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## Now everyone can read the paper with John Madden

By MARY SCHLEY

BROADCASTER AND famed NFL coach John Madden, who died in 2021, was locally known for enjoying his morning cup of coffee and “all the newspapers” on the bench outside Bruno’s Market at Junipero and Sixth.



PHOTO/MANNY ESPINOZA

‘That’s it, he’s back,’ Virginia Madden (center) told artist Steven Whyte (right) when she saw the sculpture of her late husband in Whyte’s studio at the Barnyard.

Now, with the unveiling Friday of a sculpture created by Steven Whyte and funded by the nonprofit Carmel Cares, he can always be found there.

Members of the Madden family, including his widow, Virginia, and son, Mike, attended the ceremony alongside Whyte, Bruno’s owners Fermin and Ryan Sanchez, and Carmel Cares founder Dale Byrne. It was held in conjunction with the Carmel Art Festival, during which Whyte, who works with clay and then has the final pieces cast in bronze, does live sculpting in Devendorf Park each year. He started creating the Madden statue at the 2023 festival, and the bronze installed last week marks his sixth piece of public art on the Monterey Peninsula, but his first in Carmel.

### Paucity of statues

“That is important to me. Carmel doesn’t have any statues of anybody, and yet Carmel has such a rich legacy of celebrities and people of worth,” he said. “So, it was nice to get that started.”

With sculptures installed across the country and beyond, Whyte also observed, “I don’t know that I’ve got a piece that’s so precise as to where it should be” — namely, on a bench outside the market where friends and strangers were always sure to find him.

Whyte and Byrne came up with the idea together a little over a year ago.

“Carmel Cares agreed to raise funds as a public

See **MADDEN** page 17A

## Critical water project enters construction phase

By KELLY NIX

WORK IS underway to bury nearly 2 miles of pipe-line, drill a 1,200-foot-deep well and install other components necessary for expansion of a wastewater recycling project that will increase the water supply for Peninsula residents, the head of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District said this week.

Since 2020, the Pure Water Monterey project has treated wastewater to drinking-level standards at a Marina facility. Water district general manager Dave Stoldt said that crews have broken ground on separate a site to expand the production capacity of the project by about 40 percent.

### Getting real

While work on the project had already started, most of it was administrative. “The contracts for the expansion were released last August, but there was very little visible

construction as long lead-time items were ordered and mobilization was awaiting,” Stoldt told The Pine Cone Monday. “But now you can see real stuff going on. That makes the project feel real.”

### 730 million gallons

Photographs provided by the water district show part of a 7.5-acre property on the former Fort Ord with segments of pipe to be installed, water and box trucks, and bulldozers to clear the land.

When the expansion of Pure Water Monterey is completed in late 2025, two new wells will be used to inject an additional 2,250-acre-feet (about 730 million gallons) of potable water per year into the aquifer for Peninsula residents’ use.

The additional recycled water will expand the total Pure

See **WATER** page 14A

## Developing the ‘next-generation economy to employ our children and their children’

By LISA LAPIN

ENTREPRENEUR DANNY Bernstein is bullish on Monterey County. And the bulk of Central California, for that matter.

The region is the most “overlooked and underleveraged” part of the state and ripe for economic revitalization and diversification that could stimulate job growth, he says.

While other California regions are booming with investor-fueled job creation and thriving start-up cultures, Bernstein cites statistics that less than 1 percent of venture capital investment comes to the Central Coast. And that figure is even smaller — a quarter of a percent — if Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara are excluded.

### Present and future

“This is a large swath of California that is not providing the next-generation economy to employ our children and their children,” said Bernstein, a Carmel Valley resident bringing his Silicon Valley savvy to found HawkTower Ventures, a regional early stage venture capital firm.

“Our young people move away for quality jobs, and

top talent leaves to build companies elsewhere. The result is a brain drain, yet there are significant innovation assets here,” Bernstein said. “We have the basic ingredients to generate more start-ups, which in turn create the high-quality jobs.”

### ‘Entrepreneurial culture’

A solution, Bernstein said, is to bring a bit of Silicon Valley chutzpah to Central California to generate an entrepreneurial culture with venture capital investment specific to regional strengths: world-class research in defense, advanced manufacturing, air mobility technology, and agricultural, bio-circular, water and marine innovations.

“It requires a new type of community-centered approach,” said Bernstein, who has begun organizing meet-ups and tech mixers around the Monterey Peninsula. “There is tremendous opportunity here, but we don’t have that last mile of entrepreneurial infrastructure for start-up formation. We want to help to build that ecosystem.”

That ecosystem includes funding mechanisms, such as HawkTower, that can provide the initial financial resources

See **HAWKTOWER** page 18A

## Parents raise alarm about PGUSD sex ed lessons

### ■ Planned Parenthood ‘removes’ content

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Unified School District officials are getting an earful from some parents and residents who allege the sex education course it provides students contains references and links to gratuitous and explicit content that’s inappropriate for children. The complaints have led the group that created the sex ed plan to remove some of the offensive material, the district said.

At a May 9 PGUSD board of education meeting, several people, including a retired teacher, complained to trustees about the Planned Parenthood Mar Monte sex ed courses offered to children at P.G. middle and high schools. Some of the parents and citizens also directly shared their concerns with district officials.

Resident Mike Gibbs — who reviewed parts of the sex ed curricula at the district office — said he was surprised to find that the course contained internet links to Planned Parenthood pages on sex toys with photos and descriptions on how to use them, and a “How do you know how to orgasm?” tutorial, which contained a video.

### Adults only?

Other links, he said, directed him to a YouTube video entitled, “Psychological facts about older women that you didn’t know” and a “firearms focus survey.”

“It seems to me that the Planned Parenthood curriculum has been terribly corrupted,” Gibbs, who also credited PGUSD superintendent Linda Adamson for being responsive to his concerns, told the school board. “Somehow, there are links and other material that give access by outside predators and perhaps inside bad actors.”

Responding to the concerns, PGUSD curriculum director Buck Roggeman insisted at the meeting that an online firewall prevents children from seeing the material and that the district has had “no reports of students accessing inappropriate online content.”

Adamson told The Pine Cone that when the district arranged for Gibbs to look at the course, it logged him

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Danny Bernstein says Monterey County is the most “overlooked and underleveraged” part of California.



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Surfer saver

It seemed Starbucks in the Crossroads shopping center had added a large, plush, buff-colored rug stretching out in front of the counter. Until he lifted his head.

Luca, who weighs in at 125 pounds, is a 7-year-old Bouvier des Flanders who was visiting the city by the sea from Laurel Canyon in Los Angeles.

There's a good chance, after a day of racing along the shoreline on Carmel Beach, he was ready for a nap.

"Luca is the most relaxed, mellow, easy-to-get-along-with boy," said his person, "yet he comes alive at the beach, howling with delight, and playing a game called 'save the surfers.' He thinks the surfers are sheep, and they need to be herded. He barks at the edge of the water, then jumps in and bounds toward the surfers, trying to save them."

The only problem is that Luca is not a great swimmer and gets inundated by the surf, said his person, so he has to turn around and get back to shore. When he does meet a surfer who has come ashore, he gets very excited and runs up, howling some more, and loving on them.

It can be a little overwhelming.

Luca hails from North Carolina. It took his person two years to find him through a process of speaking with many breeders.



"I drove across the country to pick him up when he was 9 weeks old," his person said. "He never cried and just slept on my lap. Once home, he was house-trained in a few days, using a crate, and he never made a mistake."

Luca is his person's second Bouvier. He decided on the breed after seeing one in his neighborhood, which he found amazing. So did everyone at Starbucks.

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# Council trims .08 percent from budget

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council made few changes to the draft 2024-2025 budget, other than to delay a couple of capital projects to reduce spending by \$350,000, at a two-plus-hour workshop on the subject Tuesday evening. Council members are likely to vote on the final budget early next month.

At the May 21 meeting, assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson told the council estimated expenditures had actually increased slightly, by \$37,000, to \$43,887,044 since the proposed budget was released earlier this month. The change reflects the council’s May 7 decision to bump up grant funding given to local nonprofits to \$36,000 so all 12 eligible applicants could get the full \$3,000 they requested, as well as an increase in liability insurance premiums.

If adopted as written, the budget — which has increased significantly over the last few years — includes taking nearly \$12.5 million from surplus cash accrued

during prior years to balance, largely to cover a lengthy list of capital projects totaling just under \$12.6 million.

“My take on this is that everything we do serves the community in some way or another,” Swanson said in defense of the spending plan. “I really believe our employees who come to work every day and serve our community, all the way down to the debt service we pay on Sunset Center — things that we’ve spent our money on — serve the community as a whole.”

**Nip and tuck**

He and other city staff provided written answers to 38 budget-related questions submitted by council members and constituents, along with another 34 focused on capital improvements, but most of the discussion Tuesday centered on the proposed work list.

Responding to pressure to pare it down some, public works director Bob Harary listed four projects that could be deferred.

“The council and community and others have expressed concern about the scale of the expenses on our capital projects — it’s a lot of money,” he said, adding that the public works department also wants “to cut down on the use of project management consultants.”

To do so, he suggested delaying four “important, but less time-sensitive” capital improvements, including a pedestrian safety and stability project in Mission Trail park that’s expected to cost \$175,000 just for permitting and design and is the fourth of eight improvements slated for the preserve. (The city council on May 7 approved a

*See BUDGET page 29A*



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Winter storms in 2023 badly damaged the San Antonio pathway, adding it to the lengthy list of capital projects the city must tackle.



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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Someone forgot their swim fins

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.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Adult Protective Services requested documentation of an incident on Dolores north of Santa Lucia Avenue.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle theft was reported on Ridgewood involving a juvenile suspect.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** During a traffic enforcement stop at Junipero and Third, the male driver, a 37-year-old Marina resident, was detained for warrants for shoplifting and possession of a stolen vehicle. Upon a search of the vehicle and his person, methamphetamine was found in his possession. The subject was lodged at Monterey County Jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Welfare check on a possibly suicidal student on David Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicles marked for 72-hour parking on Piedmont, Forest Hill Boulevard, Forest Avenue and First Street.

**Pacific Grove:** A vehicle was towed from Sunset Drive for expired registration.

**Carmel area:** Deputies responded to an in-home death on Handley Drive.

**Carmel area:** A patron who frequents marijuana dispensaries on Carmel Rancho Lane was refused service at one of the businesses. The patron reported the incident to law enforcement after being called a name she considered offensive.

**Carmel Valley:** Subject on Carmel Valley Road turned in what he thought were bullets but were blanks for a nail gun.

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found musical instrument at Ocean and San Carlos was turned in to the station.

**Pacific Grove:** An unknown subject stole meat from a supermarket on Forest Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Property stolen from a vehicle on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Lighthouse was placed on a mental health evaluation hold and trespass admonished after a battery incident at a business.

See **POLICE LOG** page 8RE  
in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**May 16** — Ricardo Zavala Arredondo, 48, was found guilty by a Monterey County jury of five counts of forcible lewd or lascivious acts on a child under 14, and three counts of lewd or lascivious acts on a child under 14. The jury also found true allegations that the crimes were committed against more than one victim.

All eight of the charges are violent felonies and are considered strikes under California's three strikes law. Judge Mark E. Hood presided over the trial.

Jane Doe 1 disclosed that Zavala, a family member, had molested her on numerous occasions over a two-year period more than 20 years ago.

Doe 1's brave disclosure to law enforcement caused Jane Doe 2 and Jane Doe 3 to report that Zavala had molested them as well when they were very young.

Doe 2 disclosed that the molestations

occurred over a two-year period. Doe 3 disclosed two acts of molestation by Zavala. Zavala was related to all three victims. Doe 1, Doe 2, and Doe 3 all testified bravely at the jury trial. They stated that they delayed reporting the crime because they trusted the defendant and were afraid that they would get in trouble.

According to research into sexual assault victim behavior, it is very common for victims to delay reporting the sexual abuse, especially when the victim is a minor and has a close relationship with the perpetrator.

This case was investigated by detective Byron Gansen and other officers from the Salinas Police Department. District attorney investigator Joe Hernandez also assisted in the investigation.

Doe 1, Doe 2 and Doe 3 were assisted by victim witness program manager Alma Sanchez.

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# Police arrest resident for child porn

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AFTER A national law enforcement network alerted Carmel Police Department that a resident had downloaded child pornography, police officers from Carmel and Salinas, as well as representatives of the Department of Homeland Security, arrested 45-year-old Michael Lange at his home on Mission south of Eighth Friday morning, according to Sgt. Michael Bruno.

