Antonio (b. 1807), Juan Jose Antonio (b. 1817), Carlos Cristobal (b. 1827) Jose Antonio (b. 1829).

Armenta retired from the service around 1810 and ran a store outside of the presidio in Monterey and ran a gambling parlor. He was well loved in the colonial town. When he died in 1838, Brigida and her sons remained on their rancho for several years. Her eldest, Maria, married in 1827 and returned with her husband, Walter Duckworth, to help care for the land. They were the grandparents of the Duckworth brothers who founded and laid out Carmel City in 1889

When Brigida became

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Jacob Leese and his wife Rosalia Vallejo were early part owners of Rancho Point Pinos, and he partnered with his nephew, Jose Abrego, in a sawmill on the rancho.

THE ANIMALS ARE PRETTY QUIET, BUT THE COLORS ARE RATHER LOUD

IN A previous incarnation, Emily Owens and Barbara Clark might have been birds of paradise, mesmerizing creatures great and small as they sailed on colorful wings over a mystifyingly strange and fascinating world.

How else to explain the kaleidoscopic

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

colors they see today — every day — as they create the wildly imaginative artwork they offer at Tessuti Zoo, perhaps the most unusual gift shop on the Monterey Peninsula?

"This is a very happy place. Some of our customers came here as children, and now they're bringing their own children," said Owens.

In January 2021, Owens moved her



Multi-talented artists Emily Owens (left) and Barbara Clark create brilliantly colorful work for their Pacific Grove shop, Tessuti Zoo.



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cozy Pacific Grove oasis to 549 1/2 Lighthouse Ave. (between Marita's Boutique and Marita's Shoes) after 27 years in its original home on Forest Avenue, across the street from Peppers Mexicali Café.

She's a visionary fabric artist specializing in weirder-than-weird dolls, while Clark

> has produced whimsical acrylic paintings, wearable art, hanging garden ornaments, joyful paper-collage wall art, and hand-painted, embroidered, beaded fabric in ornate, hand-painted

frames, among other things. Clark's own brand, Boho Blue Studios, shares Tessuti Zoo's brick-and-mortar space.

A business owner at 20

Tessuti Zoo isn't the first unusual business Owens has operated. From age 20 to 22, straight out of CSU Northridge, she opened a shop in Topanga Canyon, a mecca for musicians and actors of the

> 1960s, where she sold her own wearable art — dresses and blouses she decorated with fabric and lace she clipped from embroidered table clothes and vintage garments.

> "Those were the hippie days, and there was a lot of energy in Topanga Canyon, and across the way in Laurel Canyon," she remembered. "People like Barbra Streisand and Sissy Spacek came into the shop. A lot of actress types would come in to buy something nice before they went for an interview somewhere."

> "Carol Glenn, wife of actor Scott Glenn ("The Right Stuff," "Urban Cowboy," "The Hunt for Red October"), sold her pottery at our shop," said Owens, who worked during her college days for a Studio City veterinarian with celebrity clientele, including Jackson Browne, Robert Vaughn

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and Shelley Duvall. "It was an exciting time, for sure."

Clark, too, has a fun backstory. Her dad was a professional clarinet and sax player who performed with Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and Lou Diamond.

Her mom, a Southern belle, told him "I'm not a gypsy," and refused to go on the road with those orchestras, which led to the large Chicago-area music store they operated for four decades. (Clark, who had the run of the place, remembers converting cardboard piano boxes into playhouses for herself while her folks managed the store.)

"My parents took me to places where kids weren't supposed to go," she said. "When I was 9, I went to see Tony Bennett, because my dad had played with him at MGM Studios. Kids at school made fun of me - thought I was weird - but I didn't care, because I got to be close to Tony Bennett." Owens sees her dolls and odd crit-

ters as a blend of folk art and modern art, and abandons all rules and reason as she creates them. She typically rummages through boxes of brilliantly colored fabrics and miscellany, parks herself at the sewing machine in the back of her store, and begins shaping and assembling with no preconceived notion of what might evolve.

The process, she said, "takes on a life of its own," and the magic happens. Some of her creatures are cute, some are scary, and many are clearly not of this world.

"I started making dolls and wild creatures when my children were born, and they're now in their 40s," Owens said. "My daughter was 2 when she was invited to a friend's birthday party, and I made a creature for her friend."

'Well, what do you think it is?" she asked the birthday boy, also 2.

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On Feb. 25, 2022, around 10:37 p.m., Alvarado began following Morales' vehicle on Sherwood Avenue in Central Salinas. Morales was driving his vehicle while intoxicated and without a license in violation of multiple probation conditions and the California Vehicle Code. Morales also had a fully loaded 9 mm semi-automatic handgun with a high-capacity magazine carrying 17 rounds. The possession of this firearm was a felony due to a prior domestic violence conviction in 2020. Alvarado followed Morales for about a minute before activating his police lights to initiate a traffic stop. Morales stopped after about 40 seconds, at Griffin and Market Street.

Morales stopped his vehicle, loaded a round into the chamber of his firearm, then exited his vehicle and immediately fired a single round at Alvarado's vehicle. Morales then rushed towards Alvarado's vehicle. After passing the driver's side door, Morales fired 12 more rounds into Alvarado's vehicle and body. Alvarado received 12 gunshot wounds from this attack, including four to the head. During the attack, Alvarado was able to fire two rounds, one of which struck Morales in the left hand. Morales immediately fled the scene to his parents' home a few minutes away. Alvarado was transported to Natividad Medical Center, but no medical treatment could save him, and he passed away.

Morales' family attempted to take Morales to the hospital, but Morales refused to go because he was afraid the police would find him there. Instead, Morales' family took him to a friend's house in Chualar where friends and family attempted to treat the gunshot wound themselves. Unable to stop the bleeding, Morales' family convinced Morales to go to the hospital, because otherwise he would have bled out. Morales' family did not call police. Morales asked a friend to drive him to Mexico but eventually agreed to go to the hospital and arrived at Salinas Valley Memorial shortly before midnight. Police were notified and quickly arrived at the hospital to place Morales under arrest.

Law enforcement found video surveillance footage from multiple businesses in central Salinas that captured Alvarado's traffic stop of Morales. One video captured the actual shooting. It showed Morales leaving his vehicle, immediately firing at Alvarado and then charging towards the police vehicle. Alvarado's body-worn camera also captured portions of the shooting and showed that Alvarado was simply sitting in his car, doing nothing threatening, when Morales began to attack him.

The murder weapon was found during a search of Morales' family's residence. Firearm identification testing confirmed that the handgun found in Morales' family residence was the firearm that fired all 13 shell casings found at the scene of the shooting. Additionally, DNA evidence found at the scene matched the defendant's DNA profile.

During the trial, Morales testified that the moment Alvarado made a U-turn to start following him, Morales made the decision to attempt to kill the officer. Morales admitted on the stand that even though he thought Alvarado would probably kill Morales during his attempt to kill the officer, Morales still chose to attempt to attack the officer. After having made that decision, Morales testified he called two of his siblings to say goodbye. Once he finished his goodbyes to his siblings, Morales testified that he stopped his car when he was ready to attack the officer. Morales testified that he attacked the officer in self-defense because he feared the officer would see his illegal firearm and just shoot him. Based on that fear of possible future harm, Morales claimed he needed to kill the officer first. However, evidence produced at trial showed numerous contradictions to Morales' claims.

