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MISSING HIKER FOUND DEAD AT BASE OF WATERFALL

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER AN extensive search that lasted four days, police reported Friday morning that they found Caroline Meister deceased at the base of a waterfall not far from the Tassajara Zen Mountain Center.

Meister, 30, had lived and worked at Tassajara for



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After hiker Caroline Meister (with a friend at upper left) went missing March 18, a rescue team was dispatched to conduct a search (left). Friday morning they found her lifeless body at the base of a remote waterfall (above). Monterey County Sheriff Tina Nieto said the hiker's death appears to have been accidental.

two years. She went for a hike March 18, leaving around 10 a.m. with only a few snacks. When she didn't return that evening, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office was contacted. A massive search began Tuesday morning and eventually included more than 100 volunteers from 13 different agencies.

"It was a vast area we had to cover," explained sheriff's deputy Carlos Pena, who was part of the search team. "In this case, the residents at the Zen center were extremely helpful."

Accidental fall

Acting on information that came from Meister's co-workers, the search focused on what's called the Horse Pasture Trail. A path off that trail leads to the waterfall, and about 10:45 Friday Meister's body was found below it. "Search and rescue personnel rappelled down the steep drop off and located Caroline Meister's body at the base of the waterfall," the sheriff reported.

Monterey County Sheriff Tina Nieto said Meister's death appears to have been an accident, but nothing is certain until an autopsy has been performed.

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Charges for couple accused of 'unsafe' housing

By KELLY NIX

WHILE COMMUNITIES all over Monterey County grapple with state housing mandates designed to alleviate a critical shortage, county prosecutors this week announced criminal charges against two people accused of operating a massive illegal housing operation in the Prunedale area which lodged nearly 300 people.

Nicolas and Anna Ruvalcaba face three felony counts of tax evasion, one misdemeanor for failing to secure workers compensation insurance, and seven other misdemeanors related to "unpermitted, substandard, and unsafe housing at the property." The illegal housing was discovered by Monterey County authorities in April 2023.

Accused of building illegal housing, renting it out, and not paying taxes

"Approximately 68 unpermitted, substandard, and unsafe dwelling units were erected at the property, which housed approximately 270 tenants," according to prosecutors, who said the housing operation began four years ago.

A separate civil complaint against the couple contends that the illegal housing operation included 22 units built without permits in converted greenhouses and 46 units built illegally in "hillside structures."

Not arrested

While charges have been filed, the Ruvalcabas have not yet been arrested. However, an arrest warrant has been issued "and the defendants have been given an opportunity to surrender," according to the DA's office. The illegal housing was on a property on the 1100 block of San Miguel Canyon Road of Royal Oaks.

The criminal complaint filed by Monterey County Chief Deputy District Attorney Emily D. Hickok charges the Ruvalcabas with filing false income tax returns in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

"They did willfully and unlawfully fail to report all

income with the intent to unlawfully evade paying a tax," the complaint says.

As for the buildings that were built without permits, prosecutors contend that the couple illegally "allowed tenants to occupy unpermitted dwelling units in greenhouses" and in the hillside structures.

The complaints do not indicate how much rent the Ruvalcabas charged their tenants.

The Ruvalcabas "did unlawfully create, maintain and/or permit the continued existence of any dangerous structure or premises, unsafe condition, unsafe equipment, unsafe structure, any structure that is unfit for human

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Famed primatologist takes in Peninsula animal life



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Jane Goodall may have spent much of her life in Tanzania, but last week she was in town for an appearance at Sunset Center. The event, sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Network, whose president, Charles Knowles, is a Carmel resident, was a fundraiser for Goodall's Roots & Shoots program, which advocates for global youth environmental action. On Saturday, just a few days before her 90th birthday, she was honored with a "90-dog salute" on Carmel Beach (Goodall is in front of photo at left). Later, she visited Pt. Lobos (right), where she borrowed a beachgoer's binoculars to check out the local sea otters and sea lions.

What do Carmel's police officers do all day?

■ Plus, a look back at The Pine Cone's beloved Police Log

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL COULD be about to spend more than \$20 million on a new police station, but the police department is much less busy than it has been for decades, according to records it discloses to the public.

The weekly log provided to media and the public by Carmel P.D. indicates there was practically nothing for officers to do during one week in early March, with no crimes or requests for assistance on March 4 or 5, nothing but a report of a found remote control for a dog-bark collar at Scenic and Eighth on March 6, and on March 7, the only thing officers did, according to the log, was sign off on a fix-it ticket that had been issued to a driver by the California Highway Patrol.

March 8 also contained nothing, but March 9 appeared to be busy: A hit-and-run on a parked car was reported near Dolores and Eighth, and the animal control officer made a follow-up visit at Torres and Ninth regarding a barking dog. Wrapping up the week's worth of policework, March 10 saw another hit-and-run, this one somewhere on Lincoln Street.

'Why have a police department?'

This week, Police Chief Paul Tomasi said the sparse amount of information doesn't indicate that officers are less busy or that residents and visitors are calling the station any less frequently than in the past.

But he acknowledged how they share information and how much is shared has changed — and said it should change again.

"If there are literally no calls happening, why do we even have a police department?" Tomasi asked rhetorically, saying that he plans to ask officers and dispatchers to show the public what they do — especially considering the department commands a nearly \$5.8 million annual budget and is campaigning for a new or extensively

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Just five very minor incidents to report in seven days



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Dear little dog

There she was at Animal Friends Rescue Project in Pacific Grove, tiny 2-year-old Petunia. Although she was identified as a mixed-breed but appearing to be primarily Chihuahua, her person decided to get a DNA test. Her mix is actually rat terrier and Shih Tzu.

Although Petunia's person planned to foster her, she knew within days, this would be a "foster fail" once she adopted the spunky little dog.

"I'm used to having Dachshunds and had one then, plus a Redbone Coonhound we were fostering," she said. "My Dachsie didn't like Petunia, but the Coonhound sure did. The others are both gone now, and Petunia's around 18 years old."

Petunia's been the only dog in the house, the princess of the place for five or six years now, her person said. She wanted her to have the privilege, the experience of being an "only dog." Which is why she hasn't yet adopted another dog, and why Petunia gets to sleep on her bed in their home, just outside the Golden Rectangle in town.

At this point in her life, Petunia seems vital and doesn't really have any health issues, her person said — except that her back legs no longer work well and she's kind of blind and rather deaf.



"But she's not sick," her person said. "She's just old. Still, it's a full-time job to take care of a senior dog who can't really get around on her own. Especially since we love her and are so devoted to her."

Petunia's person took her to the beach a few times in her youth, but she seemed overwhelmed by all the big dogs running around in the sand. More often, her person would walk her to the beach, but once they stopped for a second on Scenic Road, she'd turn tail and head home.

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Andrettis selling local Shell stations

By MARY SCHLEY

FORMER RACECAR drivers Mario and Michael Andretti are selling their Shell stations in California — including those in downtown Carmel, Pacific Grove and Carmel Valley — to a company called HASCO Stations LLC based in Orange County, according to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, which lists the pending transfer of liquor licenses for 27 stations throughout the state.

The Andretti Group, which includes Peninsula Petroleum, Humboldt Petroleum and a handful of other companies, owns dozens of gas stations and convenience stores throughout California and Oregon. Locally, Peninsula Petroleum operates the Shell stations in downtown Carmel, on Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove, on Dorris Drive in mid-valley and on Carmel Center Place near the Crossroads shopping center.

HASCO LLC is managed by Salaheddin F. Hassan. The company is also purchasing stations operated by the Andrettis in Salinas, Marina, the Santa Cruz area, Soledad, and throughout Humboldt County and other parts of Northern California.

A bit of trouble

The Andrettis have owned the former Lugo's Shell at San Carlos and Fifth for two decades but have been fairly quiet proprietors, other than failing to settle their squabble with former garage operator Eric Nystrom, who moved his auto shop to the space at Junipero and Fourth after the company wouldn't let him use the parking spaces on the property anymore.

The operators subsequently expanded their convenience store into the former garage, which earned them a slap on the wrist from the city in 2018 for "additional space being utilized for sale of snack food and beverages in bay No.1 of service station," a violation of the municipal code.

The Andrettis made headlines this year when their bid to form an 11th Formula 1



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Mario and Michael Andretti's company is selling the Carmel Shell along with many other gas stations in California.

racing team failed. Their Andretti Global group and General Motors, under its Cadillac brand, had applied in 2022 to bring a team to the world's top racing series by 2026, but those in charge were not optimistic they would be up to the task.

"The fact that the applicant proposes to do so gives us reason to question their understanding of the scope of the challenge involved," F1 officials said in a statement. "Formula 1, as the pinnacle of world motorsport, represents a unique technical challenge to constructors of a nature that the applicant has not faced in any other formula or discipline in which it

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Resident wanted argument documented

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- Pacific Grove:** Outside-agency assist on Cypress Street.
- Pacific Grove:** Construction dump truck on 18th Street marked for 72-hour parking.
- Pacific Grove:** Welfare check on Pacific Grove Lane for a subject who was having a panic attack.
- Carmel area:** Deputies responded to Palo Colorado Canyon on a report of an assault with a golf club. A 56-year-old female was arrested. The victim is a 54-year-old male.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Peace disturbance at Dolores and Seventh at 1850 hours.
- Pacific Grove:** Firearms turned in for destruction. Information only.
- Pacific Grove:** Vehicles on Piedmont Avenue and Pico Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.

- Carmel area:** A 30-year-old male was arrested at the Crossroads for embezzlement.
- Carmel area:** Report of mental abuse at Mid-Valley Center.
- Pebble Beach:** Adult Protective Services report of financial abuse involving a Sherman Road resident.
- Pebble Beach:** Credit card fraud report involving a victim on Stevenson Drive.
- Big Sur:** An individual on Highway 1 was given a trespassing warning.
- Carmel Valley:** Assault reported on Esquiline Road.
- Carmel area:** Grey Goose Gulch Road resident wanted information on a restraining order.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Investigated a traffic collision on San Carlos Street.
- Pacific Grove:** Suspect identification on Granite Street involving multiple reports of vehicle burglary, theft from unlocked vehicles, and vehicle tampering.

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The gavel falls

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

March 8 — Monterey County Superior Judge Stephanie Hulsey sentenced Jaime Tirso Ayala Jr., 47 and a resident of Salinas, to 12 years in prison after he was convicted by a jury of the crime of annoying or molesting a child under 18 with a prior sex crime conviction. The defendant is a registered sex offender for a 1995 conviction for lewd act on a child under 14, which is also a strike under California's three strikes law.

After his release on parole, Ayala began living in a room at the Family Christian Center church in Salinas. It was through this church that the defendant met Jane Doe, age 14, who was a member of the congregation. He began complimenting her appearance and asking for her phone number. Then he began following her around the church and touching her without her consent. When Doe began to dread going to church and dealing with the defendant's unwanted behavior, she disclosed his conduct to her friends, who then told their parents.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officers David Pritt and Jared Dominici along with district attorney investigator Pablo Andrade. Doe and her family were supported by district attorney

victim advocate Ana Galvez.

March 14 — San Francisco resident Anthony Michael Jacinto, 36, was sentenced today to 75 years to life in prison for the June 26, 2023, murder of Salinas resident Ismael "Angel" Ledesma. The defendant received an additional and consecutive term of 28 years and four months for the attempted murder of Kristy Casanova, also committed on June 26, 2023, in Salinas, and for being a felon in possession of a firearm. The defendant was previously found guilty by jury of these crimes after a two-week trial. The jury also found true enhancements that the defendant caused great bodily injury and used a deadly or dangerous weapon in the commission of the offenses. The defendant's sentence was doubled for a prior strike conviction, an armed robbery in Nevada.

On June 26, 2023, at approximately 12:30 a.m., the defendant went to the home of Ledesma on the train tracks near the Salinas Police Department. The defendant fired eight rounds from an untraceable semi-automatic pistol, striking Ledesma in the torso. The defendant then fled the scene. Ledesma

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Bars must offer drug tests

By MARY SCHLEY

ANYONE WHO'S been handed a spiked drink during a night out will be relieved to know that as of July 1, bars and nightclubs must start offering a test to see if a drink has been contaminated with a date-rape drug.

Bars and clubs that don't serve food and are limited to patrons of legal drinking age — identified by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control as holding Type 48 licenses — must start making the tests available to customers who believe their drinks might have been tampered with, according to Assembly Bill 1013.

Authored by Josh Lowenthal in February 2023 and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom last October, the law requires bars and nightclubs "to have signage displayed in a prominent and conspicuous location letting patrons know that drug testing kits are available to test for common date-rape drugs, often referred to as 'roofies.'"

The tests must be available

for free or "at a reasonable price based on the wholesale cost."

The law, which expires in three years, requires bars and nightclubs to post signs saying, "Don't get roofied! Drink spiking drug test kits available here. Ask a staff member for details."

Test strips

The owners of bars and nightclubs are responsible for buying the kits, which include test strips, stickers, straws or other means to detect the presence of date-rape drugs like flunitrazepam, ketamine and gamma hydroxybutyric acid, according to Alcoholic Beverage Control.

The new law doesn't affect Barmel and A.W. Shucks. Those Carmel establishments have use permits allowing them to stay open late and are counted in the city's three-bar limit, but they also serve food, which involves a different ABC license. In town, only

Sade's will have to make the change, while Alfredo's and Segovia's in Monterey must also comply with the new rules.

Convicted murderer among five gang members accused of trying to kill deputies

By MARY SCHLEY

FIVE MONTEREY County Jail inmates tried to kill three sheriff's deputies during a fight in the jail's K-Block housing unit the night of March 17, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Andy Rosas, and court records indicate some of them have extensive criminal records, including murder convictions.

The inmates are accused of ambushing deputies who went into the wing to stop one of the prisoners from tattooing another, which is against jail rules.

Rosas said that when two of the deputies approached them, one of the inmates "began to back up and push away" from them, and then, "without warning," four additional inmates "rushed in

and surrounded the deputies and began to repeatedly hit them with closed fists," Rosas said.

While fighting, one of the inmates managed to grab deputy Alejandro Macias' baton, "and began to repeatedly hit the deputy in the head and back," according to the sheriff's office.

More deputies rushed to the housing unit and began ordering the inmates to lie on the ground. One of the prisoners threw the baton, hitting another deputy. After calm was restored, deputies searched the unit and found narcotics, Rosas said.

"Two of the injured deputies were transported via ambulance and one was transported via a patrol vehicle to be treated at a local area hospital for serious injuries sustained in the attack,"

he said, and all three were later released.

Rosas did not say whether any of the inmates were injured and did not return calls from The Pine Cone. The sheriff's office's press release did not name the deputies, but the criminal complaints filed against the inmates by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office do.

Life sentence

According to those complaints, the other deputies who were injured during the attack are Helder Zaragoza and Lorena Chavez. All five suspects are members of the Norteño gang, and as a result of the March 17 attack, they are all being held without bail on numerous charges, including attempted murder, conspiracy, assault with a deadly weapon, taking a weapon from an officer, gang activity, and battery with serious bodily injury.

Inmate Mario Rodriguez,

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\$100,000-plus pay for dozens of city workers

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN 50 Carmel city employees grossed more than \$100,000 in salary, benefits, retirement contributions, healthcare and other compensation in 2023, according to information provided by the city’s finance department. All told, payroll totaled \$11,600,705 last year, about \$1.3 million more than in 2022.

As usual, city administrator Chip Rerig topped the list, receiving \$333,590, including \$228,583 in base pay, \$21,287 in vacation pay, \$20,941 in taxpayers’ contributions toward his retirement, \$28,500 in deferred compensation and \$31,827 in healthcare. His total compensation was \$318,469.

Of the top 15 earners last year, nine are police officers. Sgt. Michael Bruno came in second behind Rerig with total compensation of \$298,491, including regular pay of \$151,851 and \$70,091 in overtime. Other CPD officers that followed include Sgt. Jacob Clifford (\$280,323) and officers Joe Martis (\$278,108) and Ricardo Mendoza (\$266,446).

Former assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo was next, at \$266,183. Gullo left the city in January to take a higher-paying job with the City of Mountain View.

OT record holder reigns

Paramedic Myles Routh, who came in eighth, retained his position as the employee who took home the most overtime last year — \$75,442 — contributing to his total compensation of \$259,706. In 2022, Routh accumulated \$61,572 in OT.