Carmel P.D. launched the investigation after the Internet Crimes Against Children network, which identifies child pornography uploads and downloads on the internet and reports them to local law enforcement agencies, told CPD about Lange's alleged activity.

### Equipment seized

"These investigations are complex, so we requested an expert from the Department of Homeland Security and the Salinas Police Department to assist us in the investigation," Bruno said.

Several computers and electronic devices were seized in the May 17 raid.

"During the service of the search warrant, we did establish probable cause to arrest Lange," Bruno said. "We are still continuing the investigation and gathering additional evidence from several seized items."

Lange was booked into Monterey County Jail on two separate felony

counts, one for possession of child pornography and the other for selling or distributing it, with bail set at \$20,000.

Lange posted bail and was released from jail. The Monterey County District Attorney's Office has not yet filed charges against Lange, who has a prior conviction for DUI in 2006, according to Bruno. Court records indicate he also has several traffic violations.

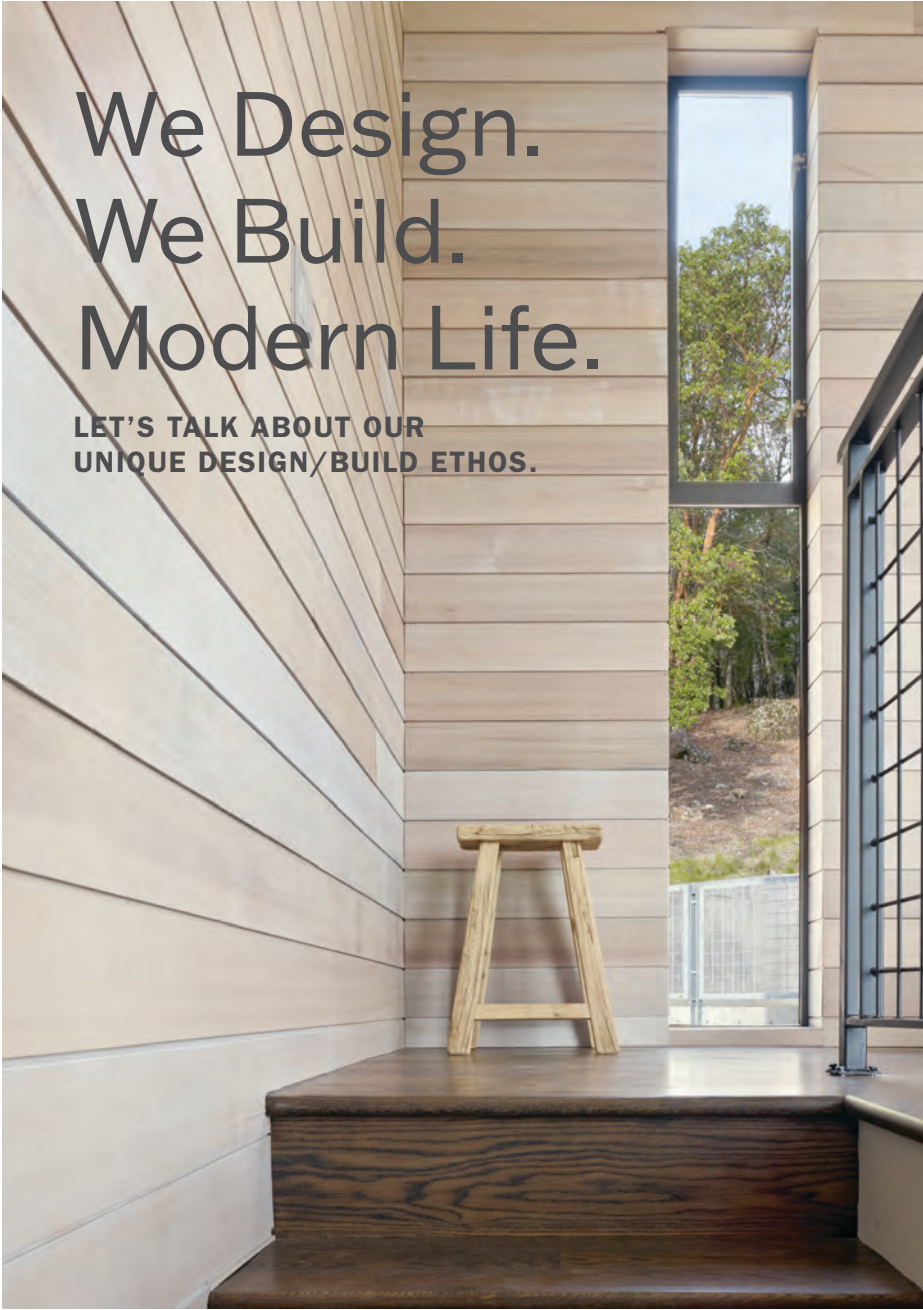


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Police officers arrested a Mission Street resident Friday morning for possessing child pornography.

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**Kaitlyn Myrick, "Cozy Autumn Day"**  
Carmel High School

**Runner Up: Sophia Guggenberger, "Dreamer"**  
Rancho San Juan High School

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER (GRADES 6-8)  
**Jacqueline Nolasco Sanchez, "Dreams"**  
La Paz Middle School

**Runner Up: Juliana Justice, "When the Butterflies Come"**  
Dual Language Academy of the Monterey Peninsula

ELEMENTARY (GRADES 3-5) WINNER  
**Joseph Lukefahr, "Sunset"**  
Forest Grove Elementary

**Runner Up: Miranda Arreola, "Struggles of Life"**  
Salinas, 4th Grade

ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-2) WINNER  
**Freya Ibsen, "Waves Wash Under Sandy Feet"**  
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| Cantinetta Luca                          | Mission Bistro                  |
| Carmel Burger Bar                        | Nicolás Cocina de Herencia      |
| Carmel’s Hidden Gem                      | Portabella                      |
| Casanova                                 | Rise+Roam                       |
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## Mansion sale to fund drug treatment

By KELLY NIX

THE NONPROFIT that formerly ran the Beacon House substance abuse treatment center in Pacific Grove is donating \$2 million from the 2021 sale of the historic building to other Monterey County organizations with similar missions.

The building that operated as Beacon House at 468 Pine Ave. was acquired by Gateway Foundation in 2018. When Beacon House closed amid the Covid pandemic in 2021 after about six decades in operation, Gateway sold the building for more than \$3 million to an out-of-town company that also offers addiction treatment.

### Helping others

Gateway announced this week it's donating a generous \$2 million from the sale of the 1902 mansion to continue its legacy of "offering hope for individuals and families facing challenges related to substance use disorder and mental health." Beacon House offered residential treatment, counseling, outpatient support groups, educational workshops, and other services when it was open.

"We are using the funds to support the Monterey County community and nonprofits with like missions to that of the former Beacon House and Gateway Foundation," Gateway spokesman Robert Miller told The Pine Cone Monday.

Miller said Gateway will offer more information about the grants, including how much will be offered, at an upcoming event at Spanish Bay, which community leaders and nonprofit heads will be invited to attend.

Miller said a Beacon House advisory committee decided it would give the majority of the funds from the sale of the P.G. mansion back to the community.

Nonprofits in Monterey county with missions aligned with the former Beacon House are encouraged to apply for grant funding. Priority will be given to

initiatives focused on providing treatment for substance use disorder, co-occurring mental health and education, advocacy and outreach to underserved populations, Gateway said.

### 'Meaningful ways'

"Although Beacon House operations have ceased, our commitment to improving health remains unwavering," Jeremy Klemanski, president and CEO of Beacon House and its parent organization, Gateway Foundation, said. "We believe these grants will continue to serve the Monterey community in meaningful ways."

Sierra Health and Wellness purchased the building from Beacon House before performing an extensive remodel and opening it as a rehab facility called New Start Recovery Solutions.

New Start provides "evidence-based therapies through detox, residential, outpatient and virtual outpatient programs," according to the company, which acquired several other treatment facilities in 2020.



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The Beacon House mansion in P.G. underwent a major remodel before reopening as a rehab facility.

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# Doris Day bronze stolen from home

## Reward offered for return

By MARY SCHLEY

A PAST CEO of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce is asking the public’s help — and offering a \$1,000 reward — to recover a bronze sculpture that once belonged to Doris Day and was stolen from his home on Alta Avenue sometime last week.

Lance Wills purchased the 32-inch-tall “Mother and Child” piece by artist Miki Benoff during an auction of the late actress’ estate in April 2020. It had been estimated to fetch between \$600 and \$800,



PHOTO/COURTESY LANCE WILLS

Thieves took this bronze sculpture, which formerly belonged to the late actress, Doris Day, and is very meaningful to the man who purchased it.

but bidding drove it to \$4,880. For Wills, the piece is worth far more than what he paid, and he desperately wants it back but fears it may have already been sold for scrap.

“It was a piece that sat at her front door for years,” he said this week, adding that Benoff also has works on the UCLA campus, and while she’s not widely known, she was admired by Day and feminists in general.

Wills, who first bid on Day’s 1930 Ford Model A roadster, “Buttercup,” said he focused on the sculpture after the car — a gift from a fan which Day owned for more than 35 years — exceeded his budget. (Estimated to draw between \$10,000 and \$20,000, it went for \$96,000.)

Since then, the work of art has come to symbolize something exceedingly more personal than simply being a piece owned by a beloved star who called this area home.

### For their daughter

“It’s called ‘Mother and Child,’ but it represents more than that — it embodies the love and responsibility a parent has to care for their child. And that is what our daughter has meant to her two dads,” he said Wednesday. “Doris embodied a life of inclusion and respect, and this is the message the bronze represented in our story to our daughter and to our Carmel community.”

He said he’d heard the piece reminded Day of herself and her son, the late Terry Melcher, and that it sat on a pedestal just inside the entrance to her Carmel Valley home for many years.

Wills said he was “weeks away from giving this piece pride of place in our home in Carmel — a piece to admire, respect and reflect on

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# Historic resources board turns down homeowner’s request for designation

By MARY SCHLEY

SINCE THE City of Carmel’s inventory of historic properties was established more than two decades ago, most of the debates over whether a home should be designated for mandatory preservation have been sparked by owners who are against the restriction. But on Monday, the historic resources board reviewed — and unanimously denied — a property owner’s pleas for his house to be added to the list.

The building in question was constructed on Junipero southwest of Fifth by an unknown designer/builder in 1925 as a one-story home owned by contractor Joe Fraties, who worked for master builder MJ Murphy at the time, according to associate planner Katharine Wallace.

But a second story was added in 1951, and two years

later, the whole house was moved to a lot on the west side of Santa Fe north of Third. In 2001 — the same year the city enacted its historic preservation ordinance — the home was remodeled, with additions to the first and second stories, decks, window changes, a new garage and a larger chimney, by Tom and Kim Dunham, who had purchased it in 1999.

Despite those changes, the Dunhams believe their home deserves historic designation and applied for an evaluation in February, but consultant Meg Clovis disagreed, concluding the remodels significantly compromised the historic integrity of the original house.

The couple subsequently sent a letter to the city describing the importance of some of the prior owners, including Fraties, who served as the city’s police chief — a job he held several years after he sold the house — and Keith

Evans, who was mayor from 1940 to 1942. They also said that while their remodel plans were approved before the city’s historic preservation program existed, they aimed to “restore the home and yet keep much of the original construction as well as the Craftsman cottage look and feel.”

### Still doesn’t qualify

Historic resources board member Karyl Hall responded to their letter by asking for further evaluation of the home, and at the May 20 meeting, Wallace explained that she and Clovis nonetheless concluded the changes made to the house disqualify it for designation.

“Keith Evans bought the subject property in 1932 and served as mayor of Carmel from 1940 to 1942. It is possible the property may be significant for this association,” Wallace told the board. “However, the fact that the home



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This Santa Fe Street house may be charming and beautiful, but according to the historic resources board, it’s not historic.

has lost integrity disqualifies it from listing on the inventory, regardless of potential significance.”

At the meeting, Tom Dunham pleaded his case, reiterating the importance of Fraties, who likely built the house himself, and other prior owners, as well as the thoughtful remodel he and his wife undertook.