In a recorded conversation with a confidential informant which took place the day after the shooting, Morales told the informant that he killed Alvarado because he "was already angry" and "had had it." Morales told the informant that he had had a few beers prior to the shooting, and he felt Alvarado was messing with him. Morales told the informant he believed that Alvarado had been following him for a while and was being an "asshole." Alvarado's body camera showed that he had not been following Morales until the two minutes prior to the shooting. Additionally, during the entire conversation with the informant, Morales never claimed he acted in self-defense. He also made numerous statements that contradicted his testimony at trial. Subsequent investigation confirmed Morales was angry going into the shooting. Morales' cellphone data showed that Morales was arguing with WHERE SMALL BUSINESSES GET THE BIG PICTURE



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a female love interest just one hour prior to the shooting. The jury was also presented evidence that Morales had a long history of acting out violently and angrily when drinking alcohol, consistent with his conduct on the night of the shooting.

During his testimony, Morales eventually admitted he was the aggressor in this conflict and that Alvarado did not engage in any threatening or improper contact prior to the shooting. Morales also admitted he was committing several crimes that night. Based on the crimes he was committing prior to the stop, Morales stated he was aware that he was likely to be arrested once Alvarado stopped him. Morales also admitted that he did not tell his family what he did the night of the shooting because he knew what he did was wrong.

Based on California law, the initial aggressor in a confrontation is not allowed to claim self-defense. Additionally, California law does not allow criminal suspects to attack or kill peace officers who act lawfully and have a legal basis to detain the suspects, even if the suspect honestly believes in the need for self-defense.

The jury deliberated for four-and-a-half hours. The jury found Morales guilty of all charges and enhancements which were alleged. Morales will receive a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. The case was primarily investigated by district attorney investigator John Magana.

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to Armenta and his heirs, and the children were not party to the 1844 sale.

Despite the wording of the deed, Judge Fletcher Haight agreed with Ord's argument regarding the two sons who were minors at the time of the sale. The eldest



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Pacificus Ord came to California in 1849 from New Orleans and became a delegate to California's Constitutional Convention. He won one of the state's early land disputes over Rancho Point Pinos

son, Juan, was deemed a party to the sale of his interests. Maria, the daughter ---who under Mexican law had no property rights - had become an American, and as a Californian woman, did have those rights. Three of the children were therefore each awarded "an undivided quarter" of the Rancho. The Yankees asked for a new trial and got a temporary stay, but in February

1852, they lost again. An appeal to the California Supreme Court was rejected.

The Yankees then sued Abrego, who settled with them by buying their now quarter-interest in the Rancho for \$15,000. Because Ord had agreed to take the case on contingency, each of the three victorious Armenta heirs had to deed half of their quarter to Ord, leaving them each with an eighth and Ord with three-eighths, even more than Abrego.

Jose Antonio gave Ord power of attorney to sell his eighth, and Ord arranged its sale in January 1853 to his sister-inlaw, Lucinda Pogue, for \$1,100. With the price set, the other two sold their inheritance to Pedro Zabala. (Longtime readers of my column may recognize the name; his granddaughter, Marcella Zabala, married Charles Howard and owned the racehorse Seabiscuit. With her second husband, she built Carmel Plaza.)

Doctor, robber baron

Keep in mind that nobody owned any specific parcel. Ord, Abrego, Zabala and Pogue each owned shares of the whole. Nevertheless, on April 29, 1853, William J. Eames, an agent for Larkin reported that Leese was "putting up a steam sawmill on Point Pinos. I should not be surprised if it broke him as I do not believe they can compete with the Oregon mills.'

"They" were not the joint owners of the Rancho, but the partners in the sawmill — Leese, his nephew Abrego, and Stephen Hutchinson. I have no detail on Hutchinson, but in June 1853, he sold his one-third interest in the sawmill to Andrew Randall.

Randall was a medical doctor and geologist who was becoming notorious as a robber baron, acquiring many ranchos by underhanded means, and creating many enemies. He apparently had his eye on acquiring Point Pinos. In October 1853, he acquired Zabala's quarter and Abrego's quarter as well as Abrego's one-third interest in the sawmill.

With all the ownership confusion, no one was able to file for the title patent, and the situation became murkier before it was resolved. Next week's column will take us the rest of the way through the troubled title history of Rancho Point Pinos.





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increasing due to the substantial appreciation of home values in the Carmel area and the high sales turnover of homes. Citing both numbers in any article would provide better and more honest context for the discussion.

Christine Hoberg, Pebble Beach

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How embarrassing Dear Editor,

With Carmel recognized as a truly world-class destination, how embarrassed are you as residents and council members by the utterly horrific state of the stretch of Ocean Avenue from the city limits down to Junipero? It's one of the shameful reminders that Carmel-by-the-Sea really should not deserve the accolades it gets.

Fix the damn roads, and while you're at it, why spend valuable time squabbling about the outdoor seating for wine tasting rooms and focus on why certain businesses still harass our visitors to buy creams, candies, or step into their restaurants? Has Carmel become a paradise for those who hawk their goods as if they were in some sort of sleazy bazaar? Tasting rooms add a dimension of European flair and value to the community. Accosting people on the sidewalk absolutely does not!

And on a final note, it's time for Carmel to consider being a cigarette/cigar-free zone. Despite the recent placement of butt receptacles all over, smokers are just lazy and disrespectful, and don't care where they toss their cigarettes.

Barry Edwards, Carmel

Just a phrase Dear Editor,

I was surprised to read that Congressman Jimmy Panetta wants to ban a phrase labeling it as hate speech against Israel.

The phrase, "From the River to the Sea" simply refers to the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. Yes, it is a controversial piece of land that some call Israel and some call Palestine. But please stop the propaganda sweeping across the United States, by labeling anything against Israel antisemitic or hate speech. Criticizing what the Israeli government is doing does not amount to antisemitism. And a phrase referring to Palestine is not hate speech just because Israel says so.

Yes, Hamas did a terrible thing and should be condemned for it, but let's not stop there and turn a blind eye to the innocent people killed by Israel.

We need smarter people on both sides to make peace and work out a solution, and the United States is not helping make peace by backing one side.

Maher Essi, Seaside

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Grahl seeks to assemble gifted athletes into a powerhouse team

WE CANNOT confirm that Kurt Grahl has been a very good boy this year, but, if not, Carmel High's boys basketball coach must be wondering why his stocking is already overflowing this holiday season.

As five returning varsity players get reacquainted and nine varsity newcomers jockey for playing time, the Padres may well have all the moving parts for a sensational 2023-24 season.

Some assembly is necessary, as always, but Grahl can't wait to show what he's unwrapped to the rest of the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Gabilan Division and the Central Coast Section.

While Carmel has just five players on its roster with varsity experience, three returning starters - all juniors - are potential game-changers for the Padres, who contended for the Gabilan Division crown up to the final game of the 2022 season (a 68-64 loss to champion Salinas).

Pressure defense

Simeon Brown, a 6-foot-1 guard, was the leading scorer last winter (15.1 points per game) and also led in steals (49), but Grahl sees a much different player in the gym this season.

"Simeon is a very strong 175 pounds and he's a handful. You're not going to be able to hand-check him to slow him down when he's driving to the basket — he goes

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

right through arms and shoulders on the way to the rim," his coach said. "He's become much more explosive, he's grown into our system and now he's naturally making plays, letting his athleticism flow."

Grahl also loves what he sees from Brown when the opponent has the ball: "We run a pressure defense, and he's tremendous reading where the basketball is going and



getting the break on the ball."