Alan Ward, the former police chief who did the job for just seven months before being put on leave in January 2023 for workplace issues that were never disclosed, received \$136,619 in total compensation, including \$101,747 in base pay and

\$15,544 in retirement contributions, before he “retired” last June.

Mayor Dave Potter and members of the city council receive public funds, too. While Potter and council members Alissandra Dramov and Karen Ferlito eschewed the taxpayer-funded healthcare option and only took their annual stipends of \$2,400 for the mayor and \$1,800 for council members, councilman Bobby Richards received \$12,241 in healthcare coverage, while councilman Jeff Baron got \$24,482 worth.

Amassing the most sick pay was library and community activities director Ashlee Wright, at \$13,847, while Rerig topped the list for vacation pay, just as he did for deferred comp, retirement contributions and healthcare coverage.


But in 2022, Cpl. Rachelle Lightfoot, who retired last year, topped the sick-pay list with \$19,808, and Jeff Watkins, then acting as police chief, received the most in retirement contributions — \$32,528.

Of the \$11.6 million paid to current and former public employees in 2023, \$7,588,647 was in base pay, sick pay totaled \$310,421, vacation pay amounted to \$439,435, overtime came to \$773,268, and “other pay,” which includes compensation for uniforms, education incentives, bonuses for employees based on how long they’ve worked for the city, and extra pay for special police assignments like participating on task forces, totaled \$276,258. Retirement contributions came to \$696,837 and healthcare cost \$1,275,663.


The 2023-2024 budget, which ends June 30, anticipated \$15,114,209 in salaries and benefits, amounting to 37 percent of the total operating budget. Rerig and department heads are in discussions now on what those numbers might be in the 2024-2025 spending plan.

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P.G. seafood place has big tax bill

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNERS of a Pacific Grove restaurant that’s been at the forefront of the debate over outdoor dining parklets owe more than \$125,000 in state and local taxes related to the eatery and are facing several liens on the business, including one recorded this week, according to documents filed with the Monterey County Recorder’s office.

Co-owner of Wild Fish restaurant, Liz Jacobs — who is also the chair of the city’s Downtown Business Improvement District and vice chair of the Economic Development Commission — is listed as the agent for Flying Kipper Corporation, which does business as Wild Fish at 545 Lighthouse Ave. Jacobs and her husband, Kelvin, own the restaurant, which opened in 2018.

Big debt

According to the recorder’s office in Salinas, Flying Kipper Corp. faces three liens from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for unpaid sales taxes from Oct. 1, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2023, amounting to \$116,987.66 — including a \$25,209.86 lien that was filed with the recorder’s office Tuesday — and a lien from the Monterey County Tax Collector for \$9,765.12. In all, the restaurant’s unpaid taxes amount to \$126,752.78. A lien is a legal claim to property that prevents the owner from selling it without first settling the debt.

“This is to notify you that a tax document has been filed,” the lien signed by Monterey County treasurer and tax collector Mary Zeeb says.

The restaurant’s corporation is “liable to the State of California for amounts due from and required to be paid by said taxpayer(s) and duly levied and determined



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The owners of Wild Fish restaurant at 545 Lighthouse Ave. are facing several liens on the business for \$126K in unpaid taxes.

under the provisions of California Sales and Use Tax law,” a state tax lien dated Dec. 8, 2023, says.

State and county liens are not revised to reflect current balances. So, for example, if a business owner has paid off some tax debt owed to the state or county, or if interest has increased the debt amount, that information is not indicated on the documents. However, the recorder’s office documents reviewed by a Pine Cone reporter show that the liens against Flying Kipper are active and have not been removed — indicating that the back taxes have not been paid in full.

Wild Fish co-owner Liz Jacobs did not answer questions from The Pine Cone, including how much of the tax debt, if any, has been paid off, and instead provided the newspaper with a statement.

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P.G. COUNCIL OKs ‘INQUIRY’ RULE

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Council last week approved an ordinance that is intended to clarify a section of its city charter which permits council members to ask the city’s employees questions — and even complain — but also prevents the council from ordering staffers around.

Since 1927, the Pacific Grove City Charter has stated that “except for the purpose of inquiry, the council and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the city manager.” The paragraph is intended to define the lines of authority in government so that council members don’t order employees to perform tasks, while also upholding elected officials’ free speech rights if they want to ask staff questions or perform even minimal oversight of what they do.

Councilman Luke Coletti said his intention with the ordinance was to make it clear that “the city council has the same rights as the general public” which “includes free speech without fear of retaliation to engage the government.”

‘Clarity’

The new rule “provides a lot of clarification and direction,” interim city manager Robert Perrault noted at the March 20 meeting in which the council voted 4-2, after previous revisions to the document, to OK it.

The ordinance states that amending the municipal code assists “elected officials in conducting oversight of the city manager

and city operations; and promotes clarity regarding Pacific Grove’s council-manager form of government, as established under the city charter.”

A provision of the new ordinance indicates that staffers and the city manager “are protected from retaliation that may result from an inquiry from a council member,” while another says, “an inquiry that communicates a grievance against the government of the city is protected by the First Amendment.”

“When council and its members are authorized to access a city record, as permitted by law in the administration of their duties, the city shall not discriminate between or among any of those members as to which record or portion thereof is made available or when it is made available,” the document states.

Ubiquitous

Rules upholding the right of council members to ask city staff questions without having to go through the city manager are common in charter cities throughout California.

There are over 100 charter cities in the state. About 64 have language similar to Pacific Grove’s, according to the report given to council members.

Ten of 12 cities in Monterey County have language on the books giving council members the right to ask city employees questions.

The council voted 4-2, with Councilwoman Debby Beck absent, to approve the new law at last week’s meeting. Councilmen Chaps Poduri and Joe Amelio opposed the ordinance but did not explain why.

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By-the-wind sailors invade beach

By MARY SCHLEY

STRONG WINDS pushed a massive number of delicate blueish-purple creatures known as “by-the-wind sailors” — scientifically named *Velella velella* — toward shore, where breaking waves left large ribbons and piles of them on Carmel Beach that caused many passersby to stop and wonder about them Monday morning.

Related to jellyfish and other invertebrates but occupying their own specific group, the little animals typically live out in the open ocean in large rafts and feed on plankton and other organisms using stinging tentacles.

They’re known as by-the-wind sailors because of thin sail-like appendages that help them move along the surface of the water. They don’t have any ability to navigate, though, so when winds push them close enough to shore for the waves to catch them, they end up on the beach in droves.

‘Just extraordinary’

“*Velella velella* cannot actively control their direction — they ‘sail’ on the winds and, in the correct conditions, will wash ashore if blown too close,” Amanda Van Diggelen, senior environmental scientist and supervisor of the California

Department of Fish & Wildlife’s Marine Region Outreach Project, said.

She also said the creatures float because their bodies contain gas-filled chambers and that strandings happen occasionally in



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

A massive number of by-the-wind sailors washed up on Carmel Beach this week after being blown toward shore.

California and along the west coast. “The species is relatively common, but they are typically only seen onshore during wind events,” she said.

Lisa Utal, a marine biologist who studies invertebrates and who works for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, said they are “just extraordinary.”

“They’re totally evolved to have this wonderful sail that pushes them along the surface of the water,” and their blue hues

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Supes form committee on bridge rails after Caltrans won’t back down

By CHRIS COUNTS

DESPITE OPPOSITION from locals and concern from elected officials, Caltrans is determined to push forward with a plan to upgrade and modernize the railings on Garrapata Bridge in Big Sur — even if the Monterey County Board of Supervisors turn it down and California Coastal Commission refuses to hear an appeal of the ruling, a representative of the state highway agency said at a supervisors hearing Tuesday.

The topic has raised a ruckus in Big Sur because some don’t like the fact that

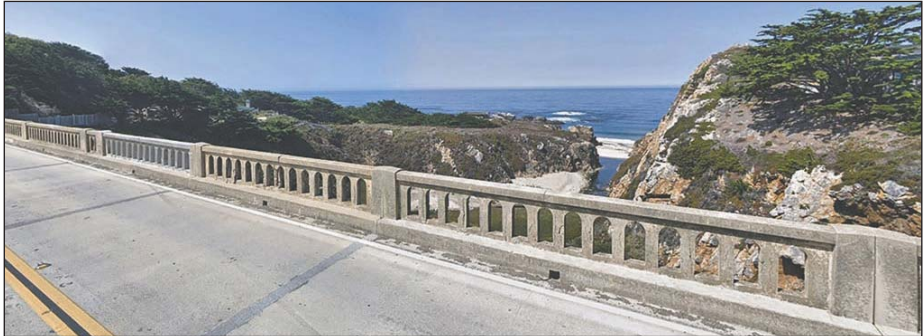
the new railings proposed for Garrapata Bridge would have smaller portals, which would reduce the flickering views of the ocean that motorists see through the historic railings when they cross the bridge.

Ultimately, Caltrans wants to replace the railings on six other historic Big Sur bridges, including landmark Bixby Bridge.

Thicker and safer

At the hearing, Caltrans official Peter Hendrix urged supervisors to let the agency replace the existing railings at Garrapata

See **RAILS** page 21A



In an effort to satisfy the concerns of locals, Caltrans came up with 11 different designs for rails at Garrapata Bridge in Big Sur, including the two at left. But some say they don’t look enough like the originals (top).

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SPEED LIMITS LOWERED ON HIGHWAY 1

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN AN effort to make driving along one of the world’s most scenic driving routes safer, Caltrans has lowered the speed limit along 44.5 miles of Highway 1 in Big Sur.

Much of the highway is closed now because of rockslides from winter storms, and no timetable has been announced for reopening the road between Big Sur and San Luis Obispo County — but when it does open, you’ll have to drive slower.

“The decision was based on results of an engineering and traffic survey of this corridor which found the lower speed limits would facilitate the safe and orderly movement of traffic,” the state roads agency reported earlier this month.

Caltrans said that the highway’s “limited shoulder width, a high density of bicyclists, and the presence of pedestrians” all factored into its decision to lower the speed limit.

The speed limit has been lowered on three segments. Along 14 miles of highway from the Monterey County line to just north of the Sand Dollar Beach Picnic Area, the limit has gone from 55 mph to 45 mph. For 22.5 miles of road from the Sand Dollar Beach Picnic Area to just north of

Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, the limit has been lowered from 55 mph to 50 mph. And along an 8-mile segment from north of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park to just south of Ventana Inn and Spa, the limit has been cut from 55 mph to 40 mph .

CHP backs change

The California Highway Patrol backed the change in speed limits along the narrow, winding and busy road.

“Slower speeds will afford motorists greater reaction time in navigating the roadway, reducing the likelihood of collisions, and enhancing overall road safety,” said the CHP’s Ian Troxell. “It is imperative that we take proactive steps to address the unique challenges posed by the infrastructure and traffic dynamics of this corridor.”

By early next month, motorists will need to slow down or risk receiving a traffic citation. “Enforcement of the new lower speeds will begin once all speed limit signs have been updated,” the CHP announced.

At a county board of supervisors hearing this week, a Caltrans official reported there were 921 vehicle accidents along Highway 1 in Big Sur between 2013 and 2023, with 24 fatalities and 532 injuries.

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Finally, even though you may be decades away from retirement, saving for this goal should still be a priority. If your company offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, try to put in whatever you can afford — at least enough to earn an employer’s matching contribution if one is offered.

Prioritizing these goals, and striving to meet them with the appropriate solutions, can certainly be challenging. But as a young worker, you have the greatest — and most irreplaceable — asset on your side: time. So, make the most of it.

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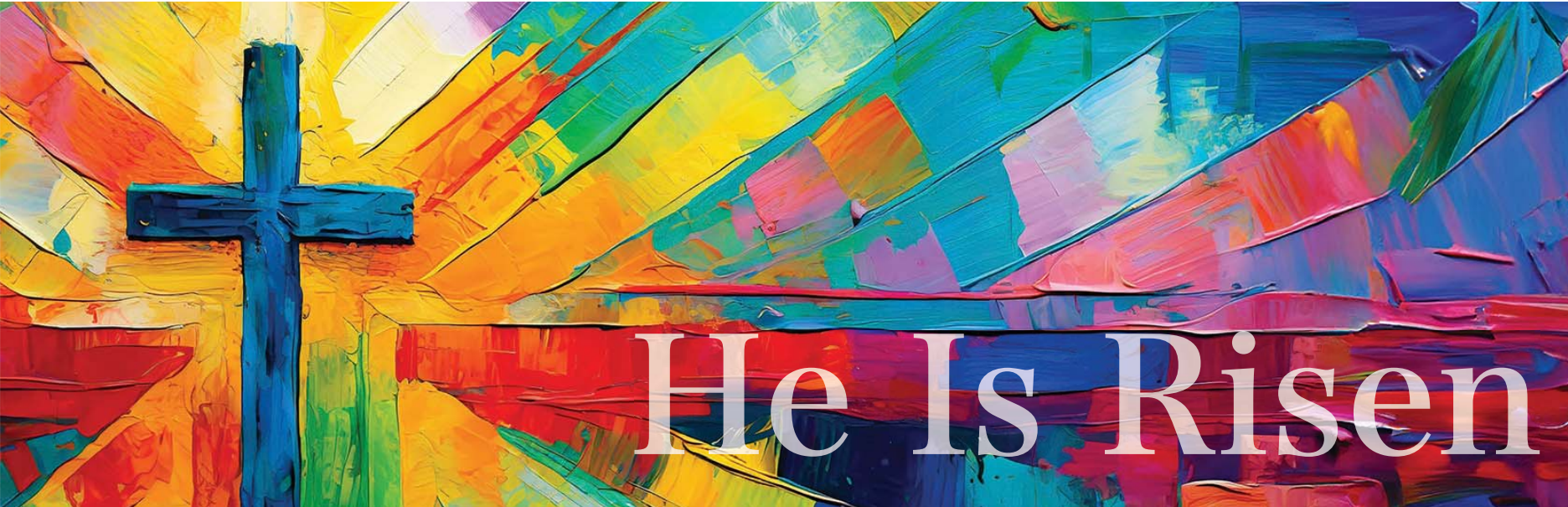
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PacRep launches seat-naming fundraiser, soft opening set for June 13

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE renovation of the Golden Bough Playhouse nearly complete, and several million dollars still needed to pay for it, PacRep Theatre is launching a seat-naming campaign. Meanwhile, the countdown to opening night is underway — a “soft” opening is set for June 13 — and season tickets are on sale now.

So how much will it cost to name a seat? The cost is \$5,000 for a seat in rows C through E (or \$7,500 for two seats), \$2,500 for a seat in rows A, B, F, G and H (or two for \$4,000) and \$1,000 for rows K through O (or two for \$1,750).

“Donors can honor their family, friends, business, group, or pet with a custom-engraved seat plaque affixed to the new Irwin Seating being installed,” John Newkirk

of PacRep said. “Irwin Seating is the world’s leading manufacturer of audience seating for auditoriums, movie theaters and arenas.”

Newkirk said the fundraiser is needed to offset “huge” increases in the cost of materials and labor during the pandemic and in the period of high inflation that followed. “It was a perfect storm of problems, but it also provided us with an opportunity to focus on the renovation since we couldn’t focus on shows,” he reported.

Eager for opening

“Like so many construction projects, the costs have basically doubled,” executive director Stephen Moorer added.

Newkirk told The Pine Cone that he and his colleagues are eagerly anticipating performing in the renovated



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Risers for the audience being prepared at the Golden Bough Playhouse, which is undergoing a \$10 million makeover.

theater, which is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. He said it’s been exciting to watch the theater come to life.

“We’re so eager to get back in there,” he said. “Actors are nothing without being on stage. The overall feeling is beyond excitement.

For more details about the seat-naming fundraiser, call (831) 622-0700 or email johnnewkirk@pacrep.org.

PacRep’s 2024 season gets underway June 13 when “9 to 5: The Musical” opens. With music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, the show plays at the Golden Bough through July 28. The schedule also includes “The Wizard of Oz” (Aug. 8-Sept. 22 at the Forest Theater), “POTUS” (Sept. 12-29 at the Golden Bough), “Sense and Sensibility” (Oct. 3-19 at the Forest Theater), “Jersey Boys” (Nov. 14-Dec. 22 at the Golden Bough), and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical” (Nov. 30-Dec. 22 at the Forest Theater).

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CHOMP celebrating 90th anniversary

By KELLY NIX

IT STARTED in Carmel with a mere 30 beds, but 90 years later, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula has steadily expanded to include a diverse network of specialized medical services, programs and physicians.