“I think I’m kind of an anomaly here in that I don’t know how many people argue to come on to the resource

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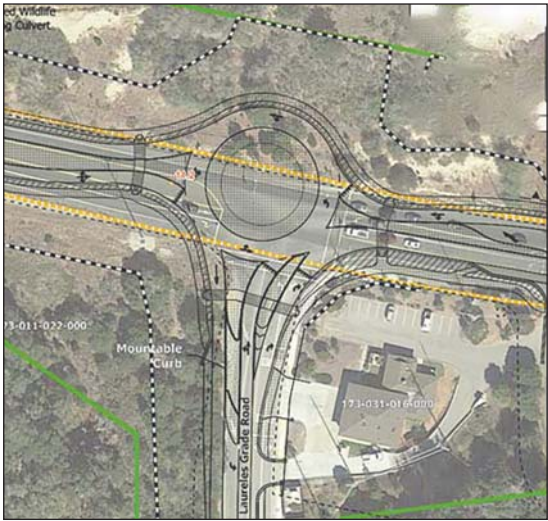


# Hwy. 68 roundabouts might not be needed

## ■ Signal technology improving

By CHRIS COUNTS

IMPROVEMENTS TO the technology that controls traffic lights on Highway 68 could make it unnecessary to build nine roundabouts on the highway between Monterey and Salinas. The job to create



PHOTO/TAMC

A plan to install nine roundabouts along Highway 68 has been proposed, but an alternative has emerged.

the roundabouts could cost more than \$200 million to complete — including about \$40 million just to acquire the needed land.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County’s board of directors voted in late April to cut back on installing six of the nine roundabouts and directed the agency to install the new signal control technology at all nine intersections that were identified as sites for roundabouts.

“We’ve always been able to coordinate traffic signals on Highway 68,” TAMC’s principal engineer, Doug Bilse, told The Pine Cone. “The technology has been there for a long time. But it’s improving, and we

think it could help with Highway 68.”

### Funding limits options

Could the use of improved signal control coordination preclude the need for roundabouts altogether?

“It could delay or put off indefinitely the need for them,” Bilse reported. “Our plan is to put in adaptive signal control as an interim solution, observe and learn from that experience, and see if the roundabouts are still justified.”

Adding another factor in favor of forgoing roundabouts, Bilse conceded “we don’t have funding” to install them. “Regardless of which direction we go, it could be a long time before we get the funding,” he said.

Bilse said his agency could take another look at roundabouts if the alternative doesn’t work out. The engineer said roundabouts do a great job of reducing serious collisions.

“We want the roundabouts in our back pocket in case we see safety issues,” he explained. “The adaptive technology may not be able to address the type of collisions a roundabout could.”

The topic of installing the roundabouts has caused a stir among some residents who claim it will do little to fix the traffic issues along Highway 68, which routinely backs up during busy times.

### Tip of the iceberg

Resident Dwight Stump urged TAMC to abandon roundabouts, which he contends aren’t a magic bullet that ends traffic jams and automobile crashes. And he’s not convinced the intersections are as dangerous as they’ve been characterized.

“I’ve brought up studies that

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# Volunteers clean up backcountry by giving backpackers places to poop

By CHRIS COUNTS

DOING A thankless and arduous task that's worthy of admiration, four volunteers have been busy with hand tools digging back-country toilets for backpackers

in the Big Sur wilderness. "Last weekend, four volunteers donated 51 hours to dig a 5-foot-deep hole at Barlow Flat Camp along the Pine Ridge Trail," the Ventana Wilderness Alliance reported on Facebook Tuesday.

Just getting to the job site was somewhat of an ordeal. "The volunteers had to drive to the trailhead in Big Sur and backpack 7 miles to Barlow Flat Camp while carrying a post-hole digger, shovels, and a 16-pound crowbar — in addition to their personal effects," the report said.

### No easy access

After the volunteers identify a site and dig a hole, a toilet-shaped box made of wood, with no water or even a building around it, is placed on top and it's ready for use. The toilets — which are made by

steep and densely covered with vegetation. Because there's very little flat ground in Big Sur, finding suitable sites for such toilets can be a challenge — as is the work itself. "The hole diggers have a limited number of locations to place them," the VWA said. "This is difficult work."

Because there's so little room for toilets — and each has a limited lifespan before it fills up — the VWA urges hikers to haul out their trash, including toilet paper.

"Only put poop and pee in wilderness toilets," the group advised. "Trash takes up space that you can't get back. And it stops opportunities for future holes to be dug in time to handle demand."

Despite the environmental impacts of building backcountry toilets, the alternative is far worse.

"The Pine Ridge Trail in the Ventana Wilderness is so highly visited that having toilets at camps like Terrace Creek and Barlow Flat causes fewer human impacts than having the many visitors dig cat holes to do their business," the group posted.

The VWA said backpackers owe the volunteers a debt of gratitude.


"The next time you are enjoying a righteous crap on a wilderness throne, be thankful for the conservation-minded volunteers that dug the hole below you," the group added. "Remember that they did not do it for your comfort — they did it to help keep a wild place wild."




PHOTO/VENTANA WILDERNESS ALLIANCE

Volunteers from the Ventana Wilderness Alliance celebrate the installation of their latest "wilderness toilet."


volunteers and transported in pieces— are installed at primitive campgrounds scattered throughout the Ventana Wilderness, which are connected by a network of trails. Reaching any of these undeveloped camps requires a serious hike across terrain that is





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# Feds set up emergency loan center for hard-hit businesses in Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO PROVIDE easily accessible help to businesses that are struggling due to the recent closures along Highway 1 in Big Sur, the federal Small Business Administration set up an office at the Big Sur Multi-Agency Facility for three days this week.

Although he isn't permitted to identify them, the SBA's Kevin Wynne told The Pine Cone that representatives from at least a half dozen businesses visited the office Tuesday and Wednesday to apply for emergency low-interest small-business loans of up to \$2 million and receive free business counseling. Repayment of the loans is deferred for a year. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 10, 2025.

SBA official Francisco Sanchez Jr. said the center offered a one-stop location for businesses to access a variety of specialized help. The office was open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, and no appointments were necessary. "Due to the economic losses inflicted on California businesses, we want to provide every available service to help get them back on their feet," Sanchez said.

### Devastating drop of \$\$

Facing a seemingly endless cascade of road challenges over the past 17 months, Big Sur businesses have suffered "a devastating drop" in income, Big Sur Chamber of Commerce President Kirk Gafill said, adding that the loans represent a great opportunity for businesses that are struggling.

"The loans are particularly important because the impact of closure was an economic one," he said. "The SBA now allows local businesses to borrow up to \$2 million at 4 percent. The interest rate in the current market is favorable and the terms are generally quite favorable — that represents a significant benefit to a business."

The help from SBA comes in response to the impacts of a rockslide along Highway 1 March 30 that cut off access to Big Sur Valley, which is home to many of the area's shops, galleries, campgrounds and resorts. Just last week, the highway reopened to one-way signal-controlled traffic at Rocky Creek.

### Applicants from near and far

While it should come as no surprise that the federal government wants to loan money with low interest to business which are hurting due to all the road trouble — there

are four slides halting traffic on the highway — it's somewhat curious how many businesses are eligible for the help. Businesses throughout Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Kings and Fresno counties are encouraged to apply. "Businesses in Fresno County could be doing business in Big Sur," Wynne explained.


The deadline for submitting an application, which is set for Feb. 10, gives business owners lots of time to apply. "Some of these businesses might not even know yet that they've been affected," Wynne added.

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# PASTOR DONATES \$1M TO GOLDEN BOUGH

## ■ Opening night set for July 5

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS COSTS have spiraled upward to nearly \$11 million, PacRep Theatre is trying to raise enough money to complete its ambitious remodel of the Golden Bough Playhouse in time for a soft opening just six weeks from now on July 5.

Those fundraising efforts received a big boost when developer Patrice Pastor donated \$1 million to the group. In appreciation for Pastor’s gift, the theater company is naming a youth ticket giveaway after him — the Pastor Family Tix for Kids Program.

PacRep also has an opportunity to raise another \$2 million.

### Generous act

“Long-time supporter Darnell Whitt and a Carmel couple who wish to remain anonymous have pledged \$500,000 each, challenging the community to match their contributions dollar for dollar,” the theater group announced this week. “This generous act comes as the renovation project nears its final stages,

signaling a renewed era for the beloved local landmark.”

PacRep executive director Stephen Moorer told The Pine Cone this week that the cost of renovating the Golden Bough has more than doubled in the past four years.



PHOTO/PACREP

This image shows what the inside of the Golden Bough Playhouse will look like after its renovation is complete.

“It was \$5 million when we started digging in 2020,” Moorer said. “Then the pandemic hit, and we had to stop construction and close the theater.”

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# WATER

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Water Monterey supply to 5,750 acre-feet per year,” which Stoldt said represents “over half of the Peninsula’s drinking water and all the water supply necessary for housing, jobs, growth and drought for decades.”

The Environmental Protection Agency is loaning \$77 million for the project, with much of that repaid with \$42 million from state and federal taxpayers, Stoldt said, “so only about \$35 million” will come from rates charged to Monterey Peninsula water customers.

Stoldt said that Watsonville-based Maggiora Brothers Drilling is installing the injection wells and Richmond-based C. Overaa & Co. is the contractor for the advanced water purification facility improvements.

The advanced water treatment facility at Monterey One’s Marina plant is also being expanded to accommodate the extra water. Additional ozone pre-treatment, membrane filtration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet/advanced oxidation equipment is being installed.

“A project of this complexity and magnitude requires teamwork and collaboration from a large group of talented and dedicated policy makers, staff, consultants and contractors,” said Paul Sciuto, Monterey One Water’s general manager. “The result of our combined efforts will be the climate-resilient water supply this community has long envisioned.”

### Purchase agreement

Water utility California American Water, which last year agreed to purchase the water produced by the Pure Water Monterey expansion, contends that its proposed desalination plant in Marina, which has been approved by the state’s coastal commission, is the only project that would offer a drought-free water supply for the Peninsula while also allowing the community to reduce its pumping from the Carmel River.

Once the expansion is complete, the water district is expected to request that the State Water Resources Control Board lift an order prohibiting new water meters in much of the Peninsula — a step that will be required if Peninsula residents will be allowed to add on to existing homes or build on lots of record, much less start fulfilling the state’s new housing mandates.



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# Hussman launches center for fair reporting

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CITING POLLS that show sharply declining public confidence in traditional news media, Arkansas newspaperman and part-time Carmel Valley resident Walter E. Hussman Jr. told a banquet at the Library of Congress last week he decided it was time for some old-school journalists to do something about it.

“In the 1970s, a Gallup poll showed that 70 percent of Americans had a great deal or fair amount of trust in mass media,” Hussman told a group gathered for the first awards dinner for the Center for Integrity in News Reporting. “Last year, that number was down to one-third.”

Internationally, the situation is even worse, Hussman noted, with the United States ranking dead last among 46 countries with 92,000 people surveyed by Reuters about trust in their news media. Finland had the highest percent of trust in the media at 65 percent, compared to only 29 percent in the United States.

### Making up facts?

Even worse, while 68 percent of Americans see too much bias in reporting as a “major problem,” fully 80 percent accuse reporters of “misrepresenting the facts” or “making them up entirely,” according to a recent poll.

To address the problem, Hussman and fellow journalists Charles Overby and Eliza Gaines, with the assistance of the University of North Carolina Hussman School of Journalism and Media, launched the Center for Integrity in News Reporting, and its first effort was to honor

outstanding examples of “impartial, objective and fair news reporting” from across the country.

Winners of the \$25,000 first-place awards were honored at the May 14 banquet in Washington D.C. They included Paul Pringle of the L.A. Times, for his story, “Scandal in the Station House — No One Gets Fired by the L.A. Fire Department,”

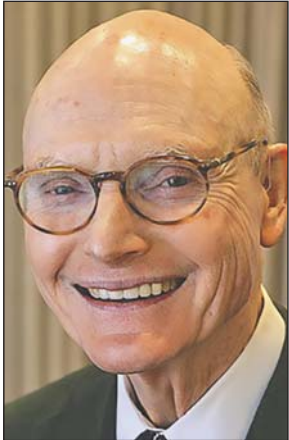
Rose Hoban of NC Health News for “What is Blue Cross Blue Shield NC Up To?” and Blake Ellis, Pamela Brown, Melanie Hicken, Curt Devine, Audrey Ash and Scott Bronstein of CNN for “The Coast Guard’s Secret,” an investigation of a series of sexual assault coverups in the U.S. Coast Guard.

### Core values

Fox News anchor Bret Baier was the keynote speaker. He noted the statement of core values of journalism that have been printed every day since 2017 in all 11 of Hussman’s daily newspapers, and which are inscribed in stone in the lobby of the UNC journalism school.

The event drew a long list of Washington D.C. VIPs, including retired Gen. Wesley Clark, Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas, former U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr, former White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty, former Gannett CEO Douglas McCorkindale and several Pulitzer Prize winners.

“It’s fine to have news and facts in an opinion piece, but opinion should not be in news articles,” Hussman said. “The goal of the center is that by rewarding and encouraging this type of reporting, the public will gain more trust in news organizations.”