He also spouts superlatives about Brown's backcourt mate, Warren Blut, who was the third-leading scorer (9.7 per game) on a team that went 18-8 overall and reached the semifinal round of the CCS Division 4 playoffs.

"Warren is probably the best kept secret on the Monterey Peninsula, and he's the best pure shooter I've coached since I've been here," said Grahl, who is beginning his eighth season as Carmel's varsity head coach. "He's super consistent, and he's a kid who can get hot and knock down six 3-pointers in a row."

The bonus, said the coach, is that Blut also showed up this year with vastly improved playmaking skills, which enabled Grahl to install the 6-footer as the Padres' starting point guard.

The news gets better — and bigger — with the return of Jackson Lloyd, a 6-6, 260-pound center with "great hands,



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Junior Ashton Rees (left), the Gabilan Division football MVP this year, "plays defense like a strong safety," said his coach. Kurt Grahl (above), 132-56 in his first seven seasons as head coach at Carmel, says this year's might be a "sky's-the-limit" kind of team.

> great feet, and one of our best shooters," the coach said. "If you're lucky enough to get a big man who has two of those three skills, you've got yourself a really talented post player. Jackson has all three."

Clearing pathways

Lloyd, who last week was offered a full-ride football scholarship to Southern Cal, scored 9.5 per game a year ago, led the team in rebounding (7.5), and learned to use his body as a barrier to disrupt the opposing team's defensive coverage, setting screens to clear pathways to the basket for his teammates.

you won't get through him — and the fact that he also can shoot the ball makes him a nightmare matchup for the

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team we're playing," Grahl said. "If you put a big man on him, he can step outside and beat you. Guard him with a smaller, quicker guy, and he'll bury you in the post."

Lloyd's endurance is noticeably improved this year.

"Those three players are as good a trio as I've ever had on any one team," Grahl gushed.

Rotation is nine deep

The other returning lettermen, both seniors, are 6-1 J.T. Maxon, a power forward, and 6-3 Tim Marnell, a long-armed point guard who is emerging as a 3-point shooting threat and one of the top rebounders on the team.

With the nonleague portion of the season in its early stages, Carmel's nineman rotation (starters and regular subs) also is brimming with talented varsity newcomers.

Hudson Rutherford, the 6-2 junior who quarterbacked Carmel High football to a 10-0 regular-record this fall, is a deadeye bomber who averaged nearly 20 points per game for the Padres JV squad last year.

Coach's comment: "He's a tremendous leaper, a great 3-point shooter, and we've worked with him on becoming a bit of a slasher, driving to the rim with one dribble."

Ty Arnold, a junior, was Rutherford's most frequent pass receiver during the football season and brings experience at both guard positions.

Coach's comment: "He's a really smart player, he's improving by leaps and bounds, and he could get lots of minutes at point guard as he learns this game and adjusts to the varsity level."

Ashton Rees, another football standout (this year's MVP of the Mission South Division) in his junior year, plays defense like a heat-seeking missile.

Coach's comment: "There are always

two types of basketball players when it comes to physical contact — seekers and avoiders. Ashton is a seeker — fearless, and aggressive, super-forceful, unafraid of contact. He plays basketball like a free safety, and he's like a defensive tornado out there."

Junior Brooklyn Ashe, is a 6-5 leaper with a nose for the ball, skills that make him one of the best offensive rebounders



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Junior guards Simeon Brown and Warren Blut should be a prolific scoring tandem for the Padres.

on the team. Ashe can also drive the ball, and has some perimeter skills.

Coach's comment: "As he gets more comfortable with the speed and physicality of the varsity game, he's going to refine and grow, and give us another weapon."

Vying for playing time on the 14-player roster are twin brothers Zach and Dylan Hinds — both good shooters at 5-8 — Max Geyer, a 6-1 power forward or center, physical, with good ability to block out. All are juniors.

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"It's a rocket!" he said of the thing Owens now calls the "rocket creature."

Owens' daughter, at age 4, took one look at a long, deranged-looking lizard-like sea creature and declared, "That's an elasmosaurus!" (A real prehistoric animal, which Owens had to look up.)

Obsession set in, and Owens was soon fabricating creatures and dolls that she sold at art fairs, where her work was discovered by national sales representatives, some of whom requested dozens of identical items.

The money was good, but the impact on her passion was not. She much preferred making one-of-a-kind pieces.

Instead, she opened the original Tessuti Zoo in the Forest Avenue space.

Tessuti — Italian for fabric — was suggested by the shopkeeper's close friend, Sally Aberg (gallery manager at the Carmel Art Association), and Owens added the word Zoo to describe her inventory. You can see hundreds of images of those items — past and present — at Instagram. com/tessutizoo.

'Artist in residence'

About 10 years ago, when Owens was balancing her own cancer treatments with managing a robust business, Barbara "Babs" Clark walked through the door with her paper-bead necklaces. Owens bought them, then offered a job to Clark, who had worked previously at Carmel Apparel, a fashion store owned by Stephanie Meyer.

"I was a single mom then, and spent money on my kids, not clothes, so I started embellishing my skirts and blouses, trying to make them look nicer," Clark said.

Those artistic touches wowed Meyer, who quickly moved a sewing machine into the front window of the store, anointed her employee an "artist-in-residence," and sold Clark's fashions at premium prices.

Clark expanded from skirts and blouses to hand-painted boots, hats, scarves, and

handbags — all one-of-a-kind.

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"Creating my art makes my heart joyful — it's my happy space," she said. "I can get lost in the process and work right through lunch. I'll answer the phone at 4 o'clock, and my husband (Monterey High alum and local builder Dan Clark) will say, 'Hey, what's for dinner?' Sometimes I haven't even thought about that because I've been having so much fun."

When the pandemic struck and storefronts were forced to close, Owens kept her business afloat by sewing and decorating colorful Covid masks — 7,000 of them — which sold briskly.

"I didn't do anything else during those months. I didn't even watch Netflix because I was too busy sewing," she said.

By the time the pandemic had eased, Clark (a former Montessori teacher) had ideas of leaving Tessuti Zoo to teach art workshops at her home and online.

A brilliant idea

"The day after I told Emily, she said, 'Babs, I have a brilliant idea — hear me out!" Owens offered her longtime employee the partnership they enjoy today.

"These bright colors put me in a good mood as soon as I come to work — and so do most of our customers," Clark said.

Children are energized by the rainbow hues they see on every wall and shelf at Tessuti Zoo, which pleases Clark and Owens, both of whom are grandparents.

And adults are mesmerized by the dolls, creatures, beaded necklaces and bracelets, and a large selection of puzzles, books, art supplies, tree ornaments, clocks, lamps, and oodles more.

"I'm doing a happy thing every day," said Owens, whose husband, Thomas Owens, is a retired editor, writer and marketing director.

"I might retire from being in this building someday, but I wouldn't stop making the art. I'd still be making these things at home," she said.

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Sophomore Sean Carr, a 6-footer who can dunk, transferred from Pacific Grove and will become eligible to play in January.

"I can tell you right now that this is the best shooting team I've had since I've been here," Grahl said. "That's been a weakness in a lot of our past teams, which maybe had one or no consistent shooters."

Carmel's summer-season team eclipsed the 30-victory pinnacle for the first time ever.

A formidable gauntlet of at least 10 non-league opponents began with Tuesday's road game against CCS Division 3 semifinalist Aptos — a 74-61 victory for the Padres — and Thursday's home opener against North County. And on Saturday, CHS hosts Live Oak at 3:30 p.m.