Founded in 1934, Community Hospital on Highway 68 in Monterey has more than 250 beds. It’s grown significantly, especially in the last decade, and this year it celebrates nine decades of serving the community.

Montage Health president and CEO Dr. Steven Packer said Community Hospital’s early days shaped what it has become.

“The past really has influenced who we are,” Packer explained, “in the sense that even in our roots, at our beginning, we were really focused on providing extraordinary patient care and serving the members of our community. And that human touch, that personal touch, persists today, despite the fact we’ve grown considerably in size.”

Timeline celebrated

Originally called Peninsula Community Hospital, the facility has undergone dozens of changes through the decades, including the 1961 adoption of its current name, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

One year later, a “new, architecturally modern,” 210,000-square-foot facility with 100 beds designed by noted architect Edward Durell Stone opened. The \$3.5 million cost was raised mostly from donations from local

residents.

In 1971, construction of 72 more rooms, including a mental health center, was completed, as well as the addition of the now-signature dome over the hospital’s Fountain Court. About \$2 million of the project’s \$4 million was raised from donations. Eleven years later, a 42,000-square-foot addition to the main building was built for outpatient services, educational programs and business offices.

In 1996, the hospital’s family birth center opened, offering single room maternity care, followed a year later by the Hartnell Professional Center in downtown Monterey, with mental health services, an X-ray facility, a cardiopulmonary program and other services.

Kevin Causey, Community Hospital’s chief development officer, told The Pine Cone that through the decades, “we’ve grown from a hospital to an entire health-care system to meet the evolving needs of our community — all while remaining an independent, nonprofit, locally owned organization.”

The hospital’s breast care center opened its doors in Monterey in 1992, and in 2006, its South Pavilion debuted with a new emergency department, eight operating suites and a “state-of-the-art” intensive care unit.

A year later, the hospital’s Forest Pavilion was completed and added “120 spacious patient rooms, each with a private bathroom and shower, daybeds for family or visitors to spend the night, and views of the surrounding pine



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Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, shown here at the main entrance, is celebrating its 90th birthday.

forest or waterfall and healing garden,” according to the hospital. The Tyler Heart Institute also opened that year.

In 2011, construction was completed on Peninsula Wellness Center in Marina, which offered the region’s first medical fitness facility. Five years later, the hospital’s parent company changed its name to Montage Health, which officials say reflects “the montage of health and wellness services provided through the hospital and its sister companies.”

Covid and beyond

When the Covid-19 pandemic started to sweep the world in early 2020, Community Hospital mobilized to care for the infected. That same year, it opened its MoGo Urgent Care clinics and ground was broken on Ohana, a mental health program and facility for young people in Ryan Ranch. Once a Covid vaccine was developed in 2021, Montage Health operated immunization clinics and administered more than 52,000 doses in the first five months.

In 2022, the hospital opened its outpatient surgery center and completed renovations on its Garden North unit. Last year, the 55,600 square-foot Ohana facility opened for youth and their families, and this spring, the facility is expected to make 16 residential beds available.

Looking ahead, Packer said medical innovation leads the way, and he sees an expansion of artificial intelligence and other technology in assisting the healthcare industry.

“I see continued growth in the spectrum of services that we’re going to be providing to our community,” Packer added.



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APRIL

MAY

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TBD, Thurs. Farmers' Market 3rd Thursday
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AUGUST

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JOE STINE

Joe Stine died peacefully on March 11, 2024, at The Park Lane in Monterey. He was 90 years old.

Joe Stine was born in 1933 to Earl and Mildred Stine at Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1951 he graduated from Marshall High School, where he played football and developed a passion for high school and college games. He attended Albion College in Michigan before being drafted into the Army in 1953.

Joe served in Korea 1953-1955. Private First Class Stine was a radio operator and trained in chemical-biological-radiological defense. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal. After his enlistment ended, Joe entered UC Berkeley on the G.I. Bill. In 1958 he earned a bachelor’s degree from the Haas School of Business. He was a proud UC alumnus and wore the Blue and Gold for the rest of his life. Go Bears!

While at Berkeley Joe met his first wife, Irene. They married and raised three children together. Joe made time for his kids, taking them on camping trips and teaching them games. He took special joy in his grandchildren, and made a point to visit them often. Joe and Irene parted in the 1970s, and in the 1980s he had a brief marriage to Audrey. He remained friends with both for the rest of his life.

Joe Stine worked as an insurance agent, and enjoyed helping people with their insurance needs. After he relocated to Monterey, he joined Alcoholics Anonymous. This was an absolutely life-changing event for him and those around him. He took pride in helping others through their challenges with addiction, and he remained an active member until he physically could no longer attend AA meetings.

Joe met Jan Chamberlin in Monterey in 1998, and they married in 1999. Joe and Jan both loved the Monterey-Carmel area and all it has to offer. They enjoyed the Carmel Bach Festival and Monterey Symphony. They would take long walks along the Carmel Highlands with their dog, Molly. Joe volunteered at the Carmel Foundation, where he met many friends and helped deliver meals to homebound senior citizens. In 2019 he moved into The Park Lane and enjoyed meeting new people and engaging in life there. He enjoyed participating in the Men’s Discussion Group. He died peacefully on March 11, 2024, with family by his side.

Joe Stine had an easy smile and was a friend to all he met. He is survived by former wife, Jan; children, Brad (Joyce), Karen and Michelle (David); grandchildren, Nick (Sadie), Allison and Elaine. Final interment will be held in a private, family-only ceremony at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery in Seaside, California.

The family wishes to thank the following organizations for their help to Joe Stine over the years: Alcoholics Anonymous, for their proven program in helping people caught in addiction; The Carmel Foundation, for their financial assistance and help to seniors; and the Veterans Administration, for their excellent medical care for an aging veteran.

Charitable donations can be made to Alcoholics Anonymous (www.aa.org), or to The Carmel Foundation (www.carmelfoundation.org).

POLICE

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remodeled police station.

He also read through the daily logs officers kept for the week of March 4 to show their activities that didn’t make it into the public weekly version. Officers walked through the business district and checked the beach, parks, Flanders Mansion and other areas each day and night. They handled low-hanging limbs and wires, conducted traffic stops — one on eight motorcycles — investigated check fraud and past-tense vandalism, responded to false alarms and blocked driveways, checked disabled and suspicious vehicles, dealt with two groups of loud people waiting for Ubers at 4 a.m., participated in training, checked people’s welfare, wrote parking tickets and handled peace disturbances.

One day, there was “an ‘animal domestic,’ — I don’t even know what that is,” he said. “How do we determine the aggressor?”

Officers also dealt with multiple loose dogs, juveniles “doing jumps on sidewalks,” a truck off route, verbal arguments, 911 hang-up calls, an open gate at Larson Field and a traffic stop that led to a parole search of the person’s car. Paint, water and other materials leaked into a storm drain, and the animal control officer responded to a “wandering tortoise” at Lincoln and Second. They helped lost tourists and took reports of lost wallets.

“It’s not like we’re doing less — we’re just not putting it in the press log,” he said. “That’s an error on our part.”

The story of the log

For years, Carmel P.D.’s police logs were busy things, including not only serious crimes like burglary, assault and even armed robbery, but also the everyday comings and goings date back to the mid-1940s, when they were shared in a narrative tone. The Oct. 1, 1946, issue, for instance, noted that “The police blotter reveals that dark matters have been afoot in Carmel during the past week. There was, for example, the case of Evaline Diekemper’s car. The brakes were locked. She couldn’t budge it. Suddenly and unexpectedly, it released itself, shot down San

Carlos until it reached the intersection of Vista, where it tore through a vacant lot and struck a pine tree.”

By 1981, under publisher Al Eisner, The Pine Cone included a Police Log focusing on Carmel P.D.’s calls, prompting San Francisco resident Irene Vallis to send a Letter to the Editor in April of that year praising it as “one of the most refreshing things I have read in a long time.”

“San Francisco’s Chronicle and Examiner undertook the same sort of listing for a three-day period. It was the most depressing thing I ever read,” she continued. “Your police blotter made Carmel sound like Shangri-La.”

The log was later expanded to include incidents reported by the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, and the paper subsequently dropped the CPD calls under publisher Bill Brown.

Bach Fest, too

“Whither the City of Carmel Police Blotter?” read the title of a highlighted Letter to the Editor in the Aug. 29, 1996, issue. “Would it be possible for The Pine Cone to publish a weekly report of ‘the most significant entries’ of the Carmel Police Department each week?” reader George Faul asked. “Your publishing of the Monterey County Sheriff’s Log weekly is informative but does not address the incidents within Carmel-by-the-Sea itself.”

Brown assured readers that then-Police Chief Don Fuselier was “considering the possibility” of compiling a log for the paper.

When Paul Miller bought The Pine Cone in 1997, he quickly resurrected the feature, not only including items from the sheriff’s office, but sending a reporter to transcribe the calls chronicled by CPD officers, who kept hand-written accounts.

Reporter Mary Schley — formerly Mary Brownfield — has been compiling the log since mid-1998 and has heard more than once from people who decided to move here after reading it, because they want to live in a place where the police will respond if you call them after hearing a scary noise.

And for years, the closing show of the annual Bach Festival included a choral rendition of the log’s highlights. “I’ve heard that same thing from people: They love

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NANCY FUHRMAN O’SUCH

Nancy Fuhrman O’Such passed away peacefully at her home on March 18, 2024, surrounded by her family and loved ones.

Nancy was born in October 1939, in Tucson, Az. Soon after, her family moved to Tracy, Ca where she lived until early adulthood and then relocated to Lafayette, Ca. Lafayette is where she embarked on a successful career as a real estate agent and real estate broker. One of Nancy’s many career accomplishments was being awarded Rookie of the Year at Valley Realty. To be closer to family, Nancy later moved to the Monterey Peninsula. It was there she became a real estate broker at Del Monte Realty and made a name for herself in the community. She maintained her broker’s license until the day of her passing. Her dedication and passion for her work endeared her to clients and colleagues alike.

Nancy was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and accomplished professional ... top of form.

Nancy’s presence was a gift beyond measure. Her beauty extended far beyond her kind heart and generous spirit. Her captivating smile was more than just a greeting; it was a beacon of warmth and kindness that illuminated every room. Her infectious joy and genuine interest in others transcended mere conversation, and forged deep connections with those lucky enough to meet her. Nancy possessed an innate ability to make each person she spoke to feel like the most cherished individual in the world, profoundly weaving together a beautiful tapestry of friends and family in her extraordinary life.

Nancy leaves behind her dear husband, Frederick O’Such. Their time together was filled with precious moments, deep understanding and unwavering support.

Nancy is survived by her two devoted children, Scott Richards and Michelle Aliotti, along with their spouses Valeria Richards and Frank Aliotti. Her grandchildren are Madalynn and Mackenzie Crouch, Gaspare and Molly Aliotti, and Rodrigo and Karoline Santos. Her great-grandchildren are Kase and Vivienne Crouch, Lucia Aliotti, and Kaiki and Alice Santos.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Madalynn Ferguson; her beloved husband, Robert Fuhrman’ her step-son, Richard Fuhrman and sister-in-law Diane Ferguson. She leaves behind her brother, Patrick Ferguson and sister, Martha Ferguson. Nancy’s nieces and nephews are Monica Davis, Melissa Hall, Illona Simon, Kyle Ferguson and Jeff Hardwick.

She is also survived by Robert’s children, LeeAnne Kahl, William Fuhrman, William’s wife Diana, and Richard’s wife Vangie. She also leaves behind his grandchildren, Robert Fuhrman, Alexis Kahl, Brennan Kahl-Yue, Rebecca Fuhrman, Richard Fuhrman, Ryan and Aliana Fuhrman, great-grandchildren Ryder and Knox Jagielski, Liam Fuhrman, Ariana and Richard Fuhrman III and Feilian Yue.

She also leaves behind Frederick’s children, David O’Such and Karen Gorman, and their spouses Shelley O’Such and Bill Gorman. Fred’s grandchildren are Austin, Nolan and Laurel O’Such, Trip and Elizabeth Gorman, as well as his great-granddaughter Ella O’Such.

Nancy was known for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for her family. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Nancy’s celebration of life will be held at the Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach, CA on Tuesday April 9th at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy has requested donations be made directly to Hospice of the Central Coast at 2 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Building D, Suite 120, Monterey, CA 93940.



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reading the police log in The Pine Cone,” Tomasi said.

A summary of some of the log items for the week of March 4, 2005, includes a woman at Lincoln and Seventh who was contacted “by an older male adult who asked her to go out” and would not relent after she rejected his offer, and a person who reported a pit bull “had jumped into their parked vehicle and was eating their food” and became aggressive when they attempted to remove it. Police also contacted and warned a “suspicious person yelling and threatening employees” at local churches.

Lost and found

Officers took a report of two jackets stolen from a residence on Casanova Street — and searched the house and found them for the occupant. Another Casanova resident reported a watch that “was mysteriously taken from the package it had come in inside her home,” had reappeared on the dashboard of her car. “She thinks she knows who is responsible and believes the person is trying to scare her,” the report concluded.

A Santa Rita Street man told police he was afraid his neighbor was going to steal his cat due to allegations of neglect, and an unsafe driver on Rio Road who “stated that he had ‘no knees’ and was disabled, which may have caused any unsafe driving,” according to the log, though he “could not recall where or how he had been driving.”

Fast-forward nearly a decade to the same week in 2014, and the seven-day period includes an officer observing a Dolores business owner “allowing his dog outside of his store off leash and unattended,” and an establishment on San Carlos Street hosting live music without a permit, to name a couple.



Police Chief Paul Tomasi (right) on bike patrol with Sgt. Michael Bruno in 2021. A lot of the work they did probably didn't make it into the weekly press log.

A woman who reported making a hotel reservation and providing her credit card information told police that after she checked her account and found no charges, “she felt the hotel was running a fraud and began making irrational and bizarre comments before hanging up on the officer,” who had offered to make the reservation for her.

Officers also contacted a transient “who had various personal items strewn across the post office floor space near the Fifth Avenue entrance/exit.” He was advised to clean up and clear out.

Tomasi said a lot of the color in the log was due to the fact the officers summarized their calls themselves.

“The officers used to write more to show they were active, and now it’s the dispatchers putting it in,” he said. “With all the other things they’re doing, they’re just abbreviating more. We’ve gotten away from adding a lot of the details. There are some fun and lighthearted things they do.”

MARY ANNA DOMAN

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Our mother, Mary Anna Doman, was born on August 9, 1941, in Deering, Missouri to George and Gladys McGee.

Mary Anna married her high school sweetheart, Thurman Stephen Doman, Jr., in 1962 and they were married for 57 years before Steve passed away on March 22, 2019. Our parents’ example of love and commitment has been a beautiful legacy for our family.



Mary Anna was a military wife serving for 30 years with Steve who was an Army chaplain. After Steve served a full military career retiring as a colonel, they traveled the world on Holland America Cruise Line serving for 18 years as one of Holland America’s chaplains.

Mary Anna earned a B.A. from San Francisco State University in elementary education and an M.A. from Boston University in psychology and counseling.

Mary Anna’s life was filled with much joy as she and Steve raised their two daughters in the Netherlands, Germany and other military bases around the world. They also created a multitude of memories with their nine grandchildren in Carmel, California.

Mary Anna is survived by her brothers, John (Marion) McGee, Thomas (Sandy) McGee; sister, Sandra (Matt) Knighton; daughters, Christine (Bill) Barcus and Rachelle (Eric) Nyenhuis; grandchildren, Stephanie (Jared) Coleman, Anna (Johnny) Allen, Chloe (Garrett) Brush, Collin (Elisa) Nyenhuis, Wesley Scott (Emilee) Barcus, Deven (Hope) Riley Nyenhuis, Carston Nyenhuis, Chaylen Nyenhuis and Grace (Clint) Decker; and great-grandchildren, Peyton Coleman, Faith Coleman, Sonny Coleman, Quincy Nyenhuis, Elowyn Brush, Reign Riley, Reid Barcus, Rosemary Allen, Ty Nyenhuis, Marigold Allen and Mable Brush.

Our mother’s life was filled with love and service with a profound love of Christ, as wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, school teacher, counselor, Bible study teacher and world traveler.

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"Based on physical evidence, we don't think any foul play is involved," Nieto said. "Obviously, after the forensic pathologist exams her, we'll make some kind of determination."

Nieto said Meister's injuries "were consistent with falling down a cliff."

"Our trails are very steep," she said. "They can be dangerous — even

experienced hikers can slip and fall."