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# MADDEN

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art project that makes the town more inviting, one of the pillars of our mission statement,” Byrne said, and at the end of last year’s festival, Ryan Sanchez saw the piece and agreed the finished work should be placed at Bruno’s.

To get it just right, Whyte enlisted the help of the Madden family.

“It was nice working with them closely and making sure they were happy with it,” he said. Virginia Madden brought the shoes he wore, along with his signature yellow jacket, and even offered to loan Whyte his beloved Pro Football Hall of Fame ring.

She also came into the studio when he was working on the statue and, impressed with the likeness, said, “That’s it, he’s back,” Whyte recalled.

### More to come

Byrne said Whyte discounted the piece to \$45,000 for Carmel Cares. “We have raised \$35,000 so far with a couple other donations expected,” Byrne said this week. “We should have it fully subscribed within 30 days. Whyte fronted the cost to date as our partner in this project.”

Byrne said this and other Carmel Cares beautification projects have the added benefit of encouraging business owners to make their own improvements.

“Fermin and Ryan had their storefront painted, their garden areas renovated and their parking lot patched and striped. Carmel Cares spearheaded getting the permit from the city to make changes to the brick patio area and hired the landscaper,” Byrne said. “Carmel Cares volunteers Brian Steckler from Outta the Woods and Chad Smith from Carmel Woodworking made the bench and did the installation.”

Fermin Sanchez was pleased with the move to place a statue of his longtime friend outside his store.

“We were friends for, what, I think 30 years?” he said

this week. “We’re very honored to have John there as part of our family. He could have been anywhere in the world he wanted to be, but this was where he felt most comfortable and happy.”

Dozens of people came to witness the unveiling May 17 and hear comments from Whyte, Byrne, the Madden family and the Sanchezes. “It was great to see the excitement and positive support from the community,” Byrne said. KMBY radio broadcast live from the site.

“The whole group of people who put this thing together — without them, this wouldn’t be possible, so hats off to the whole group,” Sanchez told The Pine Cone.

Whyte said a few copies of the Madden piece have been cast at the foundry he works with in Berkeley, with plans to install them at a new building at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo that will also bear Madden’s name, and at Madden’s headquarters in Pleasanton.





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Byrne said he and the artist are contemplating what other figures with Carmel ties could be commissioned and placed in the city. Meanwhile, Whyte is keeping busy with several projects, including the statues of Cypress Point Club golf course designer Alister MacKenzie and the club’s founder, Marion Hollins, that he was sculpting in the park during this year’s festival. He’s doing those pieces for Pasatiempo Golf Club north of Santa Cruz but hopes Cypress might be interested in them, too — which would bump up his number of local bronzes again.

Among Whyte’s other Monterey Peninsula pieces are Mike Marotta on Alvarado Street, a group that includes Bert Cutino and Ted Balestreri on Cannery Row, a life-size relief statue of St. Anthony and Child in the Carmel Mission Basilica, and Seaside founder Dr. John Roberts, whose sculpture on a bench outside city hall was Whyte’s first local installation.

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## HAWKTOWER

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to help accelerate a start-up's growth and path toward profitability. And incubators, where start-up founders can get early advice and counsel as they grow, as well as mentorships that pair experienced founders and managers with first-timers. HawkTower's advisors are intended to help fill these roles.

In late April, HawkTower Ventures filed its offering with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which will allow it to begin collecting capital from investors and to begin formally investing in start-ups. The firm's initial goal is to raise \$74 million to invest in local companies that have the potential to grow rapidly. Investments will range from \$125,000 in "accelerator" funding for the most fledgling firms to "seed" rounds of \$2 million or more as the start-ups mature.

### Initial investments

HawkTower's initial investments include a company in Watsonville called Farm-ng, which has developed a robotic farming assistant named "Amiga." Another is Agriful Software, which is developing software for the fresh produce industry to track sales and distribution. And a third is Nexstera Tech, a San Luis Obispo-based start-up with technology to prevent lithium battery fires by enabling early detection of batteries before they are emptied from waste bins.

One way to find companies to invest in, Bernstein said, is to enlist the help of local institutions, such as Stanford's Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove, the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey and UC Merced in the Central Valley. In addition, HawkTower is working alongside other economic development efforts, such as F3 Innovate, a company that describes itself as "the nation's hub for climate-smart agrifood technology and innovation," and BEAM Circular, which

focuses on "unlocking the power of agricultural communities to transform waste into opportunity."

Last week, Bernstein announced a strategic partnership with DefenseWerx, which helps the private sector develop defense technologies by linking investment, technology and entrepreneurs to foster innovation in the Monterey Bay Area.

### Lots going on

The HawkTower Ventures debut comes amid a bustle of activity in the local tech sector. Earlier this month, a group of more than 20 elected officials and education, business and community leaders announced the formation of the Monterey Bay Tech Hub, an organization dedicated to promoting regional technology opportunity and, specifically, to promote the growth of the local drone and hydrogen-fueled aircraft industries. The effort includes State Assemblymember Dawn Addis, the city managers of Marina, Watsonville and Hollister, and the presidents of Monterey Peninsula College, Cabrillo College and Hartnell College. Bernstein is on the Tech Hub leadership council.

A companion group is DART, the Monterey Bay Drone, Automation and Robotics Technology Initiative, which has a similar makeup of education, business and community leaders and just conducted a feasibility study to create an advanced manufacturing workforce training center to "upskill" job opportunities for residents of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

Josh Metz — the executive director of DART who also led an Irvine Foundation-funded workforce development pilot project with Joby Aviation and CSU Monterey Bay — has signed on as an advisor for HawkTower. And Bernstein in turn will serve as an advisor to DART.

Also joining the HawkTower team are retired Navy Capt. Bill Sherrod, most recently a strategic advisor to President Ann Rondeau at the Naval Postgraduate

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School, and Tori Lecomte, an alum of Stevenson School who joined as a venture partner after selling her health-tech start-up, Sesh, last year. Alexander Wolf, dean of the Baskin School of Engineering and Distinguished Professor in the department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of California Santa Cruz, joined as an advisor. Jackie Cruz, executive director of the Hartnell College Foundation, is an advisor in the Salinas region.

Tech where it starts

Most of the HawkTower team was present for a recent Tech-on-the-Vine meet up that Bernstein organized at Bernardus in Carmel Valley. It was a casual wine and beer gathering of several dozen tech and business entrepreneurs, evoking some of the social networking that takes place after-hours in Palo Alto or Menlo Park.

Bernstein holds classic Silicon Valley credentials. His web messaging start-up, Meebo, was sold to Google in 2012, not long after his graduation from UC Davis. Over nearly a decade at Google, he led the integration

of Meebo, and directed teams that helped develop Google Assistant, including growing long-term partnerships with major corporations and gaming companies to expand the use of the personal assistant product. He completed an executive program at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and followed Google with an 18-month stint at Microsoft, working on expanding the consumer base for Microsoft Teams.

During the pandemic, Bernstein and his wife, Leslie, bought a second home in Carmel Valley. They loved the rural, coastal lifestyle so much that, two years ago, they gave up their San Francisco area jobs and sold their San Carlos home to live in Carmel Valley permanently. Their two children, 9-year-old Isaac and 11-year-old Lila, attend Stevenson School. In August, Bernstein left Microsoft to focus full-time on developing HawkTower.

The HawkTower name was derived from the local region, both in homage to native raptors and to the historic legacy of the stone tower at Carmel’s Tor House, the former home of poet Robinson Jeffers.

And how does Bernstein, 42, feel about a venture that could result in more jobs and people and change the region as we know it today?

“We don’t want to destroy the atmosphere that we love,” Bernstein said. “We want to enhance it. We all treasure the open space, the lack of traffic, the availability of a range of housing. We are not trying to create another Silicon Valley but leverage the existing assets of the Monterey Peninsula to retain local talent and create a greater diversity of employment opportunity.”

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Bernstein pointed to ample commercial vacancies throughout Monterey County and capacity for modest growth through start-ups. And he cited numerous examples of bright, locally educated students who obtained computer degrees from CSUMB or tech degrees from local community colleges, or graduated from UCs or elite universities, and then launched their lives and careers elsewhere. “We have a massive brain drain among our young people,” Bernstein said, noting the area’s economic dependence on tourism, agriculture and the military. “We have this opportunity for socioeconomic growth to improve the lives of people in Monterey County. We can integrate more diverse industries into the area while not changing the landscape we love.”



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# Report calls for short-term rental ban in Carmel Valley neighborhoods

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE FINAL environmental impact report for a set of ordinances that will regulate the short-term-rental industry in Monterey County was released this week, and among its details is a provision that keeps “commercial” short-term rentals out of residential neighborhoods in Carmel Valley.

A commercial short-term rental is any unit that lacks an onsite host and is rented more than three times a year. Many are rented out every weekend and generate complaints from neighbors about noise and traffic.

Fifth District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams called the move to ban commercial short-term

rentals from residential neighborhoods in Carmel Valley “a really big deal.” Opposition to the industry has been particularly strong there.

“What this shows is that the community was organized and let their thoughts be known,” Adams told The Pine Cone. “We want neighborhoods where people can raise their families without having a hotel next door.”

The regulations would allow a maximum of 201 permits to be issued for commercial vacation rentals in Carmel Valley, but they could only operate in areas zoned for agriculture, visitor-serving or commercial activities.

It’s unclear how the regulations would impact the few short-term operators in Carmel Valley who have received

permits, and many are operating there without permits.

Commercial short-term rentals would also be banned in Big Sur and Carmel Highlands. In unincorporated Carmel, they would be prohibited only in low-density residential neighborhoods, and 117 would be permitted at any given time.

While the evolving regulations might look promising for those who don’t like short-term rentals, Adams said all the effort is meaningless without enforcement of the ordinances. Also, nothing is finalized, so there seems to be room for more changes.

On Wednesday, the Monterey County Planning Commission will host a hearing on the EIR.

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onto a district staffer’s account, which allowed him to click on links that students cannot access with their own accounts.

“We are not saying that the content was different, only that any links Dr. Gibbs entered in a separate window or clicked on were accessible only because he had less restricted access,” she said. “It is important to note that

## JANE GOODE PILATOS

December 18, 1932 - March 17, 2024

A Monterey Peninsula resident for nearly six decades, Jane Goode Pilatos, 91, passed away March 17th.

Jane was born to Clare and Kenneth Goode in Geneva, Illinois. Early in life she developed a passion and talent for sketching and painting. She attended Northwestern University where she was a member of the Tri Delta sorority.



After earning her B.A. in art, she continued her studies at Art Center College in Los Angeles, where she met fellow artist James Pilatos, whom she wed in 1959. In 1967, after pursuing commercial art careers in New York and Los Angeles, they followed their dreams of painting full time by relocating to Carmel with toddler daughter Clare.

Jim and Jane settled into the Carmel art community where they made lifelong connections. Jane Goode (the name she used professionally) was known for her extraordinary and colorful oil paintings. She showed her work in many galleries, including the Carmel Art Association where she was a longtime member, even serving a stint on its board.

Endlessly inspired, Jane took special delight in the natural world, its moods and colors informing not only her paintings but her life. Among her favorite activities were gardening and taking daily sight-seeing walks.

Jane was predeceased by her husband in 2006. Their daughter, Clare (Michael) Lawler, lives in Southern California.

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several sites were accessed only after clicking on multiple links. These additional links are not visible or even possible to access when logged in as a student.”

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte spokesman Andrew Adams said that the course “does not directly link to the content/headlines” that Gibbs referenced or recommend them but does link to the organization’s website and a sex ed chat page which is “staffed by trained Planned Parenthood educators nationwide.”

### Toxic masculinity

A Pacific Grove parent who reviewed the Planned Parenthood course for P.G. High students questioned the educational value in some of the content, including a cartoon in which two characters at a dance talk about a boy with a

## Betty Lou Lawrence

Former Menlo Park resident, Betty Lucile Terry Lawrence, died peacefully at her home in Pebble Beach on April 20<sup>th</sup>. She was 99.

Mrs. Lawrence was born July 25, 1924 in Los Angeles. She graduated from Los Angeles High School, and went on to Stanford, where she joined the Pi Beta Phi sorority. While still a college student, she married her high school sweetheart and returning WWII hero, Richard “Dick” Lawrence. She graduated Stanford in 1947, and soon established a home in Menlo Park, where together they raised two sons and remained for 33 years.

After moving to Pebble Beach in 1983, Mrs. Lawrence continued pursuing her passions of golf, collecting and genealogy. She was a longtime member of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. She was a consummate bargain hunter, and frequented garage sales and thrift shops worldwide, often adding to her unique home décor. Her home became a family gathering spot where she loved hosting holiday celebrations and family reunions. She will be remembered for her generous hospitality and welcoming spirit.