Carmel will face staunch tests on Dec. 12, when they take on CCS Open Division qualifier Menlo-Atherton on the road, and in a Dec. 30, home game against The Kings Academy, the team that eliminated the Padres from last year's CCS Division 4 semifinals.

The Gabilan Division opener is Jan. 3, when Division 4 qualifier Palma visits Carmel, followed two days later by a road game against Gabilan newcomer Oakwood, which reached the Division 5 title game and qualified for NorCals.

Other Gabilan foes include CCS Division 3 champ Monterey (a NorCal finalist), Division 1 quarterfinalist Salinas (the defending Gabilan champ), Hollister, and San Benito.

"We've had some really good teams through the years, and this bunch obviously has the potential to be in that realm," said Grahl, whose eight-year varsity ledger includes a 132-56 overall record, six seasons with 17 victories or more, two CCS championships, one appearance in the NorCal finals, and best records of 26-5 (2019-20), and 23-5 twice (2018-19 and 2015-16).

"Obviously there are going to be lessons to learn along the way," he said. "But is this a sky's-the-limit kind of team? It certainly feels that way."

PCAL football honors

All-Mission South Division: MVP — Ashton Rees, defensive back, Carmel. First-team offense — Hudson Rutherford, quarterback, Ty Arnold, wide receiver, Simeon Brown, wide receiver, Jackson Lloyd, offensive line, and Oscar Weigel, offensive line, Carmel. First-team

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Junior Jackson Lloyd, a 6-5, 260-pound USC football recruit, can score and rebound, and nobody gets around him in the paint.

defense — J.T. Maxon, linebacker, Bode Stodard, defensive line, Matthew Maxon, defensive back, Ashton Rees, defensive back, and Ryder Scheid, kicker, Carmel. Second-team defense — Robert Ward, linebacker, Carmel. Sportsmanship — Villiami Sime, Carmel.

All-Santa Lucia Division: First-team offense — Amani Wilson, offensive line, Stevenson. First-team defense — Derrek Diniz, defensive back, Amani Wilson, defensive line, and Tommy Dayton, linebacker, Stevenson. Second-team offense — Justin Diniz, quarterback, Keegan Charupoon, running back, and Andrew Airada, offensive line, Stevenson. Second-team defense — Reggie Bell, defensive back, and Vincent Pierre, defensive line, Stevenson. Sportsmanship — Dominic Gnamm, Stevenson.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

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The piece, "The Ballad of the Brown King," was written by composer Margaret Bonds and includes words by her close friend, writer and one-time Carmel resident Langston Hughes. It honors Balthazar, traditionally named as one of the three kings who visited the baby Jesus on



Known for her distinct voice, Grammy Award-winning singer Macy Gray takes the stage Saturday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey. Showtime is 8 p.m.

Epiphany, and believed by many to have been Black. The composition premiered in 1954.

Cellist and Sand Box founder **Michelle Djokic** called the composition "an absolutely beautiful piece of music" and said, "It's a tragedy that hardly anybody has heard of it."

The program also features pieces by three contemporary composers: Jessie Montgomery's *Source Code*, Carlos Simon's *Elegy* and selections from Florence Price's *Quartet in a minor*.

Besides Djokic, the instrumentalists include violinists

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Happily, you can still find all you need to eat, drink and make the holidays merry by shopping locally. Enjoy festively decorated stores and get gift advice from real human beings. See and touch the merchandise before you buy, then bring everything home and whisk the packages inside. Take that, porch pirates.

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way to barter for things like hamburgers." He would make a big batch in his apartment before leaving and bring it with him as he rode around the country. It eventually

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snowballed into a business. He said the "World's Worst" moniker is "reverse advertising," designed to make people want to try the sweet treat - and it works.

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The Portola Hotel in Monterey has decked its halls and is ready for Santa's arrival this weekend



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Market, the Carmel Bay Company, and Village Market in the Valley. The toffee comes packaged in re-sealable bags, and we're told it stores nicely — not that that should be an issue. — SB

More foodie gifts

Baum & Blume in Carmel Valley really embraces this season. Browse a nice selection of gifts in festive surroundings — "Our cozy little boutique is 'Christmasto-the-Rafters' and everyone says it's a little like Santa's Village!" enthused the business' chef/designer Deborah Wenzler. There's also a catering service, a café and a biergarten. Among the goodies is the shop's own Skyhouse fruitcake, named for the cabin in Truckee where it was created way back in 1973, and you can also special-order plum pudding for your holiday dinner.

Pick out a gift basket for a client, or set up a cooking class with a dozen or so of your friends for a fun night out. Baum & Blume is at 4 El Caminito Road in Carmel Valley, or call (831) 659-0400. — EH

Grape juice gone good

Just up the street, family-owned Parsonage Winery at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road wants everyone to enjoy a day in the sunshine, recently sending out an email suggesting a hike at Garland Regional Park, a visit to Moto Talbott Motorcycle Museum or the Carmel Valley Art Association, and a nice lunch at one of the nearby restaurants. Then, stop by to try some of the eclectic offerings in the Parsonage tasting room, where intriguing red blends vie for attention with a display of some of co-owner Mary Ellen Parsons' stunning quilt art.

If you're thinking of grilling for Christmas, the 2020 Aussie Red is a 50-50 blend of cab and syrah, with big flavors to stand up to lamb or duck, or maybe a nice hunk of prime rib. The notes on the 2020 Wild Card call it "a preposterous mélange of cabernet sauvignon, syrah, merlot, grenache, cab Franc, petit verdot and pinot noir" that "will rock your world." There are several other varietals and blends worth your attention, too. Please note that Parsonage recommends making reservations for tasting through its website, parsonagewine.com, or calling (831) 659-7322 for same-day reservations. — *EH*

Pro building tips

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Pastry chef Nicole Salazar of the Pebble Beach Resorts is preparing a mini-golf-themed gingerbread creation that debuts Dec. 1 in the Inn at Spanish Bay's lobby. With more than 200 pounds of powdered sugar in the icing alone, the massive display is bound to be a showstopper.

Salazar shared some tips for making your own (presumably smaller) gingerbread masterpiece at home. First, she said, use royal icing — made with egg whites and powdered sugar and more durable than other kinds of



Nicole Salazar, pastry chef at the Inn at Spanish Bay, is shown with her 2022 gingerbread creation. This year's masterpiece — which reportedly involves miniature golf — will be unveiled Dec. 1.

frosting — as mortar.

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Drought-friendly landscaping can be made from Rice Krispy treats. Instead of patting out the warm marshmallow-and-cereal mixture into a pan, sculpt it into hills around the house. Salazar also said that thinly sliced Snickers bars can create a brick-like texture. Build your cottage atop a piece of cardboard with a hole cut out for a small LED light to brighten it from the inside. Nerds brand rope candies become strings of lights. Or, you can just stop by Spanish Bay. That seems easier, and less messy. — *EH*

Library hosts kids

On Friday, Dec. 8, kids 12 and under are invited to the Park Branch of the Carmel Public Library at Mission and Sixth for its Holiday Winter Wonderland party. From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., youngsters will enjoy holiday-themed games, snacks and more. The event is free, but you should register

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in advance at carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult. — EH

Portola Plaza welcomes Santa, students

Santa will visit Jacks Restaurant in Monterey's Portola Hotel and Spa at the intersection of Alvarado Street and Del Monte Boulevard on two Sundays. Have some pancakes and eggs, or sip a mimosa (or two) while the kiddies visit with the season's Main Man between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 10. Reservations are strongly recommended — call (831) 649-7830, or email jacks@portolahotel.com.