Sheriff's office commander Andres Rosas thanked those who assisted in the search.

"We received offers of assistance from across the United States," he added. "This attracted a lot of attention. We express our gratitude for these offers. It is very sad to have to announce this tragic ending today."

Meister's colleagues at the Zen center expressed condolences for her.

"We are all deeply saddened and in shock," Tassajara posted on its Facebook page. "Our hearts are broken."

VELELLA

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help protect them from predators, she said. "If you're blue like that and you blend in with the environment, you're less likely to get eaten."

Last year, Velella velella washed up on Southern California beaches en masse, but

Utal said it's unusual to see such strandings occur year after year. She said members of the marine sanctuary's volunteer corps, called Bay Net, started emailing her over the weekend to tell her they'd seen the by-the-wind sailors along the coast, and that she was looking forward to getting out to them.

"We're always really excited to see them washing up on the shore," she said.

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RAILS

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“We want to keep people on the road,” Hendrix said. “We want people to be safe, and we want this bridge and highway to be reliable.”

Hendrix insisted the existing railing can’t be preserved. “We all realize the existing bridge railing is decaying, and it cannot be repaired,” he said.

The official said Caltrans has gone to great lengths to come up with the design that local residents will be OK with, including a new one that expands the portal from 6 inches to 10 inches. “We created 11 different custom options with needs of the community in mind,” he explained.

Accident data shared

Wrapping up his presentation, Hendrix said Caltrans will continue to fight for replacing the railings — even if the supervisors vote against their plans, and the coastal commission declines to consider an appeal, which he suggested was rumored. His comments hinted at the possibility the dispute will end up in court.

“There are preliminary rumblings that the coastal commission won’t hear our appeal,” he explained. “That’s a little troubling. Caltrans would need to take next steps should there be a failure to obtain a coastal development permit to replace this bridge rail. Those options will be on the table.”

Emphasizing the need to prioritize safety, Hendrix shared data on vehicle accidents along Highway 1 between Point Lobos and the Monterey County line over the past decade.

“From the summer of 2013 to the summer of 2023, there were 921

crashes, 24 fatalities and 532 people injured,” he reported. “At Caltrans, that’s unacceptable.”

Hendrix also reported that there have been at least 10 vehicle accidents at the bridge during the past decade, although none were fatal.

“Shocked and appalled”

Meanwhile, county planning commissioner Martha Diehl, speaking as a Big Sur resident who lives nearby Garrapata Bridge, where the new railings have been proposed, suggested the effort to modernize the bridges is unnecessary.

“I’m particularly shocked and appalled at the attempts of Caltrans to bring forward safety concerns that do not exist,” Diehl said. “This particular railing design has performed without failure and without anybody going through it since 1932. It worked through the ‘50s and ‘60s in Big Sur, when there was Detroit steel, no speed limits and we had people that typically did not obey the law.”

With neither side budging, Supervisor Mary Adams conceded that she was “struggling” to find a balance between highway safety and historical preservation.

“What a conundrum we find ourselves in,” Adams said. “I’ve weighed the accident crash data and positioned those stats — one accident a year for 10 years — against the guidelines we would have to ignore. To allow destruction of the guard rails, we would have to ignore the Big Sur Land Use Plan, and we would have to ignore the Coast Highway Management Plan.”

Adams made a motion to create a committee with three locals and three Caltrans representatives, along with a county representative, to work out a solution. “I believe there’s a way we can come forward with some sort of compromise,” she added.

The supervisors unanimously agreed to continue the hearing to May 7.



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LODGING

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conserve the sites’ essential character. One way to set visitor limits is to simply freeze the number of lodging units at the existing level.”

The county addressed the discrepancies between data in a memo county planning official Taylor Price wrote in



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November.

“There are two primary reasons for the differences between county count data and other count data,” Price said. “The first involves an interpretation of when the new unit count data begins. The county’s new unit count data begins after the date of the certification of the Big Sur Land Use Plan by the California Coastal Commission on April 10, 1986. Keep Big Sur Wild’s counts use an earlier date.”

Price said the second reason the numbers don’t align is due to how “establishments were originally approved.” In other words, what the local group views as “lodging” may have been approved as a campsite. “For example, Treebones Resort was permitted by the county and California Coastal Commission as a rustic campground,” he explained.

Public workshop


The memo suggests that the updated Big Sur Land Use Plan will address the discrepancy — and seemingly acknowledges a lack of consistency in sorting out the distinctions between hotel rooms and campsites. The plan’s update is in the works, and there was a public workshop on it this week.

“As a part of the land use plan update at a future



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planning commission workshop, the county plans to release proposed language to clarify what counts as an inn unit, R.V. campground, hostel bed, rustic campground, and hike-in and environmental campsite, to ensure that future visitor serving unit applications will be evaluated based on a consistent definitional standard,” Price added.

HOUSING

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occupancy” and did not provide minimum safeguards to protect or warn occupants in the event of fire,” the DA’s office alleges.

Prosecutors also said that the couple had “unsafe propane tanks” near the unpermitted dwelling units, which they said were a hazard to occupants because they lacked bollards, strapping, and anchoring. Propane lines in greenhouse hallways also lacked emergency shutoff valves. There was also an unpermitted septic system and unsafe water heaters, mechanical and electrical equipment and even an “unauthorized public water system,” the lawsuit says.

If the couple is convicted of any of the felonies, they must turn in any firearms, ammunition and ammunition feeding devices.

Former tenants, employees or witnesses are asked to contact district attorney investigator Sarah Jackson at (831) 759-6774 if they would like to share information related to the housing operation.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240463

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **Ivy Park at Carmel, 26245 Carmel Rancho Blvd Carmel, CA 93923**, County of Monterey County Registered Owner(s): 26245 Carmel Rancho Blvd OpCo LLC, 4500 Dorr Steet Toledo, OH 43615; Delaware This business is conducted by a limited liability company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable S/ Sharon Makowsky, Manager This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/04/2024 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12/24 **CNS-3794325#** **CARMEL PINE CONE** Publication Dates: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024. (PC 334)

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 12, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: March 22, 29; April 5, 12, 2024. (PC 336)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240518

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EL PASEO BUILDING, 25575 Arroyo Trail, Carmel, CA 93923**. Registered Owner(s): JEAN CLAUDE MOUTON, 25575 Arroyo Trail, Carmel, CA 93923. BIRGIT ELNA MOUTON, 25575 Arroyo Trail, Carmel, CA 93923. RICH PEPE, 9401 Holt Road, Carmel, CA 93923. SANDRA PEPE, 9401 Holt Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a joint venture. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 25, 2020. **BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Sandra Pepe Date signed: Feb. 28, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 8, 2024. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240547

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PLAYBIG DESIGN, 288 Pearl Street, #333, Monterey, CA 93940**. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PLAYBIG DIGITAL LLC, 288 Pearl Street, #333, Monterey, CA 93950. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2024. **BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). S/Scott R. Seeley, Member Date: March 12, 2024

does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 (PC 341)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV001205

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, BASILIA LUNA ARROYO aka BASILIA LUNA-ARROYO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: RODRIGO LUNA-ARROYO
Proposed name: RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ-LUNA

B. Present name: DIEGO LUNA-ARROYO
Proposed name: DIEGO RODRIGUEZ-LUNA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: May 17, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 14

The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 25, 2024
Publication Dates: March 29; April 5, 12, 19, 2024. (PC 342)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240566

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ORT REPAIR, 585 Gamay Pl., Gonzales, CA 93926**. Registered Owner(s): JAIME ZEPEDA This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. **BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Jaime Zepeda Date signed: March 11, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 14, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 (PC 343)

CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SETTING THE RATE OF THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday March 28, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. the Cypress Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel to make the required findings and to set the rate of the fire mitigation fee to be requested to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County by the District as specified by Section 10.80.160 of the Monterey County Code; Monterey County Ordinance Number 3602.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the time and place above designated for the meeting to set the rate of fire mitigation fees, any taxpayer may appear and be heard regarding this issue.

Leslie Baek, Secretary of the Board
Date: March 15, 2024

Publication dates:
March 22 & 29, 2024
(PC335)

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Talented athletes inspire coach’s optimism for CHS volleyball team

EPIC THINGS can sprout from humble beginnings, which is why Carmel High’s first-year boys volleyball coach doesn’t sound like a worried man when he discusses the 2024 Padres, who, through Monday, were off to a 4-6 start to the new season.

That record included a season-opening road victory over Scotts Valley, a 0-3 record at the Wilcox Invitational (where the Padres played short-handed), and a pair of non-league losses to traditional powerhouse Santa Cruz, including once at Harbor’s Surf City Invitational, where they went 2-3.

“These guys want to win the section. They got to the NorCal finals last year, and they want that, too. I think they have a decent chance to accomplish all of that this year. In fact, if anything keeps them from achieving those goals, it’ll probably be bad coaching,” chuckled Jim Airola, who inherited a highly successful program from his predecessor.

A legacy of success

Israel Ricardez’s teams won Gabilan Division championships in 2016, 2017, 2018 (when they won the school’s only CCS crown, and reached the NorCal Division 2 semis), and last season, when Ricardez’s Padres went 13-1 in league matches, and 24-8 overall. Two of those losses came in postseason championship games, at CCS and NorCals (the most successful playoff run in school history), and the other six were at the hand of high-ranked, tradition-rich opponents.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

And here’s where the news gets a whole lot better: Five key players from that 2023 Carmel powerhouse are back, and their new coach isn’t shy about showering them with superlatives.

Sebastian Daste, the Gabilan Division’s reigning Most Valuable Player, returns as a setter/hitter after leading the team in assists, kills, service aces and digs last spring.

Daste, a senior, already has a rock-solid invitation to play volleyball at Princeton University, which is willing to



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Sophomore Zach Speakman (white jersey at left) is a powerhouse hitter and first-year setter in Carmel’s two-setter offense. Junior co-captain Nico Vitiello (red jersey, above) — Carmel’s most skilled all-around player, said his coach — moves this year from setter to libero, a crucial defensive position.

wait an extra year for his arrival.

“He plans to play semi-professional volleyball for a year before he goes to Princeton, so I get to tell people I’ve got a player on my team who will be playing pro next season,” Airola said. “Sebby, right now, is probably one of the top-five high school setters in the country.”

Daste, who stands 6-foot-4, also is a superlative attacker and defender — and he’s not alone.

Six talented sophomores

Zach Speakman, a 6-3 sophomore — one of six 10th-graders on the varsity roster — is an uber-talented all-around player who ranked among the team’s statistical leaders in kills and digs as a ninth-grader.

“Zach hits the ball really hard, and really effectively, and my plan right now is to use Zach and Sebastian as our setters in a 6-2 offense. We’ll see how that goes,” the coach said.

As a setter, Speakman will be learning on the job, having never played the position before. He made his debut in that role at last weekend’s Harbor Surf City Invitational, where the Padres went 2-3.

Carmel’s second setter a year ago was Daste’s co-captain, Nico Vitiello (just 26 fewer assists than Daste), whom Airola dramatically moved to the back row to play libero (the key back-row defender position in a volleyball lineup).

Best libero?

“I’ll go on record right now predicting Nico will be the best libero Carmel High has ever had,” the coach said. “They’ve never really put their best player at that position, but when you look for a kid who’s great at every skill, he’s the best player on our team.”

Drew Galy won Carmel’s starting libero job at the start of the 2023 season as a freshman and wound up third on the team in digs. He figures to team with Vitiello to provide wall-to-wall defense for the Padres.

Nate Campbell, another sophomore, has stepped into the starting job at middle blocker, attracting another stratospheric prediction from his coach.

“He might be 6-3, and I think he could become the best

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240458
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Monterey Bay Recovery, 4701 Teller Avenue Suite 150D, Newport Beach, CA 92660, County of Orange
Registered Owner(s):
Monterey Health Services, LLC, 4701 TELLER AVENUE SUITE 150D, NEWPORT BEACH, A 92660; DELAWARE
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Paul A Alexander, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/01/2024
3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5/24
CNS-3788889#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024. (PC 325)

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240507
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
BUCKLES-SMITH ELECTRIC COMPANY, 1315 DAYTON STREET, SUITE A SALINAS, CA 93901, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
REXEL USA, INC., 5429 LBJ FREEWAY,


SUITE 600 DALLAS, TX 75240
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/01/2024
S/JOHN C. GSCHWIND, SENIOR VP & CORPORATE SECRETARY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/07/2024
3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5/24
CNS-3792025#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024. (PC 327)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV000983
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ROBERTO CARLOS RAMIREZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: ROBERTO CARLOS RAMIREZ
Proposed name: JOHN ROBERT ELLIOTT
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: May 3, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 11, 2024
Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 2024. (PC 328)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240429
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DIGITAL SECURITY US, 3014 Minaret Way, Marina, CA 93933**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: DIGITAL SECURITY US LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 28, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Julia Dominguez, Manager
Date: March 6, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 2024.
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Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 2024. (PC 330)

sand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Maneeta Maharjan, Manager
Date: Feb. 28, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 28, 2024.
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Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 2024. (PC 329)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240496
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BEAUTY MARK SKIN STUDIO-ACNE CLINIC, 700 Cass Street #122, Monterey, CA 93940**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: GLOW GIRL AESTHETICS LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Julia Dominguez, Manager
Date: March 6, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 2024. (PC 330)



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., 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=K4w04362Blw9Vvc-DfRfzBiBNpdQ9AkTceQuBjdQotshp>. 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 Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting 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 advance of the meeting on the City’s website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on “Government” and then “Meetings.” The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx> and the City’s YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

DR 24059 & UP 24060 (Hofsas House, Inc.)
Eric Miller Architects, Inc., Architect
Casanova Street 2 northwest of 4th Avenue
Block 34; Lots 1 & 3
APN: 010-124-001-000 and 010-124-014-000
Consideration of a Design Review application, DR 24059 (Hofsas House, Inc.), Use Permit application, UP 24060 (Hofsas House, Inc.), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing 38-room hotel and the construction of a new 38-room hotel and two apartments, inclusive of the historic “Donna Hofsas House” and associated hotel ancillary uses, located on San Carlos Street 2 northwest of 4th Avenue in the Residential & Limited Commercial (RC) District.

DS 23-216 (Workman)
Eric Miller Architects, Inc., Representative
Casanova Street 4 northeast of 8th Avenue
Block B; Lot 12
APN: 010-195-011-000
Consideration of a Concept Design Study application, DS 23-216 (Workman), for the remodel of an existing 944-square-foot, one-story single-family residence, the addition of 96 square feet of space to the first floor, and the construction of a new 390-square-foot second-story addition. The residence is located at Casanova Street 4 northeast of 8th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23-205 (CRI on Carpenter - Lot 10)
Eric Miller Architects, Inc., Architect
Guadalupe Street 5 southeast of 1st Avenue
Block 17; Lot 10
APN: 010-021-030-000
Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 23-205 (CRI on Carpenter, Inc. – Lot 10), for the demolition of a 688-square-foot primary building and 122-square-foot accessory building and the construction of a new 1,944-square-foot, two-story residence, inclusive of an attached garage and basement, located at Guadalupe Street 5 southeast of 1st Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23-206 (CRI on Carpenter - Lot 12)
Eric Miller Architects, Inc., Architect
Guadalupe Street 6 southeast of 1st Avenue
Block 17; Lot 12
APN 010-021-031-000
Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 23-206 (CRI on Carpenter – Lot 12), for the construction of a 1,934-square-foot, two-story residence, inclusive of an attached garage

UP 23-385 (Portabella)
Bashar Alsnneeh, Business Owner
Ocean Avenue 3 southwest of Lincoln Street
Block 74; Lot 4
APN: 010-201-015-000
Consideration of a Use Permit Amendment to expand seating for the existing Portabella Restaurant. The expansion would include adding up to seven (7) outdoor dining seats adjacent to the front of the existing restaurant located at Ocean Avenue 3 southwest of Lincoln Street in the Central Commercial (CC) District.

UP 23-384 (Stationary Restaurant)
Adam Jeselnick, Architect
East side of San Carlos Street between 5th and 6th Avenues
Block 57; Lots 12 & 14
APN: 010-132-010-000
Consideration of a Use Permit Amendment to expand seating for the existing Stationary Restaurant to allow a total of 24 outdoor seats located in the existing courtyard, as well as additional seating in an indoor pavilion located within the interior of the courtyard, located at Carmel Square on the east side of San Carlos Street between 5th and 6th Avenues in the Central Commercial (CC) District.