Mrs. Lawrence was an accomplished genealogist, with many publications to her credit. She held numerous memberships in genealogical societies across the country, including the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Lawrence was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; and son, Terry. She is survived by her son, Alex; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**The family suggests that memorial donations be directed to the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health.**



## WILLIAM SELBY JANES



William Selby Janes was born on March 20, 1950, in Everett, Ma and grew up in Laguna Beach, Ca. The youngest of three, he loved the beach, the ocean, surfing and his friends, many of whom he remained close to throughout his life. He was captain of his high school football team, was awarded a Division 1 scholarship and had great memories of his time spent on the field.

Bill’s photography career began in 1970 at the local newspaper in his hometown. He went on to have a successful and broad career in the industry, including sports, conceptual and fashion photography, manufactur-



ing camera equipment and eventually earning a life-long credential from UCLA.

He developed his own signature style of hand-tinted black and white photography, which was featured in Photo District News. In 1994, Bill moved to Pacific Grove, where he opened his own agency in 1999, winning regional and international advertising awards until his retirement in 2016.

Bill passed away from COPD caused by Alpha-1 deficiency. He died peacefully at home with his family on May 7<sup>th</sup>. His loving wife, Kirsten; their pug mix, Tony; his many wonderful cousins and “the kids,” Ian and Audrey, will miss him dearly.

He will be remembered for his love of sports, music, nostalgia, dessert, incredible sense of humor ... and for his never-ending creativity.

**In accordance with his wishes, there will not be a memorial service. If you wish to honor him with a donation, please contribute to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in Pacific Grove in his memory.**

visible bulge in his crotch.

“Do you think Darren stuffed a sock in his pants?” one of the characters says, according to the parent, who took detailed notes from the course.

Another two-minute cartoon is devoted to a boy who paints a topless female on the beach and entitles the artwork “Sun’s out, bum’s out.”

“How is showing a scenario with a kid with a bulge in his pants or one with a topless woman age appropriate, medically accurate and comprehensive sexual education that will help protect teens?” the parent, who did not want to be identified, asked.

While Adams said Planned Parenthood couldn’t provide a proper response without seeing the cartoons, he said the material described did not “sound accurate” or it was “described out of context.”

Another parent who reviewed the course said Planned Parenthood did a good job explaining flirting, self-esteem, social media, pregnancy, body changes and other topics. But she questioned other sections, including an image of a body builder that the organization uses as an example of “toxic masculinity.”

“Why is body building seen as toxic?” the parent asked.

She also took issue with Planned Parenthood’s promotion of Scarleteen, a sex education website several parents said contains extremely explicit sexual material too mature for preteens.

“It contains content I don’t want my 12-year-old to be exposed to,” she said.

### ‘Deleted’

One resident at the May 9 school board meeting, who did not mention his name, read an excerpt from the course by a fictional character called “Ms. Brenda.”

“I think sex is awesome, which is why my passion is educating teens about sex, intimacy and relationships,” the speaker, reading the segment, told the trustees.

“There is so much wrong with that statement,” he told the school board. “Where did this come from? Why are we doing this?”

The page — which was discovered by Gibbs — also included a hashtag which, when searched online, recommended pornographic websites, according to a screenshot he took.

Adamson told The Pine Cone that Planned Parenthood Mar Monte officials were surprised by the content and have since removed it.

“I have confirmation from Planned Parenthood that it has been removed,” Adamson said last week.

Adams, the Planned Parenthood spokesman, explained that the page in question is part of a lesson entitled “Is That Sexual Health Info Accurate? Questions to Ask.”

“This text appears as a made-up example of the kind sex ed content youth might find on the internet that should not be trusted,” he said.

But the parents told a Pine Cone reporter that they believe the scenario is gratuitous and encourages preteens and teenagers to start having sex.

Adams would not say why Planned Parenthood included the hashtag in the sex ed course, which is offered to P.G. students as early as seventh grade.

### No permission

Following the complaints that have occurred over the past month, a Planned Parenthood Mar Monte official sent a terse message to PGUSD saying it’s not allowed to let the public see the course.

“Given the changing scope of your requests, after an internal review today of our agreements with PGUSD, and ongoing communication with the district in the past few weeks, we’re not going to provide public access to Planned Parenthood Sex Ed on behalf of PGUSD,” said the 500-word letter from the group’s Vice President of Learning Courtney Macavinta.

She explained that it took organization three years to develop the 2024 version of sex ed courses for middle school and high schools “at no cost” to PGUSD, and that it’s an “asset of our organization and contains proprietary content.”

“Unfortunately, we were not informed at the time of providing PGUSD with a scope of services for accessing the courses this school year of the school district’s policy that, ‘All recommended instructional materials shall be available for public inspection at the district office,’” Macavinta wrote. “This information was only confirmed by you yesterday.”

She went on to say that the group has been “proud to partner with schools and districts in California, including PGUSD, to deliver comprehensive sex education that is age-appropriate, medically accurate, nonjudgmental, inclusive and in alignment with the California Healthy Youth Act. Sex education is not one course but a lifelong journey.”

The goal of the California Healthy Youth Act of 2016, which mandates comprehensive sexual health education for students, is to provide them with the “knowledge and skills necessary to protect their sexual and reproductive health from unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections,” according to the state Department of Education. Most public schools in California use the Planned Parenthood version.

Regarding who is allowed to view the material, Adamson said Wednesday that “parents or guardians



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whose students were enrolled in the Planned Parenthood” sex ed course “have the option to inspect the curricula prior to instruction starting.”

Parents also have the right to opt their children out.

**Rubber stamped**

Gibbs criticized the sex ed lesson’s section on “consent,” which refers to being intimate with “someone” but does not make it clear to children that it’s not OK to have sex with adults.

“The direct curriculum that middle school students see from Planned Parenthood infers that middle school children can give consent to an adult for sexual activity,” and it provides “what amounts to a checklist,” he told trustees. “A 12-year-old cannot consent, and to imply otherwise is seriously wrong.”

In response, Roggeman said that “teaching about consent aligns with the practice of teaching students about other activities that are not legal until they are older. We teach our students about voting, even though they are not

allowed to vote until they are 18.”

Retired Pacific Grove teacher Terrence Zito had not reviewed the course but commented on the content Gibbs shared with the school board.

“When I was a teacher — and I taught health and sex education — we would never think about this sort of stuff creeping into our curriculum,” Zito told the school board.

Resident Vince Tuminello said he hopes the course isn’t “rubber stamped” by the school board without each of the members’ “individual consideration and evaluation.”

However, teacher Lauralea Gaona, who has two daughters, thanked PGUSD for offering the course.

“I feel it’s been very valuable, not only for my children, but for the children of the entire community,” Gaona said.

**‘Minor attracted persons’**

The Pine Cone asked for access to the course in hopes of substantiating the claims made by the parents and citizens, but PGUSD denied the request.

Gibbs showed photos of numerous sections from the middle school sex ed course, including a page on “legit

sexual health” groups young people should trust. One of the groups Planned Parenthood recommends is the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists, or AASECT. At its annual conference next month, AASECT has a seminar on “minor-attracted persons,” or MAPs — people who are sexually attracted to children — which it defines as a “marginalized population.”

The seminar, AASECT said, seeks to “improve the mental and sexual health and well being of minor-attracted persons,” by establishing “relationships between AASECT educators, therapists and the MAP community,” according to the agenda for the June 13 seminar in St. Louis, Mo.

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CARL VICTOR NOTO, D.D.S.

Dr. Carl Victor Noto joined the angels on May 1, 2024, surrounded by his family and held in their love.

Carl was born on August 14, 1948, in Chandler, Arizona to Joseph and Pauline Noto. He was the second of four children and was their eldest son. When he was 4 years old, the family moved to the Monterey Peninsula where he lived most of his life. Carl attended Junipero Serra School at Carmel Mission, Carmel High School, and Monterey Peninsula College, before attending the University of California, Davis and subsequently earning his Doctor of Dental Surgery at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in 1974.

After receiving the “D.D.S.” after his name, Carl returned to the Monterey Peninsula and joined his father’s dental practice until his Dad retired and his brother Tom joined the practice. Carl served our community as a dentist for nearly 50 years. As many of his patients can attest, Carl was a comedian and a storyteller, often making patients laugh around the dental instruments in their mouths. Carl was an avid outdoorsman, a musician, and a giver of many gifts — floss, toothbrushes, his favorite pocket knives and woven shemaghs (scarves).

Carl was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Felicia Colton; and his mother-in-law, Bruna Odello. Carl leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Pamela Noto; his siblings, Joanne Noto and Tom Noto; his sister-in-law, Carla Odello; his nieces, Courtney (Carlos) Colimodio, Ariana and Rachel Wylie and Nicole Colton; grandnephews, Zane Fuqua and David Colimodio, and his many patients who were like family.

The vigil service will take place 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at Mission Mortuary, 450 Camino El Estero, Monterey. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, June 14, 2024, at Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel.

In lieu of flowers contributions in Carl’s memory can be given to the charity of your choice.

Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee

TRIBUTE TO PETER COAKLEY

The Carmel Valley Improvement Committee officers, board of directors and membership mourn the recent passing of one of our founding members, Peter Coakley. We unite in honoring Peter’s life and his dedicated service to Carmel Valley Village.

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Peter’s legacy will serve as an inspiration to anyone who aspires to emulate him. He enriched the lives of all who have had the privilege of knowing and working with him, and he will be truly missed.

Pinkie Terry, Pat Ward and the  
past and present boards of directors  
Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee



STEVEN A. HUISH

2/5/1952 - 5/9/2024  
“Most of all, he loved the Fall”

Steven Alan Huish, age 72, passed away at his home in Indian Wells, California on May 9th. Steven was born on February 5, 1952, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Alan Eugene and Drusilla Bay Huish, where he was raised with his three siblings. His childhood was full of adventure; he was a true outdoorsman who loved to ski and spend time in the mountains. He also had a love of the arts, especially theater.



After graduating from Highland High School, he went on to University of Utah and Boise State University. He began his professional career in sales with Huish Distributing. It was there where he met his wife of almost 45 years, Elizabeth (Dede) Huish, in 1974. They married in August 1979.

They had two children: (Steven) Paul and (Kathryn) Katie, and moved to Carmel, California as a young family in 1985. Steven was a spirited entrepreneur. He successfully and passionately ran Zantman Art Galleries for many years, owning and operating four galleries by 2000 in Carmel-by-the-Sea, San Francisco, Palm Desert and Sun Valley. Exploring the globe to discover new artists for the galleries, he created lasting memories with his family throughout his journeys. Some of his favorite destinations included New York City, Italy, France, and Hawaii, where he spent his honeymoon and returned many times with his family.

In 2005, Steven and his wife Dede moved to their residence in Ketchum, Idaho where they enjoyed many lasting friendships. In his later years, he fulfilled his interests in travel, fine arts, the outdoors, golf, fishing, jazz, and spending time with his beloved chocolate Labs. As his adventures continued, his family grew; Katie married Brett Hubert in 2010, and Paul married Melissa (Missy) in 2013. Shortly after, Steven became a grandfather to Hayden and Madeline. He loved being “Papa” to the grandchildren. He continued to be the loving patriarch, planning and coordinating memorable family vacations. Most importantly, Steven cherished his family. He demonstrated unparalleled generosity and empathy, always helping others in any way that he could. Steven’s charisma, story-telling, and quirky sense of humor attracted all kinds of people. It was truly his caring, giving and sincere heart that made him so endeared. He treated everyone with respect and kindness. He is survived by his mother, Drue; his three siblings, Dan, Sue, and John; as well as his wife; two children and two grandchildren.

The family will have a private burial and memorial celebration on June 1st. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to your favorite charity in his memory.



# First NorCal championship in 25 years hinged on a junior’s putt

THE LAST time the Stevenson Pirates brought home the team trophy from the NorCal boys golf championship was in 2000, several years before any of the current players were born. Hey, a lot of their parents probably hadn’t even met yet.

That not-so-trivial tidbit lends some perspective to what the 2024 team accomplished on Monday at the Berkeley Country Club, a diabolically punishing golf course in El

## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Cerrito, where the Pirates gobbled great gobs of pressure the way a Rottweiler snarfs Alpo.

An all-out war between some of the nation’s top high school teams ended with Stevenson on top of the mountain, four strokes better than its two closest pursuers — reigning state champion De La Salle (a team with four future NCAA Division I golfers in its six-man lineup), and last year’s state runner-up, Crystal Springs.