A variety of school bands and choruses will serenade visitors and guests in the hotel lobby between Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, with complimentary wine and passed hors d'oeuvres at each event. See portolahotel. com/dining/winter-wonderland for a full calendar of performances. — EH

Drag brunch

Monterey Peninsula Pride is holding a drag brunch at Bulldog Sports Pub at 611 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey on Dec. 9. There will be two seatings for the holiday-themed show hosted by performer Rogue Roulette, one at 11 a.m. and one at 1 p.m. Reservations aren't required, but advance tickets can be purchased for \$15 per person through Venmo (@ FlexPartvPride).

Food (we're talking scotch eggs, fish and chips, and more) and beverages

will be available for purchase. Twenty percent of the proceeds go to support the nonprofit, which aims to create local "celebratory and safe spaces for LGBTQIA+ expression." It also helps people access a wide variety of resources and services, from counseling to healthcare, to advocacy and social and spiritual groups. Contact the group through Instagram (@monterey-pride). — EH

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Preemptive soup

A brothy bowl of chicken and noodles is healing when you're sick, but health coach Rondi Robison will do a free live demo of a pot of Comforting Market Fall Soup designed to help you stay fit in the first place. The cooking starts at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday at the new Seaside farmer's market at 1259 Canyon Del Rey Blvd. near Embassy Suites. The market, run by Everyone's Harvest Certified Farmers Markets, is open from 3 to 7 p.m. every Thursday and is in a great location for commuters along Highway 1. — EH

Sally Baho and Elaine Hesser contributed to this column.



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Leslie used her IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to create a field of interest fund at the CFMC. Read her story: **cfmco.org/Mulford**



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Multi-media artist 'reinvents reality,' Venture Gallery unveils holiday show

By CHRIS COUNTS

SUNSET CENTER's Marjorie Evans Gallery welcomes a two-month display by multimedia artist Robin Winfield Thursday with a reception at 5 p.m.

Titled "Reinventing Reality from Lens to Brush," the show includes photographs that Winfield incorporates into her paintings. When looking at her work, which often is focused on architecture, it's not easy to see where a photo ends and where painting begins.

"In structuring a piece, I begin with a realistic focus — the photograph — and use this as a vehicle to express a mood or an aspect of the human condition," explains Winfield, who has a studio and gallery located behind the

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Carmel Coffee House on Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores. "Then, by extending the colors and the textures found in the photograph, I can create a world from my own imagination, with the results bordering on the surreal."

The exhibit comes nearly three decades after Winfield's first show in Carmel, which was hosted by the former Viewpoint Gallery in the Crossroads shopping center. The gallery was owned by her brother, Chris Winfield, who today runs a gallery under his name on Dolores between Ocean and Eighth.

The show continues through Dec. 21. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For more details, visit robinwinfield.com.

Something small but special

Venture Gallery's annual December Group Show opens Saturday, and the downtown Monterey art venue will have



"The show will feature smaller, favorite works that have special meaning for the artists who made them," painter Edi Matsumoto told The Pine Cone. "This show

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ery of our favorite things will perhaps be your inspiration for g. gift-giving."

The exhibition continues through Dec. 31. The gallery is located next to the Portola Hotel and Spa at 260 Alvarado St.



"La Giornata" by multi-media artist Robin Winfield (left) is included in a show opening Thursday at Sunset Center's Marjorie Evans Gallery, while painter Edi Matsumoto's "Christmas Pepper Plant" (above) is featured in an exhibit that debuts Saturday at Venture Gallery in Monterey.



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Nancy Zhou and Daniel Dastoor, bassist Antonio Escobedo, violist Katie Kadarauch, keyboardist Tammy Hall and harpist Molly Langr.

Tickets are \$40, with discounts for students and active military. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. sandboxsandcity.com

Chorus, singing cowboy in C.V.

A pair of musical events liven up the Village Saturday, starting off at 10:15 a.m. with a free concert by **The Cypressaires Barbershop Chorus** at the Carmel Valley Library.

The men's choral group, which has been around since 1956 and rehearses on Saturdays at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, will sing holiday songs.

The library is located at 65 W. Carmel Valley Road.

The same evening, singer and multi-instrumentalist **Sourdough Slim** plays a 6:30 p.m. show at Hidden Valley Music Seminars. Billed as the "The Last Vaudeville Cowboy," Slim plays an amazing array of vintage instruments, including a flat-top guitar, a steel guitar, baritone and soprano ukuleles, a musical saw, an accordion, a six-string banjo and a harmonica. The music includes what the group calls "country blues, vintage jazz, cowboy classics and the string band repertoire of pre-World War II America."

Tickets are \$37.50. Hidden Valley is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads.

Live in Sand City

Formed by Carmel High School teachers, **The Bubba Pickens Band** plays bluegrass Friday, 5 p.m., at Sand City's Night Market. The group is a perennial winner of the Golden Pine Cone award for Best Local Band.

Besides live music, there will be lots of art, food and wine. The event is free, and all ages are welcome. The park is located at 525 Ortiz Ave.

Live music Dec. 1-7

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Monday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Eighth.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist Gil Cadilli (jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist Michael Culver (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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

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

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

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Lok-tionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** with guitarist **Darrin Michell** and multi-instrumentalist **Ben Herod** (pop, jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Trio** (jazz and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

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

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Rachel Sprung and the Soul Service** (r&b, Friday at 10 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ty Segall** (Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer and pianist **Scotty Wright** and bassist **Joe Dolister** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thurs-

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A1 BACKFLOW TESTING & REPAIR SERVICES, 240 Montclair Ln., Salinas, CA 93906. Registered Organization Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LUXURY CONCIERGE GLOBAL, 3622 Eastfield Rd., Carmel, CA 03021

REPAIR SERVICES, 240 Monitolar Lin., Salinas, CA 93906. Registered Owner(s): ANDREW WAYNE MILLINGTON, 240 Montclair Ln., Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 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 the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Andrew Millington Date signed: Oct. 26, 2023 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 26, 2023.

Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 26, 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 charge 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).

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GRETHE B. HAND, aka GRETHE HAND, de-

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Geoffrey M. Hand in the Superior Court of California, Courty of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that GEOFFREY M. HAND be ap-pointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the dece-dent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions

The petition requests authority to

ceased.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of GRETHE B. HAND, aka GRETHE HAND Case Number 23PR000512

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a con-tingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal repre-sentative appointed by the court within

and main a copy to the personal repre-sentative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days ifornia Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under sec-tion 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowl-edgeable in California law.

edgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person in-terested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided te Code section 12

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: Nov. 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2023 (PC 1129)

names as follows:

A.<u>Present name:</u> LISA MARIE EDWARDS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Ihe following person(s) is(are) doing business as: TACO BOUT ICE CREAM, 254 MOD-ERN LN. MARINA, CA 93933, Coun-ty of MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): WALKER PACIFIC INDUSTRIES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 254 MODERN LN. MARINA, CA 93933, CA This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Registrant commenced to transact busi-

Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the ficitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE S/ MATTHEW WALKER, MANAGING MEMBER

MEMBER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/14/2023 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/23 CNS-3754610# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023. (PC 1203)