UP 23-389 (Carmel Bistro Giovanni)
Jodi Schaffer, Property Manager
San Carlos Street 2 southeast of 5th Avenue
Block 57; Lots 8 & 10
APN: 010-132-011-000
Consideration of a Use Permit Amendment to expand seating for the existing Bistro Giovanni Restaurant to allow a total of 30 outdoor seats, located in the existing courtyard, located on the east side of San Carlos Street between 5th and 6th Avenues in the Service Commercial (SC) District.

APP 23-368 (Gaya)
Christine Chin, Appellant
Santa Rita Street 4 southeast of Ocean Avenue
Block 82; Lot 8
APN: 010-043-014-000
Appeal of a Track 1 Design Study, DS 22-330 (Gaya), for a balcony and deck addition to an existing upper floor at the front of the residence and the construction of a new awning roof.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson, Director of Community Planning & Building

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SPORTS

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player Carmel has ever had in the middle,” Airola said. “He’s an intimidating blocker because he jumps so well. He also hits the ball at a very high point.”

The middle-blocker position also is occupied by 6-3 senior Jacob Burton, who played extensively on last year’s varsity. Among this year’s returning players, only Daste had more kills.

Tristan Henderson, a sophomore, is another explosive outside hitter, a position where athletic brothers Nicholas and Jacob Tonini (a sophomore and a junior) also figure to see ample playing time.

With so much battle-tested firepower,



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior co-captain Sebastian Daste (No. 10), one of the top high school setters in the U.S., was Gabilan MVP last year. He’ll play semipro next year before moving on to play at Princeton University in 2025.

the Padres might have felt deflated by a slow start, but there’s no panic. Growing pains are to be expected under a rookie coach who has never coached high school volleyball before.

Airola, a college professor (12 years at Santa Clara University, now an economics professor at the Naval Postgraduate School), is well-known as a fixture on the local beach volleyball scene.

After coaching a popular boys volleyball program at Carmel Middle School, he spearheaded a movement to launch a club team at Carmel High in 2009, the freshman year of his older son, Mike.

The club generated enough enthusiasm to become a varsity program the following year. Mike played all three of the school’s inaugural varsity seasons.

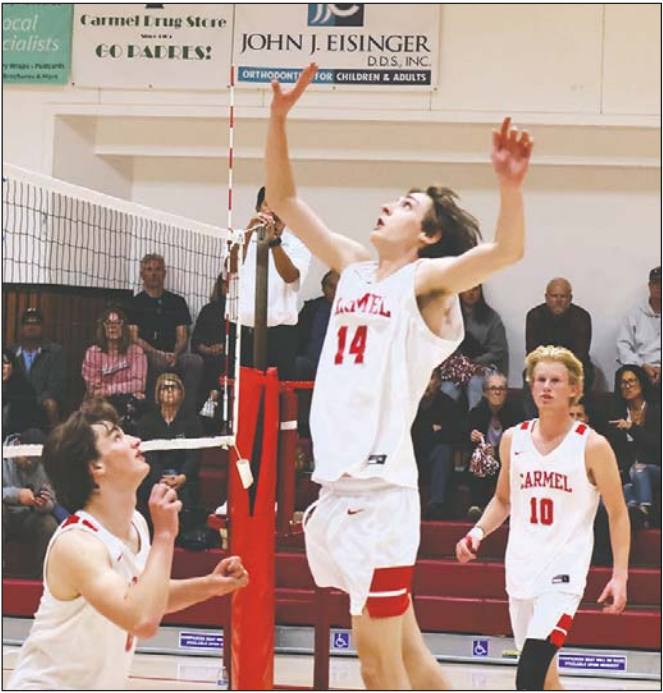
Ben Airola — Mike’s younger brother — was a starting outside hitter for the Padres from 2016-2019, Ricardez-coached teams that went 47-1 against Gabilan competition and won the school’s only CCS championship banner in 2018. He moved on to play at the University of San Diego, then transferred to Santa Clara to finish his Engineering/Computer Science degree. He’s currently playing on the university’s club team, which was ranked No. 6 in the nation last week.

Love for the game

“When this job came up, I decided it was something I wanted to do,” said the new coach. “I love volleyball, I love the community, and I felt like I could do a good job.”

At this early point, the team is a work in progress.

“I think we’ll serve aggressively and play aggressively to get ourselves ready for the better competition we’ll be seeing down the road,” he said. “Right now, we’re good at setting and hitting, but we need to get better at the



Nate Campbell (No. 14), a sophomore with a long, lean body and a good vertical jump, is expected to be an impact player at middle blocker for this year’s Padres.

PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

ball-control part of our game.”

The Padres will test themselves Friday (6:30 p.m., Carmel High) against Carmel legends of the past in the program’s first varsity-alumni game.

Among past players who are expected to play are Ben Airola, Charlie DeLapa, Palmer Bajari, and Joe Barnett, plus Padres from earlier years.

The Padres travel to Salinas on Tuesday

and their next home match is April 9 against Palma. Both are Gabilan Division tests with 6 p.m. starting times.

Correction: An article in the March 22 sports column stated that Carmel High water polo began in 1960. The first year of the program was 1968.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, April 8, 2024**, a **Special Meeting of the Planning Commission at 4:00 p.m., and a Special Meeting of the City Council at 4:30 p.m.**, will be held in person at City Hall and via teleconference for the following purpose:

Topic:
Special Meeting of the Planning Commission to consider a General Plan amendment and make a recommendation to the City Council on the adoption of the 6th Cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element and associated Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Special Meeting of the City Council to consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation on a General Plan amendment, adopting the 6th Cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element and associated Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The Housing Element has been revised to address comments received from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) following their 60-day review of the City’s Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element. The final document, prior versions, HCD review letter(s), and all background material as it relates to the Housing Element and Carmel’s Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) can be found here: <https://homecarmelbythesea.com/>

Location:
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Dial in: (253) 215-8782

All interested persons are invited to attend to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the person identified below prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public meeting will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the City Council prior to or during the public meeting.

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Please direct comments or questions about this item to MWaffle@cbts.us or 831-620-2057.
Principal Planner: mwaffle@cbts.us

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Editorial

Seek and ye shall find

A COUPLE of weeks ago, we complained about the San Francisco Chronicle’s Feb. 18 hit piece on Patrice Pastor — the one that said he’s a terrifying person who “reportedly wants to crush everybody.”

As we pointed out, the story didn’t contain a single substantial allegation of any wrongdoing by Pastor. The “terrifying” part was just the opinion of an anonymous somebody, and the “crush everybody” was based on a magazine article that cited the opinions of Pastor’s business rivals in Monaco. But what had he done wrong in Carmel? Nothing, as far as the Chronicle reported, except that he’s “quietly been accumulating more than a dozen favored properties” in town.

Unfortunately for the Chronicle’s story, that allegation is just plain wrong. Pastor’s real estate acquisitions in town have been high profile, to say the least — not only because he and his projects have been the subject of extensive public debate and more than a dozen well attended public hearings, but because he’s been the protagonist in numerous front-page stories in this newspaper. In other words, Pastor has only been “quietly accumulating property” if you haven’t been paying attention.

We understand the tendency of big city newspapers to think that when they first learn of something, it has to be the first time anybody discovered it, if not the first time it happened — a mindset that stems from the same overconfidence that makes them think their opinions about all the hot-button issues of the day should be (or already are) every right-thinking person’s beliefs. One thing that would improve the journalism at the Chronicle and many other high-profile media outlets is a little humility.

Little did we know that, while we were researching this editorial, a Google search led us to a Feb. 6, 2009, front-page story in this newspaper highlighting another Chronicle “scoop” that we had already prominently reported.

“S.F. Chronicle exposes ‘secret’ Boy Scout deal that was in The Pine Cone four years ago,” said our headline.

“An article in the San Francisco Chronicle last week, ‘Political pull helped fix Scouts’ dam problem,’ accuses U.S. Rep. Sam Farr and former State Sen. Bruce McPherson of trading favors for campaign contributions, and a local Boy Scout council of cutting a secret deal to hide its role in the illegal construction of a dam on the North Fork of the Little Sur River,” we said.

The Chronicle story reported that Farr and McPherson received donations from two Granite Construction Co. officials with ties to the Pico Blanco Boy Scout Camp in Big Sur and suggested the two politicians helped the camp evade prosecution by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The federal watchdog agency believed a temporary dam on the Little Sur River — which creates a summertime swimming hole for Boy Scouts — might have been responsible for killing at least 30 steelhead trout in 2002.

The Chronicle implied that, because of the campaign contributions, the Scout council, “avoided fines and quietly secured a favorable settlement agreement” in June 2003. The agreement, according to the Chronicle, was never made public.

But details of the agreement were reported in the Carmel Pine Cone of Aug. 12, 2005, “based on interviews with an attorney representing the Boy Scouts who made no effort to conceal them,” our story, written by Chris Counts, said.

So here’s a tip for big-city reporters who have Carmel-area stories in their sights: Don’t forget to check The Pine Cone’s archives. They’re on our website, and every story this newspaper has printed in its 109-year history is in there. A little knowledge can be really helpful in determining the truth.

BEST of BATES



“I’d say it’s a hit and run.”

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author’s name and home town. We reserve the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication and to edit for length and clarity.

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‘Hold them accountable’ Dear Editor,

Plaudits to Jack Galante for his bold and clear comments regarding the audacity of state-mandated housing units in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Galante identifies our village character where water resources are scarce, lack of enough parking spaces is a continuous problem, and our tiny 1.1-square-mile town has no room for 349 more housing units.

Our city council must object to any and all plans that are not in keeping with our unique village heritage. We, the residents, have elected our leaders. Let us hold them accountable!

Sandra Berris, Carmel

State housing debacle Dear Editor,

The city council has made a serious mistake at the expense of Carmel. Inexplicably, they neglected to utilize built-in

protections from the 349-unit housing mandate, namely the Surplus Land Act.

This law articulates how and when public lands may be designated as “surplus.” It specifies that lands first must be “unused” and “underutilized” in order to be designated. The problem is the lands the city assumes are surplus are significantly used and significantly utilized (for parking). Therefore, those lands are not surplus and should not be considered for housing to meet the state mandate.

Incompetence led to asserting the Sunset and Vista Lobos parking lots are surplus lands and then offering them up to the state. It should have been a non-starter from the very beginning. Instead, the city investigated housing opportunities without establishing surplus lands.

Unfortunately, the city council ignored the law and certainly didn’t prioritize the best interests of Carmel.

Not only that, but the city council has neglected another layer of protection by not seeking “historic district” designation. By not securing this well-founded historic designation for the entire city, and by misunderstanding the basics of the Surplus Land Act, the council made Carmel a sitting duck for overreaching state requirements. In their zeal to appease Sacramento, they overlooked water availability (water credits), natural resource impacts, parking deficiencies, over-crowding, business repercussions, and the general preservation of the uniqueness of Carmel.

Chuck Najarian,
Carmel

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Finding one’s meaning and purpose

THIS AREA has an abundance of diverse and worthy nonprofits that offer all sorts of services and are led by many capable people. Some have become so synonymous with the groups they serve, it’s hard to imagine anyone else doing that job. Just ask Erin White, who next week will take over as president and CEO of Hospice Giving Foundation in Monterey.

She’s following Siobhan Greene, who has served for nearly 11 years in that job

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

and said she is proudest of her collaborative work that resulted in a two-year, \$1.5 million commitment to launch Heal Together, an expanded program to provide grief and bereavement services throughout Monterey County. Given her work and reputation, when Greene announced her retirement, identifying a replacement was a daunting effort.

Surely one of the wisest requests White made in accepting the offer to become the group’s next president and CEO was to ask Greene to remain on board long enough to mentor her. Greene plans a June exit, so White will begin her tenure April 1.

‘Amazing things’

“I feel very fortunate that I will have three months working side by side with Siobhan, who has done amazing things with this organization,” Greene said. “I’ve been through leadership changes and know it will be a blessing to have her there ... this is very clearly about sustaining success.”

Raised in Cumberland, a small town in Western Maryland, White attended public schools for her early education but has spent her career working in private ones. She attended Loyola University in Baltimore, earning a degree in philosophy and history with a minor in Spanish.

“Philosophy was my real love, and I

added history to develop more pragmatic skills in research,” she said. “I’m very pre-occupied with and committed to questions of meaning and purpose, always striving for the ideals of truth and beauty and goodness.”

Upon her 2003 graduation from Loyola, White accepted a job in the university’s admissions office, which launched her career in education administration.

A year later, her then-fiancé was accepted to graduate school at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. White said she “blanketed” the Monterey Peninsula with her resume, along with a cover letter that said she was interested in “whole-child education as a means to finding one’s meaning and purpose in life.” She was offered a position in admissions at Santa Catalina School — provided she agreed to live on campus.

Becoming an adult

“I was 24 years old when I joined the staff at Catalina, and I worked there 17 years,” she said. “I became an adult there.” White became interested in how to effectively market a school and educational experience. Which, she said, meant she had to learn how to raise money.

“From 2008 until 2020, I served as director of major gifts and the campaign manager,” she said. “We raised \$50 million, an amazing achievement that really transformed the school, which funded new opportunities for women in math and science, a renovation of the lower and middle schools, and financial aid programs. This was an incredible, meaningful time of life.”

When White noticed a position had opened to become director of philanthropy and community partnerships for York School in Monterey, she saw it as an opportunity to learn how to apply her experience to a different type of school. She made the transition.

“I appreciate York’s mission to create independent, creative people,” she said. White was also looking ahead for her two young children’s futures. “I knew my sons would do well in high school there.”

Taking on a big role

When considering the opportunity to join Hospice Giving Foundation, White wrestled with whether it was the right time to leave her role at York, where she feels exciting things are happening. She also wondered, as a parent of two school-aged children, if this was the right time to take on such a big role at Hospice.

“Yet, in my conversations with Siobhan, and as I went through the interview process, I fell more in love with the organization, which aligns with my interests in philosophy and truth, the meaning of life and loss, and the issues of dying and grief and bereavement. When you are a person intrigued by those dark corners in life

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Rug-maker, nail technician and color consultant discovers fused glass

LIKE A honeybee moving from flower to flower, Cindy Horning’s life in art has been a constant exploration for the tastiest nectar. Twenty-three years ago, she alighted upon the blossom she’d been searching for.

“I’ve always been somebody who is looking for ‘the next thing’ in my life,” said the Pacific Grove glasswork specialist and co-founder of Studio 171, an eclectic gallery, gift shop and workspace on Forest Avenue. “When I started working with glass, I immediately knew this was it.”

Since moving to the Monterey Peninsula in 1972, Horning’s journey as an artist has included efforts as a custom rug-maker, a color consultant, a nail technician, creator of wearable art, and, finally, a crafter of one-of-a-kind fused-glass ornaments, a business called Fusion Confusion.

‘An accidental artist’

“I consider myself to be an accidental artist. My husband had real talent, but mine was accidental,” she said of Roy Arthur (“Art”) Horning, who died in November 2018 after 46 years of marriage.

“He was an art major who could draw anything. He was a wonderful painter, but only painted when he felt like it. He’d often start a painting, but getting him to finish it was almost impossible. His thing was, ‘Well, there’s really no place to paint.’ And my thing was, ‘Then, make a place!’”

They met in 1968 as students at Sacramento State, where she was a home economics major planning to become a teacher.

She married him in February 1972 at the Santa Lucia Episcopal Chapel in Big Sur, right next to the river, and settled into the Pacific Grove home she occupies today.

In 1973, the Hornings opened Rug Crafters, making and selling punch-needle

rugs on Cannery Row.

In 1974, Cindy had the first of her two children, and in 1977, as parenting became the priority, they sold the rug business.

Over the next several years, Art, a professional photographer, took yearbook photos at area schools. Cindy did nails,

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

and, from 1987 to 1996, collaborated with a friend from Sacramento on a new business, The Color System, helping clients choose ideal colors for their personal wardrobes. That expanded into Art to Wear, a business in which Horning and her friend added ornate adornments to garments to create wearable art.

A life-altering diagnosis

“In October 2000 — Breast Cancer Awareness Month — I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I quit working and making art for a full year while I was undergoing treatment and recovering,” Horning said. “It wasn’t a fun time in my life, and I felt depressed and bored.”

Her sister, Pam, a Newport Beach resident, came to the rescue with a phone call. “Come down here ... we’re playing with glass!” she said.

“So I did, and that kind of flipped a switch,” said Horning, who immediately realized she had discovered “the next thing.”

“I fell in love with glasswork because it’s just so colorful and happy,” she said.