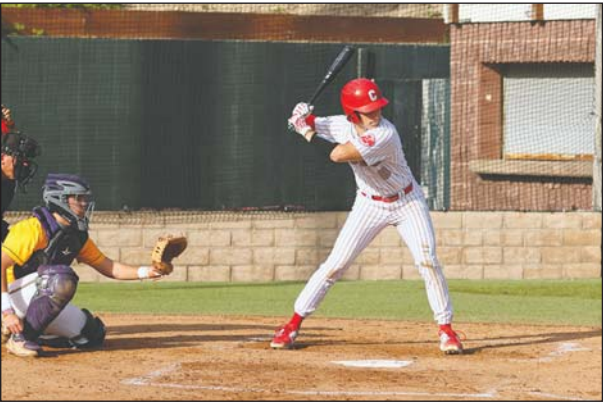
Near the end of a tension-packed day, no moment loomed larger than the one Stevenson junior Johsh Chadha experienced on the 18th Green, as he faced a 40-foot birdie putt, downhill, from the fringe, understanding that the team title might hinge on the result.

### Longest putt

“It was my longest putt of the day. Coach Justin Bates and my teammates were watching. I knew the leaderboard wasn’t showing the correct score, but I also knew everything was up in the air. The tournament was really close, and the putt really mattered.

“I just wanted to two-putt, but I knew I was more likely to three-putt for a bogey,” said Chadha, who bogeyed the previous hole, leaving a 20-footer 2 1/2 inches short.

The kid stroked his putt. He watched it curve 8 to 10 feet, left to right. Deadly silence morphed into hopeful shouts, then erupted into a roar as Chadha’s putt rattled into the cup.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Bixby Moranda hammered three hits to help Carmel upset Los Gatos in the CCS Division I baseball quarterfinals, giving the Padres an automatic ticket to NorCals.

“We ... went ... nuts!” said Bates (Stevenson ’99), who, a short time later, learned that he’d be taking his entire six-man team to Wednesday’s California State Championships at the San Gabriel Country Club in Los Angeles County.

“We were worried that Johsh was going to end up with a bogey. We knew the championship was coming down to those last two or three groups who were still on the course. Honestly, we couldn’t believe he had made it.”

Chadha’s final scorecard, a five-over-par 77, was fifth-best among Stevenson golfers, who finished strong to combine for 371 strokes, besting De La Salle and Crystal Springs (375), Bellarmine (384), Jesuit and San Ramon Valley (390), and four other team qualifiers.

The Pirates’ top golfer at NorCals, senior Adam Rohizam, shot two-over-par on the front nine, then smoked the back side to finish with a two-under-par 70, tying for fifth place in the individual competition.

### ‘Saving it for NorCals’

“Adam, our No. 2 guy all season, didn’t play as well as he thought he could at CCS regionals and finals. He was struggling — but came up to me and said, ‘Don’t worry, coach — I’m saving it all up for NorCals,’” Bates said.

Steven Lai, a junior, tied for 14th overall, carding a 2-over-par 74 that included four birdies, a bogey, and a pair of double bogeys, one of which came on the 18th Hole. Lai shot 69 on May 14 to tie for sixth place at the CCS finals, helping the Pirates to their second-straight team crown.

“Steven has been a predictable force for us in big tournaments — rock-steady in the biggest moments, a testament to how hard he’s been working,” his coach said.

Stevenson’s best golfer, two-time CCS champion Luke Brandler, set the course record at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch (62, nine under par) at the CCS finals , but finished three-over at Berkeley CC. His scorecard included a bogey, double bogey, birdie and eagle on the front nine, and a birdie and three bogeys on the back.

Brandler is one of only two two-time CCS champs in Stevenson history. The other, Christian Caever, did it almost four decades ago, in 1987 and ’88.

Brandler and freshman Calvin Etcheverry (who also shot a plus-three 75), tied for 19th place in the individual sweepstakes.

The Pirates’ sixth golfer, senior Drew Doll, finished with a seven-over 79. (The top five scores count toward the team total.)

“That golf course is such a grind — mentally exhausting for the kids — and half of them fell asleep on the way back to Pebble Beach,” Bates said. “But after we stopped for food, the rest of the ride was a blast. Everybody was so excited to be going to state as a group.”

### ■ CHS Baseball Reaches Norcals

Carmel’s 7-3 upset victory over Los Gatos in the quarterfinal round of the CCS Division I baseball bracket came



PHOTO/COURTESY JUSTIN BATES

Stevenson celebrates its first NorCal golf crown in 25 years: Back row (left to right) are Drew Doll, Luke Brandler, Adam Rohizam, Steven Lai and Calvin Etcheverry. Front are coach Justin Bates and Johsh Chadha.

with a major bonus: That outcome earned the Padres an automatic berth in the Northern California Championship tournament for the second-consecutive year.

Unfortunately, the sixth-seeded Padres were eliminated from further play at CCS when they fell 10-0 to St. Ignatius, the No. 7 seed, in Wednesday’s semifinals in San Jose.

Carmel’s opening-round conquest was fueled by strong pitching from Matt Maxon (4.2 innings, five hits, three runs) and Zander Lunt (2.1 innings, no earned runs).

The Padres scored all seven runs in the fourth inning. Bixby Moranda doubled during a three-for-four performance, knocking in a run, Maxon knocked in three runs with a pair of hits, including a home run, Justin LeMaster contributed two hits and an RBI, and Jackson Loyd hit his third homer of the year.

In the semis, Carmel managed just five hits — all singles — against St. Ignatius sophomore Chase Gordon, who struck out five and walked two during the game, which was shortened to five innings by the 10-run the mercy rule.

Bo Iandoli contributed two of those hits, with LeMaster, Moranda, and Harper Hohmen getting the others.

The NorCal playoffs will be played Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday (May 31) at host sites, all with 4 p.m. start times.

### ■ CCS Track and Field Update

Mack Aldi, a junior at Carmel, ran a 1:54.82 in the boys 800 meters for a third-place finish. Homestead junior Evan Gardner won it with a 1:15.99 clocking, followed by senior Carter Oates of Homestead, who ran 1:54.38.

Stevenson senior Nile Glover tied for fourth place in the boys high jump, clearing 6-foot-2, and teammate Kekoa Williams, a junior, tied for eighth with a leap of 6-0. Luka Sebisano of San Mateo, a junior, won the

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event at 6-6.

Bella Ortega, a junior at Carmel, cleared 10-9 in the girls pole vault to tie for sixth place, and Stevenson junior Siobhan Ong vaulted 10-9 for eighth place. Soquel senior Jonelle Scott was the winner at 12-3.

Anna Kosmont, a junior at Stevenson, placed seventh in the girls 100-meter dash with a time of 12.71. The event was won by St. Ignatius sophomore Ellie McCuskey-Hay in 11.99.

Ashton Rees, a Carmel junior, placed 10th in the boys triple jump with a distance of 41-11.5 feet. The winner, Noah Gonzalez of St. Ignatius, leaped 46-11.

Stevenson's Katrina Bauer, a junior, leapt 32-4 in the girls triple jump for 11th place. The winner, Hollister junior Hannah Vincent, recorded a 37-10.5 jump.



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Steven Lai, a junior (top), typically plays his best when the stakes are high. He was second-best on the team at NorCals and at CCS. Senior Adam Rohizam (above) led Stevenson to the NorCal crown Monday with a team-best score of 70, two under par.

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Editorial

The Racial Justice Act

EVERYONE AGREES that the criminal justice system should be free of racial bias. Cops, prosecutors, judges and juries have no business punishing someone because they don’t like his race. But if that is happening, how would you know?

In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court grappled with this question. In McClesky v. Kemp, a case from Georgia, an African-American man, Warren McCleskey, was convicted of killing a White police officer during an armed robbery and sentenced to death. His attorneys tried to overturn the sentence by presenting statistical evidence that Black defendants were more likely to be sentenced to death than other people convicted of similar crimes, and they argued that this racial disparity violated McCleskey’s constitutional rights. But the High Court disagreed.

Writing for the majority, Justice Lewis F. Powell accepted McClesky’s statistical evidence presumptively showing discrimination in the application of the death penalty in Georgia but said that was insufficient to show that McClesky’s particular rights had been violated. To do that, the court said, he had to show “clear proof” of discrimination in his individual case. McClesky was executed in 1991.

In the years since, the “disparate impact” argument has gained a lot of traction in many fields, and the McClesky ruling was seen as a major impediment to its application in criminal prosecutions.

“The Supreme Court majority’s insistence on proof of intentional or purposeful discrimination established a legal standard nearly impossible to meet,” one civil rights group argued.

But while the Supreme Court ruled that a defendant’s rights weren’t violated because of evidence of racial discrimination in the justice system overall, it left the door open for states to let defendants off the hook because they belonged to a group that had been historically treated more harshly in court than other groups.

Enter the California Democratic Party, which controls not only the governor’s mansion in Sacramento, but both houses of the state Legislature. In 2020, based on a belief that “racial bias persists [in the state’s criminal justice system] because courts generally only address racial bias in its most extreme and blatant forms,” they enacted AB 2542, the Racial Justice Act, which forbids the state to “seek or obtain a criminal conviction or seek, obtain, or impose a sentence on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin,” and allows anyone convicted of a serious crime to challenge their conviction or sentence, not on evidence of discrimination against them, but against their race based on data showing a pattern of bias in the past.

In Contra Costa County last year, Eric Windom and three other defendants who were sentenced to life without parole after being convicted of a gang murder successfully challenged their convictions based on evidence showing that, of 89 defendants who had been charged with gang murders in Contra Costa County from 2015 to 2022, 48, or 54 percent, were Black, whereas only 9.5 percent of the residents of the county were Black. Based on evidence like that, some of the charges against Windom and his fellow gang murderers were thrown out and their sentences were reduced to 13 to 20 years in prison.

California’s Racial Justice Act doesn’t just apply to current criminal cases. “Starting this year, the law allows anyone serving time in a California prison or jail for a felony to challenge his conviction and sentencing retroactively on the ground of systemic racial bias,” according to journalist Heather MacDonald, writing in City Journal.

In many parts of the country, criminal laws are being diluted or eliminated because of allegations of “disparate impacts,” and many people accused of crimes will benefit. But will the public?

BEST of BATES



“For some reason I feel like escargot tonight.”

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County’s housing overreach

Dear Editor,

On May 6, the county released its 985-page Regional Housing Needs Assessment in response to the state’s housing mandates. The work for this proposal started nearly two years ago, was known to be coming for several years, and the county spent nearly \$2 million on consultants to prepare this proposal. With all that, they are still six months late.

On May 15, the county planning commission reviewed a presentation by the staff on their work. The proposal was resoundingly rejected by the commission and virtually everyone in attendance. Why was it rejected? Very simply because it defies logic.

The staff said the county needs 3,326 new housing units in the next eight years. Planning commissioner Kate Daniels rightly asked, “How many units are currently in the pipeline?” which would reduce

this number. After subtracting the “pipeline” units, the actual need in the county is 1,269 units. Adding the state-required 15 percent buffer should raise the proposal to 1,460 units. But the staff is proposing that we build over 10,000 housing units.

Commissioners Daniels and Martha Diehl pointed out that, for the past several decades, the county has been using the inclusionary housing ordinance as a method to fund the building of affordable housing. This ordinance requires developers to build one “affordable” house for every four “market” houses that they build. Both commissioners pointed out that this program has been an abject failure. It has failed to build the affordable housing that we need. It appears that the staff relied on this “formula” to generate the logic to build nearly 10,000 “market rate” houses when all we need is 1,269 affordable houses. The planning commission instructed the staff to make changes to the proposal but the staff replied, “the board of supervisors will make that decision.”

The role of the staff was to identify the housing needs, not to promote a method to finance them. When I asked director of housing Craig Spencer, “How much financial support would a developer need to build affordable housing and still make a profit?” His answer was “around \$250,000 for each unit.” If one assumes that this is roughly correct, it is simple arithmetic to estimate that we need roughly \$37 million per year for eight years in financial assistance to achieve our housing needs.

The staff also ignored state guidelines

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# Her long journey began almost 50 years ago in the Middle East

ROZANNE PONDER has lived in many places during many careers. It isn't so much about not settling down. It's more about chasing opportunity — and Ponder, 52, knows what it means to be uprooted and find ways to adapt.

Rezan Shanoun — Ponder's given name — was 5 years old in the late 1970s, when, as hostilities heated up between Iraq and Iran, her family decided to leave their home in Baghdad. Given the options of Australia, Canada and the United States, they ended up in Minot, N.D., home to Minot Air Force Base, the North Dakota State Fair and the annual Norsk Høstfest, but nothing familiar to her family.