File No. 20232066 following person(s) is(are) doing

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

TARME STATEMENT File No. 20232005 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RENOVATE CONSTRUCTION, 1206 First Ave., Salinas, CA 93905. RUFINO RUSSIEL ENRIQUEZ ROBLES, RUFINO RUSSIEL ENRIQUEZ ROBLES, 1206 First Ave., Salinas, CA 93905. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictifious business name or names listed above on Aug. 31, 2023. PV SIGNUNG. I DECLARE THAT ALL

A present name: USA MARE EDWARDS proposed name: USA MARE EDWARDS 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 chang-es 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: Jan. 12, 2024 TIME: 8:30 a.m. DEFT: J5 The address of the court is 1200 Agua-jito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least noce each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the follow-ing orthe petition Rearter Court Date filed: Nov. 20, 2023 Publication Dates: Dec. 1, 8 15, 22, 2023. [PC 1201]

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 23CV003783 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Peti-tioner, LISA MARIE EDWARDS, filed a pe-tition with this court for a decree changing

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.</u>, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: https:// ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/87694638519?pwd=K4w04362BLvw9Vvsc-DfrZbiBNpdQ.9AkTceOuBjdOtshp. To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171. Webinar ID: 876 9463 8519. Passcode: 900382.

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

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in The staft report and relevant documents will be available at least /2 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <u>http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us</u> and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <u>http://carmel.novusagenda.</u> <u>com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx</u> and the City's YouTube Channel at <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea</u> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

DS 21-446 (Pressey) Thomas R. Hardy, Architect Southeast Corner of 3rd Avenue and Santa Fe Street Block 39; Lot 2 APN: 010-029-019-000 Consideration of a Correct Dari

Consideration of a Concept Design Study for the demolition of an existing Study for the demolition of an existing 1,038-square-foot, one-story single-family residence and 247-square-foot detached garage, and construction of a 1,351-square-foot, one-story single-family residence and 225-squaretamily residence and 223-square-foot attached garage, and various site coverage changes located on the southeast corner of 3rd Avenue and Santa Fe Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23-213 (North 42, LLC)

Alan Lehman, Building Design Lincoln Street 5 northeast of 3rd Avenue Block 30; Lot 10 APN: 010-128-010-000

Consideration of a Design Study Referral for minor floor area modification, new composite shingle siding, new skylights and roofing, altered roof profile, new fenestration pattern, and various site modifications that collectively qualify as a substantial alteration to an existing single-family residence located on Lincoln Street 5 northeast of 3rd Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District and Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay.

District. UP 23-331 (Earth Cura Apothecary) Bonnie Burns, Business Owner San Carlos Street 3 northwest of 8th Avenue Block 91; Lot 11 APN: 010-145-004-000

Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit for the establishment of a "Handicraft/ Custom Manufacturing" use located at San Carlos Street 3 northwest of 8th Avenue in the Residential and Limited

Commercial (RC) District.

DS 23-180 (Nash) Adam Jeselnick, Architect Monte Verde Street 3 southwest of 13th Avenue Block 146; Lot 9 APN: 010-176-018-000 Consideration of a combined Concept and Final Design Study and associated Coastal Development Permit for a substantial alteration to an existing two-story residence located on Monte Verde Street 3 southwest of 13th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District

DR 23-114 (Hofsas House, Inc.)

Eric Miller, Architect Dolores Street 2 northeast of 4th Avenue Block 34; Lots 12 & 14 APN: 010-124-014-000

Clerk of Moniterey County on Nov. 3, 2023. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Ficitiious 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 Ficitiious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictifious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Nov. 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 2023. (PC 1121) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20232042 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STANDISH CO., 1354 Noche Buena Street, Seaside, CA 93955. Register d C

93955. Registered Owner(s): RODERICK ALLEN STANDISH JR., 1354 Noche Buena Street, Seaside, CA 93955. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on ten 6, 1929.

ness under the fictitious business name or nemes under the fictitious business name or nemes listed above on Jan 6, 1992. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALLI INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT US 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/Roderick Standish Date signed: Nov. 8, 2023 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Moniterey County on Nov. 8, 2023.

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 date filed' in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictifious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of the use in this state of a fictificus Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Faderal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Nov. 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 2023 (PC 1122)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2023203 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following percent owing person(s) is (are) doing as: TRAVEL WITH ROSEANNE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is lare acing ousiness as: LUXURY CONCIERCE GLOBAL, 3622 Eastfield Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. Registered Owner(s): SUNDAY P. SPENCER, 3622 Eastfield Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 20, 2023.

nešs under the fictilious business name or names listed above on Oct. 20, 2023. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any moterial 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/Sunday Spencer Date signed: _____ 2023 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2023.

Ihe following personis is care uomise business as: TRAYEL WITH ROSEANNE, 250 Forest Ridge Rd., Unit 27, Monterey, CA 93940. Registered Owner(s): ROSEANNE RUCCELLO, 250 Forest Ridge Rd., Unit 27, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or names lited above on Nov 8, 2023.

Inis pusiness is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 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 the registrant knows to be figlse is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$ 1,000, \$/Luis Bernardo Trevino Alagoco Date signed: Nov. 1, 2023 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 1, 2023. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Ficititious 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 charge in the focts set forth in the statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictious 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 Fictious Business Name. Statement must be filed before the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Nov. 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 2023 (PC 1114) Registratin Contentions business name or names listed above on Nov. 8, 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 the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Roseanne Ruccello Date signed: Nov. 8, 2023 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 8, 2023. Ihis statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 8, 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 ficitijous 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 Fictilious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Nov. 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 2023 (PC 1120)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20231820 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING, The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MOMMY DAYCARE, 224 Park St., Soledad, CA 93960. County of Principal Place of Business: Sac-rament of Business of Bus

Park St., Soledad, CA 93960. County of Principal Place of Business: Sac-ramento. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ALONZO ENTERNISE LLC, 224 Park St., Soledad, CA 93960. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-bility company. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 9, 2023. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL IN-FORMATION 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 pun-ishable by a fine not to exceed one thou-sand dollors (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement be-comes public record yoon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov-ermment Code Sections 6250-6277). S/Lucina Alonzo, Managing Member Date: Oct. 5, 2023 This statement was filed with the Coun-ty Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 5, 2023.

S/Lucina Alonzo, Managing Member Date: Oct. 5, 2023 This statement was filed with the Coun-ty Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 5, 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 Busi-ness 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 or lotation of the rights of another under Fed-eral, State, or common law [See Section Id41] et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Nov, 10, 17, 24: Dec. 1.

Code). Publication Dates: Nov. 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 2023. (PC 1115)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

File No. 20232012 File No. 20232012 File No. 20232012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DONNA SHARP PERSONAL IMAGE CONSULTANT, 1076 Indian Village Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. Registerat Ownar(s):

Registered Owner(s): DONNA ANN HANSEN-SHARP, 1076 Indian Village Road, Pebble Beach, CA

Indian 93953

Indian Village Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on NA. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any nuterial mathematic to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punsibable by a fine not to exceed one thousand collars (\$1,000). S/Donna Hansen-Sharp Date signet: Nov. 6, 2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 6, 2023.