“I was just messing around, trying to figure out how to do it through experimentation, and then, around 2003, I took Kiln Formed Glass, the first of several really fun classes at Monterey Peninsula College from Diane Eisenbach.”

In 2004, Horning and her husband returned to Newport Beach for a boat trip to Santa Catalina Island, where they wandered into a brand-new shop, Afishinados Gallery.

“It was a darling little store, full of ocean-themed glasswork, and my sister immediately started pimping me out to the owner: ‘Oh, my sister does glass!’” Horning remembered with a laugh. “The owner said, ‘Well, bring some in, and we’ll see.’”

Humble expectations

Horning returned a few months later, during Thanksgiving Week, with three tubs of her art and humble expectations.

“I was hoping she’d take one, two, maybe three of my pieces,” she said. “I almost passed out when she bought them all.”

Six weeks later, Horning got a call from Afishinado. Her pieces had sold out, and the owner wanted more.

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PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Pacific Grove fused-glass artist Cindy Horning, co-owner of Studio 171, poses with her mermaid-themed wall hanging in the wildly diverse gallery on Forest Avenue.



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After working at Santa Catalina and York schools, Erin White is tackling a new challenge.

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Eagle Scout project brings haven for off-leash dogs to Toro Park

By CHRIS COUNTS

NEARLY A decade after a dog park proposal was shot down in Carmel Valley, the Quail Meadows Dog Park at Toro Park opened Thursday at noon.

The idea for the park came from local Eagle Scout Nathan Poggemeyer, who designed and constructed it with the help of Boy Scout Troop 60 in Spreckels.

“Mr. Poggemeyer contacted county’s parks and expressed his desire to construct a dog park at Toro Park after hearing from local residents that there is a shortage of leash-free dog parks in the area,” county spokesperson Nick Pasculli said. “Current Monterey County code requires that pets be leashed when in county parks. Working alongside the parks division, Mr. Poggemeyer laid out the plans for the dog park and garnered the support of the community.”

Once he raised enough money to pay for it, he and fellow Scouts, along with other volunteers, constructed the dog park “over the course of a few short weeks.”

Pasculli told The Pine Cone Poggemeyer and others fenced the park, while the county made some drainage

improvements, trimmed trees and marked where utility lines exist. Also installed were wood chips made of “play-ground grade bark,” which the county officials said don’t splinter and are easy to clean.

In the coming months, the Boy Scouts plan to build an obstacle course for dogs in the park, which also features benches for people so they can relax while their pets explore and interact with other dogs.

Stepping up

The county chief of parks, Bryan Flores, said he was impressed by Poggemeyer’s initiative.

“The County of Monterey is very fortunate to have young individuals like Nathan who want to step up and make their community a better place,” he added. “The County of Monterey Parks has a long history of partnering with Eagle Scouts to provide park projects, and we look forward to many more years of working together to improve our wonderful recreation areas. Many thanks to Nathan and his fellow Scouts for this wonderful addition to Toro Park.”

According to Pasculli, the county spent \$3,000 on the

project. A GoFundMe campaign also supported the project, raising \$1,630. Nathan previously raised \$4,500 to get the work started.

The proliferation of dog parks in recent years has been embraced by many who enjoy the convenience and socialization they offer. But many others have spoken out against them, in large part due to the conflicts that can arise between dogs, as well as the possibility of the spread of disease.

In 2015, county planning commissioner Martha Diehl and others sought to open the Carmel Canine Center next to Quail Lodge, but the proposal generated considerable opposition. Two years later, a proposal to establish a dog park at the former Rancho Cañada Golf Club’s East Course in Carmel Valley was also turned down.

There are about a half dozen other dog parks in the county, including the El Estero Dog Park at 852 Pearl St. in Monterey, but the new one at Toro Park is the first opened on county property, Pasculli added.

Man charged with crime for texting minor

By KELLY NIX

THE FORMER teacher who was suspended from his job at a private school in Seaside two weeks ago has been charged with molesting a child and tampering with evidence related to the case, according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.

Aaron Kanak, 29, of Monterey was fired from Chartwell School after a parent on March 14 notified Seaside Police that he’d sent inappropriate text messages to their 16-year-old daughter, a student at the school. The DA’s office on March 22 charged Kanak with child molestation and destroying, erasing, or concealing evidence in the case, both misdemeanors.

“The crime of child molesting, a misdemeanor, was committed by Aaron James Kanak, in that Kanak did unlawfully annoy and molest a child, Jane Doe, under the age of 18 years old,” the criminal complaint alleges.

No touching

Seaside Police have not accused Kanak of touching the girl, and the crime he was charged with, PC647.6(a)(1), does not require evidence that someone touched, or even tried to touch, a child.

Police say that Kanak “admitted to his inappropriate acts” before they arrested him. He bailed out of Monterey County Jail shortly after being lodged there.

County prosecutors also allege Kanak “did willfully destroy, erase, or conceal, book, paper, record an instrument in writing, digital image, video recording owned by another, or other matter or thing about to be produced in evidence upon a trial, inquiry, or investigation, authorized by law, with the intent to prevent it or its content from being produced,” which is a misdemeanor under PC135.

The district attorney’s office set a May 22 date for Kanak to be arraigned in a Salinas courtroom.

ARTIST

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“That was a huge moment of validation for me as an artist, and I’m still selling my stuff there today,” she said.

With a demand for her art, the Hornings’ small home in P.G. soon became cluttered with the materials and equipment she needed, a situation that became problematic when they decided to host a family party for Easter. They needed space.

They found it in June 2014 at 170 Grand Ave., which became the Fusion Confusion Workshop for the next eight years.

After Art died in 2018, Cindy partnered with stained-glass artist Jennifer Hallock, her former daughter-in-law, jade artist Josh Robertson, Jen’s husband, and Ryann Horning, Jen’s daughter and Cindy’s granddaughter, to open Studio 171. All share ownership of the business at 171 Forest Ave.

Hallock, the stained-glass artist who owns Pacific Grove Glass Art, also teaches workshops there, typically about once a month. Ryann, the family’s third-generation artist, learned to make smaller stained-glass pieces for her business, Ryann’s Signature, by watching her mom. Robertson, the jade specialist, creates a wide range of jewelry for his business, JR Jade.

Age 6 to college

Horning’s popular fused-glass pieces include colorful seahorses, jellyfish, mermaids, glow-in-the-dark starfish, garden art, wall ornaments, decorative boxes and more.

“I make whatever I can think of,” said the artist, who bakes her pieces in a 1,450-degree kiln.

Horning, now 77, also teaches two or three fused-glass

classes every week at the shop, an activity she’s enjoyed for many years.

“Some of the people I’ve taught were 6 years old when they started with me. Now they’re in college, and they’re still coming back for more classes,” she said. “Watching those kids grow up has been so much fun, and it’s wonderful to see them again, even though they don’t need my help anymore.”

Studio 171, open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Tuesday, also showcases the work of about 20 other artists.

Images and additional information about the shop and artists can be found on Instagram @studio171.pg, @ryannssignature, @pacificgroveglassart, @fusion.confusion.pg, and @j.r.jade. For information about glass workshops, contact Cindy Horning at (831) 915-0359.

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City council accepting grant applications

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS that serve the Carmel community are being encouraged to apply to the city council for taxpayer-funded grants of up to \$3,000 apiece.

Nonprofits and schools based in or providing services to the city and its residents are eligible for the annual grants. They must directly provide the services for which they are seeking funding and cannot owe any money to the city. Eligible organizations also can’t rely on local tax dollars for their annual budgets and operations.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. April 5. Look for the link at ci.carmel.ca.us. For more information, call city clerk Nova Romero at (831) 620-2016 or email nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us.

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CALENDAR

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March 30 – Taste Morgan Cellar Sale.

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April 1 – “Soaring with the Dream Machine.”

Legendary aviator and power aerobatic performer, Sean D. Tucker, will entertain and reveal how he has been thrilling audiences at air shows since 1976. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel. 2 p.m. Open to the public. \$10 guest/members free.

April 4 – “B4Noon Organ Recital”,

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

April 11 – Sons In Retirement (SIR) monthly luncheon at Bayonet Grill, Seaside.

Guest speaker is Mary Pendlay talking about the legacy of Monterey's David Jacks. Email Al Williams at alw831@comcast.net for more info.

April 12 – Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, Scottish fiddle and cello duo,

St. Mary's by-the-Sea, 146 12th Street and Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. Concert at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets at www.celticsociety.org

April 13-14 – Don't miss the 14th Annual Whalefest Monterey,

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at and around Old Fisherman's Wharf. This free, fun and educational event for all ages includes a fascinating one-day symposium, engaging activities, live entertainment and more than three dozen interactive displays by national marine organizations that help protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. www.whalefest.org

April 23 – Authors Douglas Brinkley and Dave Eggers share their insights on what it means to be human in the “Accelerated Age of Everything!”

This Carmel Public Library fundraising event begins 8 p.m. at the Sunset Center Theater, Carmel. VIP admission (\$175) with reception, wines and book sales and signings begins 6:30 p.m. General admission is \$45-\$75 and begins 7 p.m. For details, email info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or call (831) 624-2811.

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LETTERS

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More water

Dear Editor,

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and Public Water Now would have you believe we have plenty of water, but their argument doesn't recognize that our current water use is artificially depressed due to the moratorium, tiered water rates and the amazing job we have all done in conservation.

Current water use is around 9,000 acre-feet per year, but 15 years ago our water use was over 14,000 AFY.

If the proposed desalination plant is built, we will potentially have an unlimited supply of water and we can get rid of the moratorium which will allow us to add a bathroom, remodel a house or allow a business to increase water use, address the affordable housing shortage and meet a huge pent up demand.

Second, a desalination plant will allow us to get rid of the tiered water rates which are driving up our water bills. No matter how hard I try, my water bill is double what it would be without the tiered rates. Most of Cal Am's cost of producing water are fixed costs, so the more water produced, the lower the unit cost.

Finally, we have all been extremely diligent in conserving water but are tired of not being able to water lawns, letting our landscaping deteriorate and being forced to conserve. Although the desal water will cost more, we can minimize the increased rates by producing more water because, as previously mentioned, most of the costs are fixed costs.

Most of us didn't even know about the recent California Public Utilities Commission hearing regarding our water demand so we all need to let them know we need more water.

Jack Angel, Monterey

Not-so-extreme projections

Dear Editor,

Consultants to Carmel's city government have produced new draconian estimates of the future sea level rise. These estimates are supposedly based on state guidance that the sea level will rise 4 feet by 2100. But, as The Pine Cone article points out, in 2018, state guidance predicted 7 feet of rise by 2100.

Moreover, the official summary of the 2024 state report says that the most likely rise by 2100 is now between 1.6 ft and 3.1 ft, not 4 feet. <https://opc.ca.gov/2024/01/draft-slr-guidance-2024>.

Where did the consultants even get the 4 feet number? Who knows? This isn't the first time estimates from state or federal reports have been massaged to produce alarming numbers at the local level. The good news is that, over the last few years, scientists have been backing off extreme projections and arriving at lower numbers.

City planners, rather than relying on expensive consultants, should read the periodic reports coming from the state government. They're easy to understand and they spell out the uncertainty. The Council of Ocean Protection held a webinar focused on the central coast on Feb. 14, which is still available as a recording. Did anyone from Carmel's government attend?

Thomas Lee, Monterey

'Retreat may be only option'

Dear Editor,

The sea level will rise as long as the global atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases increase. It is impossible to predict how much sea level will rise 100 years from now. Consequently, it will be difficult to determine how much to spend on adaptation to protect as much of Carmel's stunning beach as possible. What if the sea level continues to rise far into the future?

I support spending money for adaptation to preserve Carmel beach and the infrastructure under Scenic Drive, up to a point. There is a limit beyond which adaptation expenditures will have diminishing returns. Sadly, retreat may be the only long-term option.

Future members of the Carmel City

Council will wrestle with the issue of allocating funding for adaptation. We can help now by supporting climate change mitigation efforts. Proactive spending on mitigation today will minimize future reactive expenditures for adaptation.

Jeffrey Johnson, Carmel

Guilty fantasies

Dear Editor,

The Pacific Grove Unified School District appropriated \$15,000 of our tax money for two women to conduct a class based on "white guilt" at our Adult Education Center. The League of United Latin American Citizens threatens to sue Pacific Grove if we don't change from "at large" to "district" elections. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Task Force destroys our time honored, family-oriented Feast of Lanterns.

In spite of these disgusting gaslighting attempts to make us believe that every White person is a guilt ridden, supremacist, privileged racist bigot and all non-whites are helpless, underprivileged, underrepresented victims Pacific Grove is a peaceful, loving community where all races live in peace and harmony.

Kindly take your disdain, racism, bigotry and fantasies of White guilt elsewhere and leave our people alone.

Giovanna Vesperi, Pacific Grove

Caring is rewarding

Dear Editor,

As a former resident who now lives in Carmel in the winter months, I have been volunteering with Carmel Cares. My experience with them has been rewarding. The city looks better and is more naturally healthy because of the work done. My Wednesday job has been brushing off all of the benches and stones where people sit, and making sure that the signs, doggie bag dispensers, green irrigation valve covers, and other surfaces are free of debris. While this may not seem like much, it does produce a cleaner more "kept" looking place for the many locals and visitors who walk the Scenic Road path.

Another gratifying aspect to this work involves the benches along the path. Each has a memorial plaque, often with a poem or a saying about the person memorialized. On occasion, I encounter the relatives of those memorialized sitting on those benches and I have been thanked by them for keeping the bench clean. This has led to learning who that relative was and what kind of life they led. I have also met some engaging people who volunteer when I do.

I relate all of this to encourage people to join Carmel Cares, help with this important work, and interact with some very nice people. Carmel Cares has a website, <https://www.carmelcares.org>, where you can learn about volunteer opportunities.

Maggie Eaton, Carmel

LIVES

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where others don't want to look, I feel you have a responsibility to pursue it."

During her interview with the foundation, White was asked to write a five-minute pitch for the group — the sort of thing she might present to an audience. She based it on having learned in college the power of words and that the Latin root of compassion means "to suffer."

She said, "When I see suffering, I feel the need to be present, rather than turn or run away from it. I am drawn to the foundation's mission to open the conversation about death and dying, and to walk toward it, to be there for the people who are walking through it. This is what led me to say yes to Hospice Giving Foundation."

As she anticipates her retirement from Greene recognizes it has been an honor and gift to lead the organization.

"To know I shall transfer its care and keeping to such a talented and compassionate leader fills me with confidence, optimism and hope," she said. "I look forward to Erin's many future accomplishments and to Hospice Giving Foundation's continued impact on individuals and families throughout the county."

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WINFIELD GALLERY WELCOMES YAC FUNDRAISER

FOR THE first time, Winfield Gallery is hosting a fundraising exhibit to raise money for the Youth Arts Collective in Monterey. Titled, “A Collectors Dream Come True,” the show includes pieces by more than two dozen artists, including David Ligare, Will Bullas, Pam Carroll,

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Sarah Healey, Christine Crozer and many others. The show runs from April 7-14.

All proceeds from sale of the artworks will benefit the arts group, which mentors young artists and provides them with studio space.

The show got its start when Carroll brought up the idea to Winfield, who is a longtime supporter of YAC.

“My father was both a professional artist and an art teacher,” Winfield said. “The most important concept he taught both me and his students was creative problem solving. I feel this concept is something YAC gives their young people, and it’s why I support what they’re giving to our community.”

Carroll contacted the artists, each of whom donated a piece.

“Once I got the go-ahead, I started calling artists and asked if they were willing to donate,” Carroll explained. “Everyone I talked to was on board — it was just beautiful.”

She also thanked Winfield for providing the space for the show. “Chris was amazingly gracious to offer this,” the artist said.

Carroll is thrilled by the quality of art donated to the show.

“Every piece is really lovely,” she added. “I was just floored by how giving everybody was.”

Winfield Gallery is located on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh.

■ Breaking down barriers

After spending 22 years in prison for being an accessory to a murder, Halim Flowers has turned his life around, and last Thursday, he shared his latest creations as a painter at Monica Graham Fine Art. The show will be on display through the end of April.

Incarcerated at 17 and facing a bleak future, Flowers discovered art, literature and poetry, and became a voracious reader. While he was in jail, he wrote and published 11 books, and began exploring his creativity through a variety of mediums. “I began crafting my method of

artistic expression to find some sense of peace in a hopeless place,” recalled the artist, who gave a talk Thursday at the downtown gallery.