Her heritage became veiled when her surname was changed from Shanoun to Botani, to blend with family members who had arrived before her, and her first name was changed to Rozanne. Eventually, what is now a 26-year marriage to Glen Ponder led her to change her last name again.

## Deep meditation

In addition to losing her name, she could no longer recall her early childhood. It wasn't until she was an adult that its absence began to bother her. To unblock her mind, she participated in deep medi-



Rozanne Ponder

was difficult for me to learn. I have undiagnosed dyslexia or ADHD or something. So, I worked hard, I challenged myself, and I learned most things by memorizing."

Ponder got into a school in Galt that provides a 12-week training program for correctional officers. Upon graduation, she went to work at High Desert State Prison, a maximum-security facility in Susanville which, due to its small prisoner population, was closed last year.

"Susanville is a small, old-time town in a gorgeous, wooded setting, but it's also located in nowhere," she said. "I felt isolated, like I didn't belong. I couldn't be myself in a town with little more than two bars — one for officers and one for the families of inmates."

## Finding where she fit

With her closest family members some six hours away, Ponder left Susanville, moved to Monterey, and got a job at Soledad State Prison. She met Sgt. Glen Ponder, whom she married, and they have a daughter together. He later retired as an associate warden after 30 years of service.

"Glen loved every minute of a career to which he was really dedicated," she said. "It's a great job if you stay all the way to retirement. In Soledad, it took me awhile to adjust, to figure out where I fit in among staff. After nine years, I transferred to Salinas Valley State Prison (also in Soledad), where I was promoted to sergeant."

Ponder said she was never scared at Salinas Valley, mostly because she surrounded herself with bigger partners and because she quickly realized that if she respected the inmates, they respected her.

"The staff was actually more difficult to be around," she said. "They created a negative environment with a lot of drama. If anyone ever wanted to do a reality show, this is the one they should pursue."

## Aiming high

Ponder developed stress and anxiety on the job, which she admitted she tried to mitigate with a lot of drinking and smoking two packs a day.

"This was not me," she said. "I'm a yogi. I meditate. I swim. I need my lungs. I was working in a mental health unit at the prison and was not mentally healthy. In 2009, I took a breath. I retired. I was done."

Ponder took a year to decide what to do next. Although she was afraid of heights, her love of travel and desire to see the world overrode her fears, and she moved to Florida to enroll in the Beyond & Above Flight Attendant Training School.

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# VELVET LUGGAGE, FOLK PAINTING, CHILDREN'S FURNITURE AND MORE

IT'S NOT much of a stretch to imagine that the DNA which produced Carmel artist Marie-Claire Treseder Gorham may well date back to ancestors who made cave drawings.

According to family lore, based on German-language diaries, her great-great-great-grandfather, Samuel Rice, was an artist in Lancaster County, Pa., who specialized in painting 18th century horse carriages in a decorative style called Bauernmalerei.

who went to the University of the Pacific on an opera scholarship but graduated with honors with degrees in philosophy and curation. Even as a child, Gorham loved to check out library books about Greek mythology.

All of that was part of the recipe that produced Gorham, a self-described "folk artist" who is heterogeneous and wildly imaginative.

A small sampling of Gorham's creations includes custom-made velvet luggage, an intricately decorated dollhouse, ceramic vessels painted in her great-great-great-grandfather's Bauernmalerei style, custom-decorated, hand-built children's furniture, colorful textile

## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Her family home in Davis is adorned on nearly every wall with block prints made by her great-grandfather, William S. Rice, Samuel's grandson, who frequented Monterey, Carmel and Pebble Beach for inspiration. Some of his prints are showcased at Joaquin Turner's Carmel gallery.

One of Gorham's grandmothers, Roberta Treseder (William Rice's daughter), was a lifelong ceramicist. "I grew up eating off her plates, bowls and cups, and that's still what we use in the house," Gorham said.

Her other grandmother, Edith Hansen, taught her to sew.

Robin Hansen-Treseder, Gorham's mom, was a private voice coach who taught people of all ages and skill levels how to sing traditional classical Italian opera.

## Opera-singing scholarship

"Mom originally was pursuing her Ph.D. in British literature at UC Davis, which is why I grew up there. But after she had a couple of kids (Gorham's older brothers), she decided teaching music probably was more conducive to parenting than aspiring to become a professor in town. She usually had about 30 students at a time," remembered her only daughter,

circus elephants, a lazy susan hand-painted with a green-and-white serpent, and a deck of 80 hand-illustrated "philosopher's tarot cards."

Most prominent is Gorham's wondrous line of wearable art, featuring hand-decorated garments — mostly for women, but also for children and men — greatly influenced by aristocratic finery from long-ago eras.

## Frugality begets creativity

As a full-time independent artist who connects with clients mostly via word-of-mouth, Gorham manages a smallish budget with creative solutions: She frequents thrift stores and estate sales, restores and repurposes found items, handcrafts whatever she can to reduce expenses, and sometimes collaborates with other artisans. All of that results in one-of-a-kind artwork.

"If I focused my craft on creating the same thing consistently, I'd be able to produce more palatable products, but that's not where my interests lie," she said.

"My grandmother (Roberta Treseder, the ceramicist) famously said she had no interest in making anything that could be mass produced, and I feel the same way," Gorham said. "My brain usually is no longer interested in something after I've figured out how to do it well — I'm always looking for the next thing."

## Philosophy and curation

Despite her diverse artistic upbringing, she steered away from studio art, focusing instead on her curation degree, which led to an invitation from Scott Shields, chief curator at Sacramento's Crocker Museum, to guest curate an exhibition when Gorham was right out of college.

"I don't know if he would accept the label, but I would love to call Scott my mentor, even though I only got to work with him a little bit over the course of about four-and-a-half years," she said. "He showed so much faith in me, and I admire him so much."

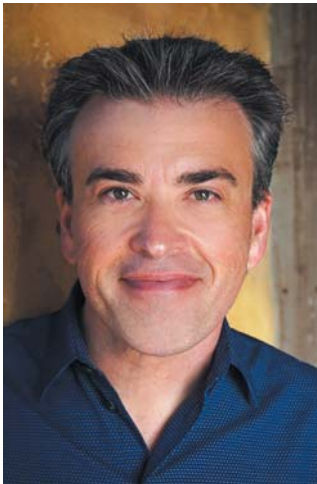
As a college freshman, she gravitated toward Drew Gorham at a philosophy



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Mixed-media artist Marie-Claire Treseder Gorham models her own wearable art. The blue brooch came from an estate sale.

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# ROUNDABOUT

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roundabouts can also cause fatalities,” he said. “I did a public records request with Caltrans, and none of the intersections in question have had any fatalities that could have been prevented by roundabouts. Also, all nine of the intersections are below the state average for collisions — this is from Caltrans’ own data.”

Stump said he was encouraged by TAMC’s decision to explore the possibilities of the new signal technology. He’s also hopeful the technology will continue to evolve — he suggested that one day, if self-driving cars become the norm, the tech will enable the synchronization of traffic so everybody drives the same speed, and the flow of traffic becomes more efficient.

“It’s only going to get better,” he added. “It just blows away anything the roundabouts could do.”

# BRONZE

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— before she was taken away from us.”

He suspects whoever stole the artwork wanted it for nothing more than the alloy it contains. “There is a lot of bronze in the piece,” he said, adding that a police report was filed and they “contacted as many places we could that might take it as scrap.”

“Fingers crossed someone sees it — not so much that I get it back as much as it’s a little piece of Carmel that would be sad to lose to a furnace,” he said. “We are so sad to have had it stolen.”

Wills asked that anyone with information email him at lancejwills@gmail.com. “There’s a \$1,000 finder’s fee, no questions asked, to return a local treasure to any local department,” he said.



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# Man gets 10 years for ‘forced prostitution’

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A SAN Jose man who forced a woman to engage in sex acts with others for money in the Salinas area has been sentenced to a decade in prison for human trafficking, prosecutors said this week.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced Courtney Trendon, 43, to 10 years in a state prison after he was convicted of one count of felony human trafficking of an adult for commercial sex purposes and one count of domestic violence.

**Struck in eye**

On Feb. 2, 2023, at 8:12 p.m., the female victim from Wisconsin identified as Jane Doe called 911 from a restaurant on Kern Street in Salinas and told officers that Davenport, her “boyfriend,” struck her in the eye with his elbow after she refused to leave their motel room and engage in forced prostitution for Davenport’s financial benefit.

“As Jane Doe was speaking with officers, Davenport

emerged from a neighboring restaurant and began yelling,” according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office. “Davenport was detained and found to be in possession of a knife,” the prosecutor said.

Interviews and searches of Davenport’s motel room and their cell phones led to evidence that he had been forcing her to sell her body for sex.

**Forced rules**

He also made her abide by a “strict set of rules which controlled her movements through tracking, her ability to provide for her everyday needs through finances, and threats of violence and actual violence when she refused.” Davenport also controlled the type of acts the victim would perform, whom she would see, how much she charged, and how much money she had to collect each day before returning to their motel room, the DA’s office said.

This is Davenport’s first conviction for human trafficking. In addition to serving his prison sentence, he will have to register as a sex offender for life.

# ARTIST

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club meeting and began a love-at-first-sight relationship that spans 16 years, the last 10-plus as a married couple. Their son, Anders, was born six years ago, and their daughter, Daphne-Marie, arrived two years later.

Drew is CEO of his own healthcare-oriented startup company.

“We had been living in Palo Alto, but after (Anders) was born, I had an opportunity to choose a place that reflects my own values, and Carmel looked to me like an exquisite place to raise children,” she said.

They share a creatively ornate cottage near Sunset Center, where Gorham multitasks two full-time occupations — motherhood and art.

Her studio is side-by-side with her kids’ bedroom, which includes two tiny beds that were hand-built by Gorham and her dad, Carl Treseder. The headboards and walls are embellished with her own folk art.

And Carmel lived up to her expectations as an ideal community.

“We have the beach, we have these trees ... I actually love our storms. We hung the kids’ bike helmets outside,

on our front porch, and little birds moved into them. We just went through our third batch of baby birds who were born in those helmets,” she said.

The challenges of paying the bills with two independent businesses — Drew’s startup company, her art — “is the greatest gift, but a bit of an adventure at times,” Gorham said.

**Good seasons, bad seasons**

“It can be difficult when everybody is working for themselves. You don’t have the same safety nets,” Gorham said. “As an artist, you have good seasons and bad seasons, and it becomes like a masterclass in knowing yourself.”

Her art income is derived almost entirely from commissions, including murals she creates or restores. Gorham’s public murals include the Carmel shell (on Mission near Sixth), the Carmel Public Library, Carmel Mission Inn, Carmel Café, Sunset Center, and Hofsas House. She also does murals at private residences.

Images of her art can be viewed on Instagram @marieclare\_. Contact her via email at marieclarestudio@gmail.com for commissions.

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# BUDGET

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\$433,818 contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering to do the first three, which include drainage improvements, demolition and reconstruction of a swale crossing and construction of an elevated boardwalk over a boggy section of trail.)

The council could cut another \$175,000 by delaying design of a drainage bypass on Junipero. “Although this may be the most critical, high-priority project identified in the storm drain master plan update, it is a large-scale project with a substantial construction cost estimated at \$1.5 million,” Harary said. “That’s a lot of money coming down the pike,” and three other drainage improvements are already planned during the next fiscal year.

Repairing dry rot around windows at the Park Branch library instead of going ahead with a full replacement could cut costs by \$30,000, to \$15,000.

Finally, he said efforts to push Monterey County to repair the badly potholed section of Ocean Avenue between Carpenter Street and Highway 1 — which is outside the city limits — should be rethought so the city

is not devoting a lot of staff time to what might be a very complex project. Instead, he said, it could play a support role.

“Monterey County claims they will undertake it in the next few years,” he said.

**No hiring freeze**

Rather than giving up, Mayor Dave Potter suggested he talk to county officials and Caltrans — both of which he has had a lot of experience with — to see what he can do to make resurfacing Ocean Avenue happen, and the rest of the council agreed.

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito, who was participating via Zoom from a Madison Avenue apartment in Manhattan, argued for proceeding with the Mission Trail and Junipero projects.

“I’m very concerned if we defer too many drainage projects, we will end up with damaged public and private property that will be a lot more expensive than the projects themselves,” she said. “I’m in favor of getting as many of those completed as possible.”

While he sympathized with Ferlito’s views, councilman Jeff Baron focused on ways to make more money by raising the hotel tax — which the majority of the council earlier this month voted not to pursue — implementing paid parking, and

further taxing the owners of second homes.

“I don’t think we have a revenue problem; I think we have more of a spending problem,” countered councilwoman Alisandra Dramov. The number and scope of capital projects would be “taking on more than the public works department can handle,” she warned.