Clerk of Monterey County on rest. 2023. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Ficitious 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

after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Saction 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Nov. 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 2023 (PC 1116)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022014 File No. 2022014 File No. 2022014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY ROYAL PERFUME, 372 Bergin Drive #A, Monterey, CA 93940. Registered Owner(s): StyleAPYA Mont

Registered Owner(s): RUQAYYA MOHAMMADFADEL ALK-ATATBEH, 372 Bergin Drive #A, Monte-rey, CA 93940.

rey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness 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 folse is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Ruqayya Alkatobeh Date signed: Nov. 6, 2023 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 6, 2023. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictifious 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20232039 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MANDO SURF CO., 1 SE Dolores @ 4th Ave., Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel, California 93921. Mailing address: P.O. Box 2747, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Monterey, Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc. / Org. / Reg.: SADIE SURFS LLC, 1'SE Dolores @ 4th Ave., Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. State of Inc. / Org. / Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-bility company.

bility company. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or rames listed above on Jan. 1, 2023. ness under the tictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2023. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL IN-FORMATION 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 punrepresentative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal repre-sentative will be required to give no-tice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be arantadministration authority will be grant-ed unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: Jan. 3, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept.: 13

Address: Superior Court of Cal-ifornia, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

quest for Special Notice form is avail-able from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Geoffrey M. Hand 10 Esquiline Rd. Carmel Valley, CA 93924 (831) 659-9370 This statement was filed by Su-perior Court of California, County of Monterey on Nov. 22, 2023. Publication dates: Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2023. (PC1202)



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DS 23-148 (DGB Investment, Inc.)

KC Cullen, Architect Mission Street 2 northwest of Santa Lucia Avenue

Block 142; Lot 23 APN: 010-162-028-000

Consideration of a Final Design Study and associated Coastal Development Permit for a 739-square-foot net addition to an existing one-story addition to an existing one-story residence, including the addition of a new 432-square-foot second story located at Mission Street 2 northwest of Santa Lucia Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23-290 (The Golden Mean, LLC)

Alan Lehman, Designer Santa Fe Street 3 southwest of Mountain View Avenue Block: 87; Lot 11 APN: 010-082-021-000

Consideration of a Concept Design Study for the construction of a new Judy for the construction of a new J_600-square-foot, two-story single-family residence with a 200-square-foot detached garage in the front setback on a vacant lot located at Santa Fe Street 3 southwest of Mountain View Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1)

Receive a presentation and provide early feedback on the concept plan for the demolition and rebuilding of the Hofsas House Hotel. This is a nonthe Hotsas House Hotel. Inis is a non-decision-making item and is intended to provide early Planning Commission and Community feedback to the applicants as they finalize their design for the project located at Dolores Street 2 northeast of 4th Avenue in the Residential and Limited Commercial (RC) District.

DS 21-186 (Melani)

Adam Jeselnick, Architect Carmelo Street 4 southwest of

Carmelo Street 4 southwest of 2nd Avenue Block NN; Lots 23 & 25 APN: 010-242-024-000 Director's Referral for after-the-fact consideration of the full demolition and rebuilding of a non-conforming structure. The Planning Commission is being asked to determine if a non-conforming single-family dwelling that was demolished and rebuilt with the same non-conforming setbacks should same non-conforming setbacks should be allowed to remain as a "repair," or required to conform to current setback standards as a "reconstruction." The subject property is located at Carmelo Street 4 southwest of 2nd Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Brandon Swanson, Director of Community Planning & Building Publication dates: Dec. 1, 2023 (PC1204)

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

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day at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist Scott Slaughter (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer Miranda Perl and guitarist Adam Astrup (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — pianist Bill Spencer, bassist Pete Lips and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist Gary Meek, bassist Pete Lips and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), pianist Gary Meek, bassist Steve Uccello and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey - singer and guitarist Zack Freitas (Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.), guitarist Terrence Farrell (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

International School of Monterey in Seaside -AZA (music from Atlas Mountains of Morocco, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). 1720 Yosemite St. Tickets are \$25 -visit palenkearts.com for more details.

singer and guitarist Rags Rosenberg (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kevin Smith (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

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, Carmel.

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

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist Kevin Pfeffer (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kip Allert (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1700 17 Mile Drive.

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

Midici Pizza in Monterey — The Brian Stock Quartet with keyboardist Bill Spencer, bassist Pete Lips and drummer Pat Tregenza (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer

and guitarist Kyle Kovalik (Thursday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — Jon Griffin & The Lightfighters (rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), The Bridget Marie Band (r&b and funk, Saturday at 9 p.m.), The Stingrays

(classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), The Long Distance Flyers (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), The Pacific Jack Band (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), 5 Star

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Dec. 1-23 - Don't miss the 7th Annual Christmas on the Wharf for four weekends. Enjoy spectacular decorations and a 19 foot Christmas tree, free Santa visits at his Santa House, talented choirs, singers and other live musicians, dancers, community caroling on Sunday evenings and more! More information and the entertainment schedule can be found on montereywharf.com

Dec. 1 - "Asian American Voices" presented by CA Poet Laureate Lee Herrick, 5:30 p.m. Part of PGPL's Fall Exhibition, "Ourselves We Sing" running through Jan 5. For more, visit pacificgrovelibrary.org.

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event celebrating the spirit of the holidays on the water along the Monterey Coast. Many boats will be adorned with beautiful lights and decorations throughout December, too. For more details, go to montereywharf.com.

- Dec. 4 "My Musical Life" Nicola Shangrow Reilly, CEO and president, Monterey Symphony, will share some of her extensive musical experiences. She will perform on violin, accompanied by James Neiman and will help celebrate CWC's 98th Birthday at 2 p.m.! Carmel Woman's Club. San Carlos and Ninth. Open to all. \$10 guest/members free.
- Dec. 9 "Run Rudolph Run" presented by Arthritis **Research Coalition and Monterey Spine and Joint.** 7:30 a.m. at Lovers' Point Park. Dress up in your favorite holiday attire and join in on Pacific Grove's #1 holiday Run/Walk.

Dec. 10 – "A Little Christmas Cheer" event with stories, poems and songs, 3 p.m. at the Church of the Wayfarer, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

- Dec. 22-23 Winterdance, a seasonal celebration of music, song, and Irish dance features John Weed (fiddle, Molly's Revenge); Stuart Mason (guitar, bouzouki, Molly's Revenge); Tyler Weed (mandolin and banjo virtuoso), Amelia Hogan (Grammy nominee vocalist) and Lane Olson (Spanish Bay piper). Two spectacular shows at St. Mary's By-The-Sea, Pacific Grove, Friday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m., Saturday matinee at 3 p.m. Tickets available at www.celticsociety.org
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The Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove — The Katherine Lavin Band (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave. The music is part of P.G.'s monthly First Friday celebration.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — keyboardist Peter Cor (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist Martan Mann (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Phill's Barber Shop in Pacific Grove - PG-13 (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 610 Lighthouse Ave. The music is part of P.G.'s First Friday celebration.

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During the holidays, it's time to gather all the family you can get

THE WORD "community" perfectly describes Carmel. I see it when I interact with people who have lived here all their lives. Even though I know envy is one of the seven deadly sins, I am jealous of people who are secondor third-generation Carmelites.

I've met several who went to the same primary school, same high school, lived in the same neighborhood, played together, knew each others' siblings and parents, and traded at the same stores, some of which were owned and operated by their parents. As adults, they are friends who do grown-up things together, like traveling, coffee klatching, and celebrating the holidays. I'm sure all have their own family traditions, but it is obvious they have traditions with their friends. That is good thing.