As a painter, Flowers brings together color, abstract forms, geometric shapes and words to comment on the state of the world, and offer hope.

Since his release from prison five years ago, Flowers has dedicated his life to using his art to helping others, and breaking down “the superficial barriers that serve to separate us from seeing how we are all connected to each other.”

“His prayers, hard work, and honesty got him out, and now he is living the life that he always deserved,” Graham said. “This life is larger than the beautiful art he is creating — it’s his vision of helping troubled youth find a better purpose than being on the streets.”

Monica Graham Fine Art is located on Sixth between San Carlos and Dolores.

■ Painter presents talk

Painter René Romero Schuler — whose show, “Woman,” is on display at Sunset Center’s Marjorie Evans Gallery through the end of April — will talk about her creative process Wednesday, 5 p.m., in Sunset Center’s Chapman Room.

The talk will be followed by Q&A, a reception and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the California Arts and Sciences Institute, which Schuler belongs to. Based in Carmel, the group brings lectures by “scientists, artists, physicians, historians, engineers, economists, authors, and



Painter René Romero Schuler presents a talk about her art Wednesday, 5 p.m., in Sunset Center’s Chapman Room.

accomplished entrepreneurs” to schools and community groups.

Schuler’s work “captures the resilience and strength inherent in the female experience.” “Through the lens of her art, the history of women emerges not as a footnote, but as an epic tale, deserving of acknowledgment, recognition and remembrance,” Sunset Center said about the show.

Located at San Carlos and Ninth, Marjorie Evans Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and when Sunset Center is hosting performances.

BILL

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“As many citizens and businesses have had financial difficulties since the pandemic, we are addressing ours legally, head-on and as promptly as possible,” Jacobs said Thursday. “There are no issues to cause concern, and it is alarming to us that our business affairs are being brought to the local community in an effort to harm us.”

Alcohol license snag

The liens, if not paid in full, could also affect Wild Fish’s ability to continue selling wine, beer and other alcoholic beverages — usually a big moneymaker for restaurants. According to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the state Board of Equalization on Dec. 11, 2023, placed a hold on Wild Fish’s license to serve booze. The state agency places such holds on ABC licenses when business owners have not paid state taxes

after a certain period. Wild Fish’s liquor license expires May 31, according to the ABC.

“The quickest way we will release a hold is for you to pay your tax debt in full — including interest, penalties, and fees,” according to the state’s Franchise Tax Board.

Jacobs — who on March 15 accepted the P.G. Chamber of Commerce’s “Restaurant Excellence of the Year” award for Wild Fish — has taken to social media and spoken to the press in recent weeks to complain about a February decision by the P.G. City Council to remove her outdoor dining parklet in favor of a redesigned dining area to make the nearby crosswalk safer and to extend the sidewalk.

Wild Fish’s landlord and the operators of two restaurants adjacent to Wild Fish support the outdoor redesign. But Jacobs — who vehemently opposes the change — has argued that it would eliminate some of her outside seating and she would lose money. She and her husband promoted a petition to keep the parklet.

According to government records, the owners of Wild Fish obtained Paycheck Protection Program loans totaling \$388,068. The loans were intended to help struggling small business owners stay afloat during the Covid pandemic. Both loans were forgiven. The owners were also given \$144,848 in Restaurant Revitalization Fund money, which offered federal emergency financial assistance to restaurants, bars and other businesses. The federal databases list the address for the couple’s former Wild Fish restaurant in Little River, which closed in September 2021.

According to Pacific Grove’s top 25 sales tax producers, Wild Fish made the list four times from the third quarter of 2021 to the third quarter of 2022. The restaurant, however, did not make the list in the subsequent four quarters, including the fourth quarter of 2022, which is when the state indicates Flying Kipper started falling behind in taxes.

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HEALTHY *Lifestyles*

First, they’re going to dye your teeth purple — but it gets much better

By ELAINE HESSER

YOU KNOW how some mornings you wake up with that feeling that your teeth are all wearing tiny fuzzy sweaters? That gunk has a name. It’s called “biofilm,” which Merriam-Webster defines as “a thin, usually resistant layer of microorganisms (such as bacteria) that form on and coat various surfaces.”

If reading that makes you want to grab a toothbrush and get to work, we’ll wait. Biofilm is the beginning of plaque, and some of the bacteria involved produce acid that causes tooth decay. Plaque hardens into tartar (also called calculus), which irritates the gums, causing gingivitis and potentially, more serious disease that can lead to loss of teeth.

Done regularly, proper oral hygiene removes a great deal of plaque, but you need a dentist to get teeth completely clean. That’s where “guided biofilm therapy” comes in.

Came from Switzerland

Pacific Grove dentist Adriana Lalinde uses the new approach to teeth-cleaning, which is said to be pain-free, faster and more thorough than traditional cleanings. “It has been my commitment during this 40 years of practice to upgrade my equipment to give our patients the best quality of care,” Lalinde said, and that motivated her to make the change.

Her dental hygienist, Yara Begay, usually performs the procedure, and she is equally impressed with the results.

Begay said that guided biofilm therapy has been used in Switzerland since the 1980s and was introduced in the United States in 2016. Traditional cleanings normally involve scraping or “scaling” away plaque and tartar, using



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When it comes to diabetes, sugar is doubly bad for teeth

By LISA LAPIN

PEOPLE WITH diabetes face a host of issues related to their long-term health. But one of the less-discussed challenges for people with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes is oral health.

Type 1 diabetics, who have an autoimmune disease that has caused the pancreas to stop producing sugar-reducing insulin, are often diagnosed at younger ages and cannot reverse the impacts of their disease with diet and exercise. Because they have high blood sugars for a longer part of their lives, their oral health is at greater risk.

Type 2 diabetics are typically diagnosed later in life and have more options to manage their blood sugar with diet and exercise, as well as insulin and other medications.

‘Like maple syrup’

Sugar is the culprit behind oral health problems for everyone if it lingers on teeth and gums. But for someone with diabetes, increased sugar in the bloodstream makes the risks of tooth or gum decay exponentially greater.

For someone with diabetes, increased sugar in the bloodstream makes the risks of tooth or gum decay much greater

“Extra sugar in the blood is kind of like maple syrup. It prevents the body from getting all the nutrients you need,” said Dr. Kearnan Welch, who specializes in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism at Montage Medical Group’s Ryan Ranch office.

“Our teeth and gums also get nourishment from blood,” Welch said. “With extra-high blood sugar, the small blood



Although most people know that diabetes brings increased risks of nerve damage affecting hands and feet, few seem to be aware of the problems it can cause for oral health.

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Becoming the kind of dentist that people look forward to seeing

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

GROWING UP, Garrett Criswell went through a series of random jobs. He was a telemarketer, and he worked for a variety of fast-food outlets, a gym, and a movie theater. What he loved most about each job was the weekend, and what he hated was when the weekend ended.

As an orthodontist, Criswell has never had that feeling. As much as he enjoys spending time with his wife and four sons (ages 14, 12, 10 and 6), he also looks forward to coming into his main office in Monterey and working with his team, seeing patients and changing their lives.

“It’s part of who I am. It’s what I do. My work is engaging and fun and all about problem-solving,” he said. “It’s a fulfilling career to see great progress, to know where my patients started — when they weren’t willing to smile — and, two years later, to see that big grin.”

Being cool

When he was a kid, Criswell wanted to be a baseball player. Or maybe an attorney. Or possibly a doctor. Probably a doctor. But he didn’t know what kind.

“I always thought medicine was cool. I had bad eyes as a kid and wore glasses — not so cool — but my optometrist always made me feel cool,” Criswell said. “He chatted with me, he helped me, and he seemed to like what he was doing.” That launched Criswell’s interest in medicine.

During high school in Sacramento, biology was one of his best subjects, and when he went off to UCLA, he majored in physiological science.

After graduating in 2001, Criswell took the Medical College Admission Test, and scored quite well. Yet he took a year off



CRISWELL *cont. on page 43A* Monterey orthodontist Garrett Criswell with his wife and four sons. He enjoys spending time with them but also loves his job.

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WARM RED POTATO SALAD

Courtesy of Talya Lutzker, author of ‘The Ayurvedic Vegan Kitchen’

THIS POTATO salad is light and flavorful with ginger, vinegar and mustard giving it a pop. The beauty of this dish — or at least one of the beauties — is that it can be ready in under 30 minutes. And while it is intended to be served warm, it can be enjoyed cold as well. It’s also vegetarian and gluten free. If you are really leaning into a plant-based diet, you can substitute vegan mayonnaise for traditional mayo and not sacrifice the flavor.

Take your pick of pumpkin seeds, hemp seeds, or flax seeds. Each adds a bit of protein to the dish but has different additional health benefits. Pumpkin seeds are nutrient-dense — high in antioxidants with manganese, copper, magnesium, phosphorus, zinc and iron. Hemp seeds are also rich in antioxidants and healthy fats, such as omega-3 fatty acids which have been shown to lower blood pressure and reduce the risk of heart disease. And flax seeds — one of the world’s oldest crops — provide fiber, omega-3 fatty acids, and many vitamins and minerals such as thiamine, manganese, phosphorus, selenium, zinc, vitamin B6, folate, among others.

Toasted sea palm can be swapped out “with any dried seaweed that can be crumbled, such as wakame,” said Lutzker. You can find wakame and other crumble-able seaweeds at Cornucopia Community Market in Carmel Rancho and Elroy’s Fine Foods in Monterey.

Ayurveda is an ancient Indian practice that claims to balance body, mind, spirit and the environment, and Lutzker is an enthusiastic practitioner. In addition to authoring her cookbook, Lutzker can be found doing cooking demonstrations at

farmers markets in the Monterey Bay area and is the CEO of Ayurveda Every Day with Talya. You can learn more about her

INGREDIENTS

Serves about 4

- 4 cups cubed red potatoes (approx. 4 medium potatoes)
- 1/4 cup organic mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon stone ground mustard
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons fresh grated ginger root
- 1/2 teaspoon dried dill
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 small beet, washed well and grated
- 1 radish, washed well and grated
- 1/2 cup raw pumpkin seeds, hemp seeds, or flax seeds (see notes)
- 1/2 cup toasted sea palm (seaweed, see notes)
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped

Wash the potatoes well. Leave the skins on and dice into 1/2-inch cubes.

Bring 1 cup of water to boil in a medium saucepan with steamer basket (optional) over medium-high heat. Add the potatoes, cover, and cook for about 8 minutes, or until you can easily pierce them with a fork.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, mustard, apple cider vinegar, olive oil, and spices. Remove the potatoes from heat and toss with the dressing.

Garnish with beet, radish, seeds, sea palm and parsley.



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uncomfortable, depending on the condition of the patient’s mouth. In fact, Begay said that some people need to have their gums numbed to get their teeth cleaned, but that guided biofilm therapy is much more comfortable and effective. It uses two devices that spray tightly focused streams of fine powder and can clean several millimeters beneath the gum line — much farther than a manual dental tool.

“It’s so fine, it feels like water,” said Begay of the powder, adding that with this cleaning system, “manual scaling is used sparsely.”

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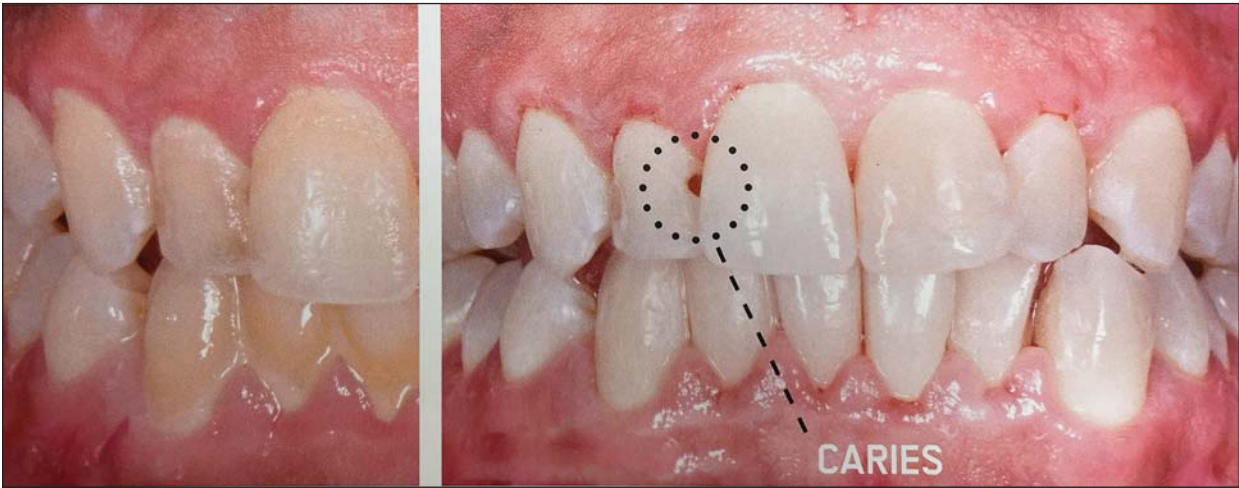
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Dentist Adriana Lalinde and dental hygienist, Yara Begay

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Before (left) and after (right) photos show how guided biofilm therapy cleans thoroughly enough to reveal tooth decay, or caries, in one of the teeth.



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vessels that go to gums and teeth get impaired. Nourishment to the mouth gets impaired too. The higher the blood sugars, the higher the risk of dental cavities and other issues.”

Still, Welch said, surprisingly few of his patients ask about it or raise it among their top concerns.

“Oral health is one of those things that is definitely less thought about,” Welch said. “When people think about diabetes, they think about the potential for blindness, or damage to their feet. But oral health is not always top of mind, and it should be.”

Oral healthcare is such an important part of diabetes management that the Centers for Disease Control anmd Prevention devotes a full web page to the issue.

“Everyone needs to maintain their oral health. Brushing teeth twice a day. Flossing once a day. Visiting the dentist every six months,” Welch said. “But for someone with diabetes, it’s even more important. They need routine follow-ups, so they can catch something early before it expands and becomes something much harder to treat.”

Delayed healing

Diabetics also have compromised immune systems that make it harder to heal, meaning a tooth or gum issue can get worse faster and rapidly become more serious.

“If blood sugars are high, blood is not getting to tissue to help it repair, so healing cannot happen as well. You see really delayed healing of any type of dental procedure,” Welch said.

Diabetics also might not immediately feel the pain of a dental problem, because the disease can cause reduced nerve response and sensation. The effect on patients’ feet is well-known, but it can happen elsewhere in the body, including the mouth.

“You worry about delayed feeling of a



Dr. Kearnan Welch

problem, then losing teeth, ongoing dental disease, and wounds that won’t heal,” Welch said. “We all have lots of bacteria within our mouth, and they get an entry into the blood through an unhealed wound.”

He added that oral health “is very nuanced and has lots of layers to it,” including the fact that much of our society and culture revolves around food.

“That’s what intrigued me about diabetes, is that it’s so much more than a disease, it’s a whole health condition,” said Welch.

“Fortunately, we have technology that has made it much easier to control blood sugar and diabetes, but even then, it’s still very challenging,” Welch said. “There are lots of overall health issues that arise, including psychological ramifications, including depression and anxiety. It requires

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and took a job teaching people how to follow in his footsteps for Kaplan, a national company that provides test prep services.

He also got his real estate broker’s license. He became interested in the business when he was a youngster playing Monopoly with his five brothers.

He also read “Rich Dad, Poor Dad,” a 1997 text that stresses the importance of financial independence and includes investing in real estate as part of the formula for getting there.

Criswell used his license to acquire his home and to help friends and family. He’s kept it active and still enjoys looking at and considering properties.

He recalled, “In the meantime, I was trying to figure out what I really wanted to go into — medicine or dentistry,” he said. “When I was asked to teach the DAT (dental admissions test), it really got me thinking about dentistry. I talked to my dentist in Sacramento, who let me work with him one day a week. I liked what he did, and I was happy.”

Criswell took the exam and did well. He applied to a handful of dental schools, ultimately choosing UC San Francisco, an excellent institution relatively close to his family.

“At UCSF, we did a rotation in orthodontics,” he said. “I thought, ‘This is amazing.’ People weren’t experiencing a lot of decay and pain; there were no shots, no drilling. Patients wanted to be there to see the orthodontist, who was improving their lives.”