It was different in our family. I am one of five sons, none of whom stayed in Buffalo, N.Y., the city of our birth. I am here, one is in Southern California, and a third is in Florida. As for the other two, one is teaching his brother how to get used to angel wings. I went back home to visit my parents when they were there. Then they moved and took the "there" with them. I have cousins back home, but I haven't visited Buffalo in 17 years. There is little chance I will ever return.



By JERRY GERVASE

I went to college in Detroit and married a local girl, so the Motor City became my second hometown. My wife was from a large family, but through attrition and moves, none of her six siblings remains in Detroit.

Before you start hanging crepe on this column and/ or booking my voyage with the Neptune Society, there is good news. More than a year ago, a high school classmate named Tom found me through the internet and contacted

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me. He had been having Zoom sessions with another classmate, Paul, and a friend, Harry, whom they both met in college. Tom invited me to join the Zoom sessions, and we've been Zooming together about once a month for the past year. Tom lives in Arizona, Harry in Massachusetts. Paul is the only one who stayed home. Buffalo is much larger than Carmel. Our high school attracted boys from a large area of the city. We lived in different parts of town and went to different grade schools, so we didn't have that "growing-up-together" experience. Our first meeting was in high school and even then, we were not always in the same classrooms.

Polished gems

Old friends shouldn't be like a high school courses that one completes and never revisits. Instead, they are gems to be cherished and polished with periodic get-togethers. Doing so takes time, but the rewards are immeasurable. There is no substitute for an actual face-to-face encounter, but geography makes that impossible.

Yes, the Zoom sessions have been rewarding. Our heads were molded in the '50s, when life was simple and ordered and the cornerstone of society was authority. Teachers, police officers, politicians\ and clergy were respected, and their pronouncements went unchallenged. Perhaps it was the time when America truly was a kinder, gentler nation.

Pundits may call what we experienced class conformity. Maybe, but it is obvious that the positive values we held to then are with us today.

There has been no "tell me your story, I'll tell you mine." The stories evolved slowly and naturally as the Zoom meetings progressed. Now, after almost 70 years since our graduation, there is no need to "keep score." The curtain has dropped on the theatrical drama played out in live class reunions where attendees measure themselves against their classmates. We were casual friends back then, but my own feeling is that we've grown to appreciate each other more, now that we've matured.

Growing back together

I've lived in many places, so my envy of locals may be misplaced. "I am," as Tennyson's Ulysses says, "a part of all that I have met." I have extended family across the country. My Zoom-mates are now included in that family, as well they should be. Aside from my two brothers and a few scattered cousins, I've known them longer than anyone. We share the history of four years of our lives that were the seeds of our later development. The Zoom sessions show us what we've grown into. I am not sure when we all melded together again. Maybe the spirit of "us" and "everyone else" returned during our virtual meetings. Maybe we weren't as far apart as we thought. I comment on this because when you are not born into your community, an extended family is important.

In her brilliant novel, "Beloved," Toni Morrison captured the essence of getting all the family you can get: "In this here place, we flesh; flesh that weeps, laughs; flesh that dances on bare feet in grass. Love it. Love it hard."

She zoomed right in on that.

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POLICE LOG From page 4A

VETERANS DAY

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Pacific Grove: A wallet found on Asilomar was turned in to the police department.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Forest Avenue requested documentation on potentially harassing text messages sent by an acquaintance. Informational report at this time.

Carmel Valley: A female on Cañada Way was placed on a 5151 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from an unlocked vehicle at Monte Verde and Fourth. Under investigation.

Pacific Grove: Suicidal subject on Grove Acre was placed on a 5150 W&I hold and transported to the hospital.

Pacific Grove: A 46-year-old male with multiple outstanding warrants was arrested at Country Club Gate for failure to appear on a felony. He was booked into Monterey County Jail for grand theft, possession of an open container in public, shoplifting, public intoxication and battery

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed for parking violation in the area of Ocean View Boulevard and Forest Avenue.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a found watch at Ocean and Del Mar.

Pacific Grove: A 43-year-old male was arrested at Arkwright Court for criminal threats and brandishing a weapon other than a firearm. Male transported to county jail.

Pacific Grove: A license plate was reported lost or stolen. Carmel area: Resident turned over found property at the Barnyard.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a civil dispute on Cachagua Road regarding property lines.

Carmel area: Law enforcement took report of a juvenile issue on Ocean Avenue.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a verbal argument at a residence on Trappers Trail. One party had left the scene prior to deputies' arrival.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Torres and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for lost purse/back-pack.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suicide at Lincoln and 12th by self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Pacific Grove: A DUI non-injury collision occurred on Ocean View Boulevard. The 69-year-old male driver was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to suspicious circumstances on Ford Road.

Big Sur: A vehicle burglary was reported on Highway 1. **Carmel area:** Adult Protective Services reported possible elder abuse at Hacienda Carmel.

Carmel Valley: Subjects on Esquiline Road and Valley Greens Drive wished to have incidents documented.

Carmel Valley: Report from APS was reviewed regarding a residence on Valle Vista.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: In-field cite and release of a 46-yearold subject at Mesa and Oak for false evidence of DMV registration. Vehicle stored.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost earring on Ocean west of San Carlos. Female lost her wallet while visiting Carmel Drug Store.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Search for loose dog in the area of San Carlos and Fourth. Based on description given, officer contacted a possible owner while he was looking for his lost dog. Soon after, the dog returned home and a warning was given.

Pacific Grove: Sunglasses were turned in that were found on Lighthouse and 12th. There is no owner information, so the item will be held for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: A 29-year-old male was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail on a \$95,000 warrant for assault with a deadly weapon.

Carmel Valley: Resident reported having a civil dispute with a neighbor on Parrot Ranch Road.

Carmel area: A found wallet at the Barnyard was turned in to the sheriff's office.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstance was documented on Cachagua Road.

Carmel Valley: Bank cards were taken from an unlocked vehicle on Rancho San Carlos Road.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to report of online threats on Sombria Lane involving teenaged suspects and a teenaged victim.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run reported at Junipero and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of alcohol and beverage control violations in a restaurant at Dolores and Seventh. Incidents happened months prior, and the caller was only requesting the incident to be documented for their records.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1745 hours, theft occurred in the 1100 block of Forest Avenue. Unknown subject(s) took victim's wallet from a shopping cart without permission. The subject(s) are unknown and at large at time.

Pacific Grove: Drug paraphernalia from Sunset Drive turned in for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Subject in the 1200 block of Forest Avenue was trespassing and drunk in public. The 54-year-old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and booked into Monterey County Jail on \$3,500 bail.

Pebble Beach: Adult Protective Services report of financial abuse of a Sloat Road resident.

Carmel area: Theft of no-trespassing signs documented on Spindrift Road.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to Weston Ridge Road for a possible restraining order violation. A 63-year-old male was arrested.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A resident on Seventh east of Forest reported seeing a mountain lion at her front door. The animal quickly left before she could get a camera. Information later provided to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Mission Street homeowner reported a suspicious person trying to open his front door. The owner did not have a description of the person but stated it had occurred multiple times over the last week at late hours of the night. No suspect description. Assistance provided for security camera systems.

Pacific Grove: Report of an abandoned vehicle on Caledonia Street.

Pacific Grove: A 47-year-old male was cited at Forest and Pine for driving on a suspended driver's license.

Carmel area: Two subjects were warned about trespassing at a property at the Crossroads, and one was arrested for multiple warrants.

Carmel Valley: Deputies investigated a violation of a restraining order on Village Drive.

Pebble Beach: Argument between a husband and wife on 17 Mile Drive was documented.





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