Raising the bar

Criswell had figured it out. He was going to become an orthodontist. Once he learned that only the top 1 to 2 percent of dental students get into orthodonture schools, he realized he had to get high scores on his board exams and gather letters of recommendation. He raised the bar

‘My work is engaging and fun and all about problem-solving’

on his studies from doing well to excelling and concurrently earned his DDS and a Master of Business Administration.

Criswell was accepted to study orthodontics at UCSF, and by 2011, he had achieved his specialty certificate in that subject, along with a master’s in craniofacial science. Then he had to decide where to live.

“When I was getting my MBA, I did a business plan for an orthodontist office,” he said. “I focused on living and working in Monterey, San Luis Obispo, or Santa Barbara. Monterey had pretty good prospects.

In addition, his wife, Jen, was born at Ford Ord — her dad was in the Air Force — and she has a lot of good memories of Monterey.

His own practice

In 2009, near the end of his second year of residency, Criswell met orthodontist Gary Palma, who was looking for someone who could cover his Peninsula office for a week while he underwent shoulder surgery. Criswell volunteered, and that led, after graduation, to a seamless integration into Palma’s practice.

“Gary and I worked side-by-side for a year and then partnered for a year before I bought him out of the practice and hired him back on staff,” Criswell said. “Everybody loved Dr. Palma. We worked together until he had a stroke in 2015,” he said, quickly adding, “But he’s doing really well.”

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to educate the patient about better brushing and flossing techniques and guide the cleaning process.

Begay, who’s been a hygienist for more than a decade, said she was originally taught to use a magnifying loupe to see her progress as she cleaned, but the dye stains gives her a clearer picture of how well she’s removing plaque and tartar — as the deposits are removed, the dye goes with them.

She became more convinced of the new system’s effectiveness when the power went out in the middle of a cleaning. She had to revert to using her old tools and said it took much longer, and it was extremely difficult to remove all the dyed plaque and tartar — particularly below the gum line.

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The experience for patients is much smoother, so they are less inclined to avoid it

people with braces and those with implants. While dental implants are intended to be permanent replacements for teeth that must be removed, Begay said that some of them fail because of gum disease that causes destruction of the bone that holds the implants in place.

Lalinde said she could see the results in her patients’ healthier gums, especially around implants. She added, “The experi-



This series of photos shows a child’s mouth with braces before cleaning (top), after dye has been applied to disclose plaque and tartar, and the teeth after guided biofilm therapy (above).

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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In 2013, Criswell opened a second office, this time in Salinas. By then, he had two children and one on the way. He rented a space from a colleague from dental school.

His marketing plan was simple. “My wife and I put a logo on our minivan, filled it with wine and pastries — and our kids. After work, we drove down to King City and up to Prunedale, drumming up business for my Salinas office. Patients began

‘I truly can’t see myself doing any other job’

to trickle in. Slowly, we developed our patient load.”

In 2020, just as the pandemic struck, he opened a third office in Hollister. But, he says, it worked out.

At the start of each day, Criswell said he turns up the tunes and thinks, “Show time! Let’s go!” After seeing 70 to 80 patients he thinks about how he helped them, grateful to have made an impact on their lives.

“I truly can’t see myself doing any other job,” he said. “It connects everything that matters. I couldn’t be happier.”



Garrett Criswell, DDS

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attention to every aspect of a person’s health.”

Stacking risk factors

Endocrinologists look at other health issues as well when assessing the risk of patients having tooth and gum disease. For example, anyone with a weakened immune system is also more prone to getting infections in the mouth, and to getting oral thrush, a yeast disease that feeds on bacteria and sugars.

Other risk factors, such as Sjogren’s disease, which reduces saliva — which helps the immune system heal oral issues and causes dry mouth — also impact diabetics.

A patient who smokes, or who once smoked, is at higher risk of oral health problems because smoking impairs blood flow to smaller veins and arteries, especially in the mouth. A patient who takes steroids also has more risk, because those

drugs raise blood sugar and weaken the immune system.

“You start stacking risk factors up, and the risk of oral complications can add up,” Welch said.

The best solution for people with diabetes is to control their blood sugar and be vigilant about all aspects of their oral health.

“Some people are very well educated about all the effects of diabetes and are very committed to controlling their blood sugars. Others are not aware, or are less aware of the oral health implications,” Welch said.

“Dental issues, if left unattended, can be a problem for everyone. But someone with diabetes has greater risk of severe complications than than average.”

For more information, visit these CDC Web sites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/managing/care-schedule.html>

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Rocker who played with Grateful Dead teams up with chamber group at Sunset

A THREE-TIME Grammy Award winner and a former member of the Grateful Dead, singer and guitarist **Bruce Hornsby** offers something a little bit different

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Sunset Center. He'll be joined by **yMusic**, a chamber ensemble from New York City. "Let Bruce Hornsby and yMusic expand your mind and your musical taste with their unique take on contemporary clas-

sical music," Sunset Center's **Annelise Nussbacher** suggested.

Hornsby is best known for his 1986 single, "The Way It Is," which reached No. 1 on the pop charts in 1986. He also played more than 100 shows with the Grateful Dead in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

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

■ Jazz jam in Seaside

Showcasing the top local music talent of today and tomorrow, the monthly Jazz Jam at Embassy Suites in Seaside is set for Sunday at 1 p.m. in its Atrium.

The event is co-hosted by singer **Lee Durley** and drummer **Jim Vanderzwaan**, and Sunday's lineup includes singer and keyboardist **Sam Peoples**, singer and guitarist **Jacore Babbiste**, multi-instrumentalist **Michael Sims**, multi-instrumentalist **Dennis Murphy** and drummer **Andy Weis**. Professional musicians are welcome to join in. "Please make your plans to be part of this very special session," Durley suggested.

There's no cover. The hotel is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

■ Blues guitar in Monterey

Also on Thursday at 7:30 p.m., singer and guitarist **Jimmie Vaughan** plays the blues at the Golden State Theater in Monterey.

The older brother of the late guitar legend Stevie Ray



Best known for 1986 No. 1 hit single, "The Way It Is," singer and multi-instrumentalist Bruce Hornsby will perform with the chamber ensemble, yMusic, Thursday at Sunset Center.

Vaughan, Jimmie has won four Grammy Awards, including one for Best Traditional Blues Album in 2001 for his LP, "Do You Get The Blues?" A co-founder of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, he has also released nine albums as a solo artist.

Tickets start at \$35. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheater.com

■ Live music March 29-April 4

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen in Monterey — **Magenta Spreen** with singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens**

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Multi-instrumentalist Dennis Murphy is set to play during Sunday afternoon's monthly Jazz Jam at the Embassy Suites in Seaside.

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‘WELL, IT’S about time!’ At least, that was our response when we heard that KQED — the public television station in San Francisco — listened to its viewers who live south of San Jose and sent the gang from “Check Please! Bay Area” to try some of our local eateries.

Hosted by Leslie Sbrocco, the weekly half-hour episode features three food-loving guests (not professional critics), each of whom recommends a favorite restaurant for the other two to try.



Leslie Sbrocco, host of public television station KQED’s “Check Please! Bay Area,” will raise a glass to several local restaurants on two episodes in April.

As the show’s website says, “After anonymously trying each other’s restaurant picks, the guests come on the show to

Soup to Nuts

champion, celebrate and even critique their experiences with humor, enthusiasm, and authentic conversation.”

After everyone’s visited, camera crews are dispatched to each location to film and talk to owners and diners, giving viewers a peek inside.

Fans become stars

The first episode airs April 18. It features Walter and Sylvia Georis’ Corkscrew Café in Carmel Valley, with its exceptional pizzas, salads and mains that range from artichoke ravioli to wood-fired trout and crispy fish tacos, as well as Cafe Fina, Dominic Mercurio’s Italian spot (and favorite of the late John Madden) on Old Fisherman’s Wharf in Monterey. Also included is The Butter House, a Sea-side restaurant that serves American classics with Filipino and Pacific-island influences.

Walter Georis said he watches the show regularly, and calls it “very entertaining.” Corkscrew Café has been around since 1998, and according to Georis, attracts an “upscale” group of tourists, as well as local diners from the Peninsula and Salinas.

The second episode, set for April

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25, includes Wild Fish in P.G., where owner Liz Jacobs had enjoyed the program long before she got the call.

“We were thrilled,” she said. “We don’t watch TV much, but that show is just adorable and the format is really fun.” One of the servers took the phone call from the show, and, “He and his wife are big fans and they were over the moon about it,” she said.

Wild Fish’s filming took place on Jan. 19, Jacobs’ birthday. It was announced on social media, and, she said, “We were slammed. We turned away dozens of people. It was complete bedlam in a really good way.” State Sen. John Laird even turned up and was caught on video, she noted. (We’ll stay tuned to see if that bit appears in the show.)

Salinas’ Villa Azteca — sister restaurant to Nicolás in Carmel Plaza — is also in the April 25 episode.

tation-only screening on April 15 for the restaurateurs and a few guests. Georis said that the “Check Please!” crew cautioned him that restaurants can become quite busy in the wake of that exposure. He pointed



Wild Fish in P.G. will soon be featured on “Check Please! Bay Area.” When the show’s crew visited, one of the menu items was this ahi with fermented shiitakes and a cabbage salad.

‘A touch of elegance’

Mercurio said they filmed at Cafe Fina for eight hours and he was happy to share the place’s 30-plus-year history. “I said ‘I’ve been here a long time, and this is an old-school restaurant.’ And, I told them, ‘Whatever you do, don’t you dare call me a chef!’” He explained that despite his experience, without formal training, he didn’t think he’d earned that title. He added, “I just feel lucky and privileged to be part of this.”

What will happen next? There’s an invi-

out that Corkscrew Café has plenty of indoor and outdoor seating, and, he said, “We’re just going to keep doing what we do — simple, honest food with a touch of elegance.”

Jacobs noted that the show’s staff told her about 300 restaurants were nominated. “We were really grateful,” to be selected, she added. Maybe they’ll come back and visit some of the other 290-or-so spots.

■ Time to pink up your table

Easter and the beginning of April are relished in the wine community for the arrival of the simple — but extremely enjoyable — rosé. Ten years or so ago, before rosé became more popular, only industry folk

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and a few loyal fans would look forward to this springtime tradition. Now, many wine consumers eagerly await the forthcoming plethora of dusty rose and salmon-colored wines hitting store shelves.

In the Provence region of southeastern France, where rosés have traditionally come from, the primary grapes used have always been grenache and cinsaut, with the occasional inclusion of mourvèdre (of course, there are exceptions). But in recent years, American wineries have joined the trend and offer rosés from many different varietals, including the typical grenache/cinsaut, but also pinot noir, merlot and even cabernet sauvignon.

Rosé was originally pressed off from red wine grapes (skins, piths and all) to accentuate the color and flavors of the red

grape juice. By taking away the juice that flowed before heavy pressing, the remaining red wine became more concentrated. The initial product, or “free run” juice, as it is commonly referred to in the wine industry, was bottled and sold in the summer as a light, less complex wine.

It was a tradition that has taken on a life of its own. Hence the phrase (and brand) “Rosé all day” — a lovely light wine to enjoy in the summer or year-round.

A lovely tradition

Several of our local wineries produce rosés, so here are three to look for:

2022 Paysan Rosé California by I. Brand (\$20.99): This wine has lovely red berry and melon aromas and moves to a specifically bright strawberry taste and finish.

2022 Scheid GSM Rosé (\$28): The grenache-syrah-mourvèdre blend also has lovely strawberry flavors — but you can find hints of melons in this wine as well. Scheid noted that it has only two cases left, but will be releasing its new 2023 vintage in May to wine club members.

2023 Morgan Rosé of Grenache: This wine has yet to be released, but according to the winemaker, it shows lively aromas of orange blossom, nectarine, strawberry, and Fuji apple, followed by flavors of grapefruit and peach.

■ A friend of Carmel women

Ami Carmel is an eclectic and affordable gift shop (and two-time Golden Pine Cone winner) on Fifth Avenue near Dolores Street. The first Monday of each month, it invites everyone to come by and “Sip, shop and support” a local cause. During

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It's not a wildflower or lingering mud puddle, but the arrival of rosé sippers — like this one from Morgan Winery — is a harbinger of spring. The pale pink quaffs are light, pleasant and ready for an outdoor lunch.



Dominic Mercurio, owner of the intimate Cafe Fina (named for his mother) on Fisherman's Wharf, said he felt “lucky and privileged” to be included in KQED’s visit to local restaurants.

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The changes aren’t limited to the inte-

riors, however—outside, the restaurant’s patio seating has been expanded, and a new custom-built pool bar with lounge chairs is sure to be popular on sunny days and warm evenings. (The “pods” around the pool are perfect for relaxing and taking in the scenery.)

Of course, Valley Kitchen has long been a local favorite because of the food, and its roots-to-table approach has never been stronger.

Led by new Chef de Cuisine Ricardo Aguilar, whose career includes stops at renowned restaurants including Bouchon of Beverly Hills and Nobu, the restaurant has revamped its menus as part of the reimagi-

nation. Relying heavily on produce grown in the resort’s newly expanded gardens or made on site (such as honey from The Ranch’s apiary), it’s a sustainability-minded dining experience filled with fresh flavors and inventive dishes.

To learn more about the new Valley Kitchen, explore menus, and reserve a table, visit carmelvalleyranch.com or call 831.574.1850.



CARMEL VALLEY RANCH



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and singer **Kristen Gradwohl** (“dreamy soundscapes and vocal harmonies coupled with rich storytelling and mindful melodies,” Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitar-

ist **Tim Brady** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Barmel — Jazzville (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos just north of Seventh.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at noon), pianist

Michael Culver (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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

Bon Ton LeRoy’s Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — **Choro das 3** (Brazilian, Saturday at 7 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** and a special guest (Wednesday at 7 p.m.), Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and



A trio from Brazil, Choro das 3 plays Saturday at Juice ‘n’ Java in Pacific Grove (3 p.m.) and Bon Ton LeRoy’s Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey (7 p.m.).

singer and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl**

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extended hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 1, you can enjoy wine provided by Talbott Vineyards and nibble on appetizers while picking up a few early Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and graduation gifts.

The best part? It will benefit the Carmel Woman’s Club. According to the nonprofit’s website, “The Club was established in 1925 with a mission of promoting charitable giving, mutual help, intellectual advancement, social enjoyment and welfare of the community.” It supports organizations like Meals on Wheels, the Blind & Visually Impaired Center, Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, The Carmel Foundation, the Carmel Youth Center and many more and has awarded more than \$72,000 in scholarships to “women dedicated to

making a difference.” Members enjoy regular meetings with lively and interesting speakers.

■ Sweets for Sunday

Parker-Lusseau Café is offering an assortment of Easter treats to fill your little ones’ baskets (or — let’s be real, here — your secret goodie stash). A variety of designs is available, including the usual eggs and rabbits, as well as chickens, fish and ladybugs. You don’t have to take our word for it, but the fish are surprisingly cute. See for yourself at 539 Hartnell St. in Monterey.

Sweet Elena’s at 465 Olympia Ave. in Seaside has classic hot cross buns and adorable Easter cookies available, too. Visit sweetelenas.com to learn where to order and pick up.

Elaine Hesser and Roxanne Langer contributed to this week’s column.



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Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

Deja Blue in Seaside — singer **Rhonda Benin**, bassist **David Daniel** and drummer **Leon Joyce Jr.** (blues and r&b, Saturday at 3 p.m.), singer and bassist **Greg Simmons**, guitarist **Bobby Young**, keyboardist **Lorenzo Hawkins** and drummer **Leon Joyce Jr.** (blues, r&b and funk, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Bobcat Rob Armenti** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and

guitarist **Lindsey Wall** (Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Magenta Spreen** with singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** and singer **Kristen Gradwohl** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

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

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Monday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.



Jazz trumpeter Brian Stock will be joined by keyboardist David Kempton, bassist Pete Lips and drummer Patrick Tregenza Sunday, 5 p.m., at Midici Pizza in Monterey.

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The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Kip Allert** (Friday at 6 p.m.), **Reija Massey** (pop, rock

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and country, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

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

Midici Pizza in Monterey — **The Brian Stock Quartet** with keyboardist **David Kempton**, bassist **Pete Lips** and drummer **Patrick Tregenza** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Kenny Stahl Band** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

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

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues,

Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Joyce Sampson** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jacob Chase** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Matt Masih & the Messengers** (funk and soul, Friday at 8 p.m.), **ZWB** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Rhumba Madre** (Latin fusion, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **Big Bad Wolf** (“tasty and danceable blues-based classic rock,” Friday at 9 p.m.), **Retreauxspect** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

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

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