Dramov also requested a hiring freeze,

but that idea didn’t float with the rest of the council.

By consensus, they agreed to delay the Junipero and Mission Trail projects for at least a year but requested no other changes, and city administrator Chip Rerig said the staff will return with a revised budget and propose it for adoption at the June 4 meeting.

# HISTORIC

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list,” he laughed.

Kathryn Gualtieri, who was appointed to the historic resources board by the city council earlier this month but is not yet seated, agreed that Dunham is a rarity.

“You don’t like to speak against a homeowner who is supportive of historic preservation,” she said. “His enthusiasm for it is palpable.”

Nonetheless, she agreed with Clovis’ evaluations and Wallace’s analysis that the second story addition “compromises, severely, the significance of the house,

despite its history.”

“I have to compliment the homeowner for the beautiful job he’s done, and I wish it had passed all of these tests, but I’m afraid it hasn’t,” agreed HRB member Esther Goodhue.

Board chair Erik Dyar lauded Dunham for his enthusiasm for Carmel and for historic preservation.

“I do think it’s a charming, wonderful house,” he said, but “the second story addition unfortunately doesn’t have the same elegance and architectural quality I see in the original.”

With that, the board voted 3-0, with two members absent, to issue a “preliminary determination of historic ineligibility” for the house.



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# GOLDEN

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Next, Moorer said PacRep had to contend with a “major reorganization” of its board of directors.

“The work was halted for two years,” he explained. “At the end of 2022, we restarted the project with a new contractor.”

### Through the roof

As countless builders discovered during the pandemic, the cost of construction skyrocketed.

“Steel went through the roof,” Moorer reported. “The cost of labor has gone up. Everybody’s adding fuel charges.”

Also adding costs to the renovation were two significant additions — expanding the number of restrooms and replacing incandescent lighting with LED. Moorer said without increasing the number of restrooms, lines would

be too long. As for the latter, he called LED lighting “a smart move in every way.”

“It’s eco-friendly, it’s labor-friendly and it’s budget-friendly,” he said.

The renovated theater is set to open July 5 with a preview of Dolly Parton’s “9 to 5,” with the musical officially opening the following evening. Moorer said it’s possible more previews will be added if the work on the theater is completed earlier.

Also, “we will schedule a grand opening when everything’s done and truly grand,” Moorer added.

Meanwhile, construction by contractor Pankow Builders continues on the Golden Bough.

“The giant scaffolding will be down by June 3,” Moorer reported. “All the ceiling work gets completed in the next two weeks.”

Also, PacRep is hopeful all the work on the disability ramps will be completed by mid-June.

Counting the two matching gifts, PacRep has raised nearly \$10 million, which includes \$4 million in short-term loans, for the theater project. That leaves a balance

of about \$1 million, which could be covered by matches to the gifts.

“The \$1 million challenge presents an extraordinary opportunity for donors to double their impact and play a pivotal role in completing the renovation of the Golden Bough Playhouse,” Moorer added. “Together, let’s ensure it continues to be a place where magic happens, stories are told, and history is made.”

# LIVES

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“If I want to be something, I’m going to figure out how to do it. My husband gets that and said, ‘OK, we’ll make it happen.’”

“I flew for Silver Airways,” she said. “Maybe you’ve seen their cute pink planes. I ended up based in Virginia. It was a lot of fun until I got stuck in a hotel room at Dulles Airport during the worst snowstorm ever. It was like I was in ‘The Shining’ movie. As soon as the airport opened, I got on a plane and went home to Las Vegas.”

Ponder also went to Las Vegas, where the couple has a second home, when the pandemic put a pause on everything. In the meantime, she decided to study for her real estate license.

“My mind has to work. I can’t just sit around,” she said. “I studied for a few months, passed the real estate exam and signed on with Keller Williams. And what I learned about that career was that it wasn’t for me. I am not someone who’s all about the chase.”

### A third language

It wasn’t long before Ponder was thinking about her next move. She came to the Monterey Peninsula and trained for two years to become a massage therapist. After working for Monterey chiropractor Peter Ruiz, she has gone on to provide massage therapy at Portola Hotel, The Intercontinental, Marriott, Refuge at Carmel Valley Athletic Club, and The Monterey Plaza Hotel. She works full time for Carmel Valley Ranch and part time for Carmel Beach Hotel.

“I don’t know what’s next,” she said, “but I know it’s out there, waiting. I got an offer to do massage at a spa in Wyoming, but that’s not it. It’s going to have to be something that really challenges me, really engages my mind. I speak Aramaic and English. Maybe I’ll learn to speak Italian.”

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# LETTERS

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in selecting the sites for these 10,000 units. The state calls for sites that protect desirable lands, prevent soil erosion and enhance water quality, and minimize risks from fires. The proposal fails to meet all three guidelines.

This proposal is being brought before the supervisors at their meeting on June 4, even though the planning commission has rejected it. I urge you all to contact your supervisor and ask them to reject this proposal and send it back to the planning commission.

**Andrew Hawryluk,**  
*Highway 68 Conservation Consortium*

## New historic list

**Dear Editor,**  
On Memorial Day, we remember those who never made it back home and recognize the sacrifice they made so we could have freedom. One of those freedoms is the right to own a home.

Homes were put on the Carmel Historic Resources Inventory with no notice or public hearing 20 years ago. It affected so many homeowners that there was a class action to get the homes off. It's now happening all over again — only worse.

Currently the city's historic context statement is being rewritten, and your home could now be eligible to be designated historic. The draft states the builder can be unknown; whereas before, the builder had to be known, and homes with non-historic features that the historic resources board likes can be designated historic. The draft states that field reconnaissance has been conducted within the entire Carmel city limits to find homes that illustrate historic themes.

That opens up a lot of homes to historic designation with shocked homeowners finding themselves in a position of property value loss, less control over their own property, and difficulty selling.

An HRB member said on March 18, "So many houses around town I'd like to see preserved."

Find out if yours is one of them and get prepared financially to hire an attorney and historians to get your house off the list. Better yet, voice your concern to the city and ensure the rewrite doesn't include criteria that would fit your house.

I addressed my concerns to the city, then Monday's HRB meeting failed to video record. The video recorder worked just fine the next day. Could it be that the HRB doesn't want us to know what was said at the meeting?

**Brian Wilke,** *Carmel*

## P.G.'s sex ed curriculum

**Dear Editor,**

On Wednesday, I sat down at a school laptop in the Pacific Grove School District offices to review an internet curriculum provided by a third-party vendor for P.G. Middle School students. After two hours of reviewing the course, I had to get up and walk around the conference room to get my head around what I had just seen.

Was it possible that children as young as 12 could be exposed to potentially pornographic material? I asked myself, "What's going on? How can this be? This must be a mistake."

My first thought was that somehow this online curriculum had been hacked or corrupted. What else would explain access to websites that would shock the consciousness of PGUSD parents who expect the first job of their school is to keep their children safe?

It was apparent to me that the vendor had lost control of its curriculum. The only other hypothesis for wildly inappropriate topics was the outside content provider had purposely infected the content with links and material designed for another purpose. In either case, it seemed to me the course must be suspended immediately until the district got an explanation from the third party. I met with the PGUSD superintendent and she assured me that the district curriculum director would look into the

problem right away. I am still standing by. I believe the best path for the district is to set up a parent/staff task force to find or design a safe and appropriate curriculum to meet state standards. Let's see what happens.

**Mike Gibbs,** *Pacific Grove*

## City needs art museum

**Dear Editor,**

Carmel is the envy of the world in so many ways, yet it has one glaring deficiency: no art museum. We have an exceptional legacy of historic artists in various media to include painting, photography, illustration and cartooning. Not to mention our deep theatrical and literary history, and the many contemporary artists who continue to excel and enrich our lives. But we lack a place to share our story in a comprehensive manner with our visitors, and with ourselves.

From 1966 to 1970, we had the Carmel Museum of Art in the China Art Building. With generous support from the Crocker family, the museum developed a substantial

art collection and was on sound financial footing. Lacking support from city leadership, the museum unfortunately withered on the vine — the museum closed, and its collection was moved to the Museum of California in Oakland. For lack of a suitable local host, the Ansel Adams archive subsequently went to San Francisco. And so on.

One may think, Carmel has so many art galleries, multiple theaters, the Carmel Art Association, the Center for Photographic Art — what possible incremental benefit would a museum generate? I would argue that a well curated permanent collection across media, combined with compelling temporary exhibits, would help explain our village's arts-rich history and serve as a springboard into today's vibrant Carmel arts scene, which of course reflects that history.

While it has been over 50 years since The Carmel Museum of Art closed its doors, it is never too late to revisit what was, and remains, a very good idea.

**Scott Gale,** *Carmel*

# TOO FAST TOO FURIOUS, COP STYLE?

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A NEARLY two-decade-old former Salinas P.D. patrol car got a new life as an off-road racer after high school students in Trinity Christian School's new Art of Automotive Maintenance class restored it so it could be driven in this month's Police in Pursuit, a 12-lap competition among various law enforcement officers held at Ocean Speedway in Watsonville to raise money for the Special Olympics.

According to the school, which is based in Monterey, the kids worked on the 2005

Ford Crown Victoria during the twice-weekly class, performing basic maintenance, servicing the brakes, working on the body and preparing the car for the dirt-track racing it would be doing at the speedway.

They completed the work last month, added their school logo to the Crown Vic's hood, and handed the car over to its owner for the competition, which pitted officers from Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, Aromas, Santa Clara, Gilroy Police Department and Los Gatos against each other on the dirt track.

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# PENINSULA BUSINESSES

‘Be our guest, be our guest, put our service to the test ....’

By ELAINE HESSER

**MY PHONE** rang the day after my interview with Pam Shepherd, owner of the Horizon Inn. She said she’d found an earring and wondered if it was mine. It wasn’t, but it was a small example of how personal service is second nature to people in the lodging business.

Hotels, motels and inns drive a large portion of our economy. Not only do they host visitors who spend their money in local businesses, but, as regular Pine Cone readers know, the tax revenue they generate is a valuable source of income for local government. Still, unless something goes wrong, people’s overnight accommodations are often an unobtrusive backdrop for the rest of their adventures, and guests almost certainly don’t contemplate everything that goes into providing them a quiet, comfortable and clean place to rest.

Shepherd got started in the business in 1988. Her father had bought the 20-plus-room inn as a business investment two years earlier and needed someone to fill a vacant management job “temporarily.” Shepherd never left, and she still does regular shifts at the front desk so she knows what’s going on. She also enjoys the interactions she has.

Before Covid, she said, “The only other time we closed was because of the Loma Prieta earthquake.” Although most of the guests left, a couple from England was stranded in town, so Shepherd invited them home with her for dinner.

**Taking it personally**

That’s a bit extraordinary, of course. But everyone The Pine Cone spoke with, from Quail Lodge to La Playa Hotel, and from the Horizon Inn to Four Sisters Inns (locally, Coachman’s Inn on San Carlos, and Gosby House and Green Gables in Pacific Grove), said the business was personal — customers aren’t just guests, they’re “their” guests, and it shows.

Mary Crowe, vice president of concept and product development for Marc and Rose Hospitality, which owns



The Covey Grill is one of Quail Lodge’s many guest amenities — and locals can visit, too.

and operates several properties including La Playa, has been in hospitality for 30 years. She said that the difference between a hotel and, say, a restaurant, “is that we have a 24-hour relationship with our guests. We see a more rounded picture of the person and their needs.”

Winchel Yu, who’s been rooms manager for six months, is relatively new to Quail Lodge but spent several years at larger properties, including a 655-room Hyatt near

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# An Air Force pilot who landed in exactly the right field

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

**SOMEWHERE AROUND** 1959, Bill Mitchell began framing his future. Having graduated from Piedmont High, he bid farewell to his friends, most of whom were headed off to study at Stanford or Cal, and entered the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado, inspired by a deep desire to become an astronaut. In 1957, Sputnik was launched, and to Mitchell, space travel looked like a pretty exciting venture. He graduated with a bachelor of engineering sciences degree in 1963 but never became an astronaut. Instead, he went into the Air Force as a pilot.



Bill Mitchell celebrating 50 years as a real estate broker, and more than 50 years with his wife, Vicki.

“The Vietnam War was underway. Shortly after I completed my pilot training, I launched a nearly five-year run on combat duty, flying in and out of Vietnam,” Mitchell recalled. “In my sixth year, I decided to leave the Air Force. Having been too tall to become an astronaut, I signed on with American Airlines as a pilot.” It turned out to be the land below that ultimately captured his interest for 50 years, however.

He flew for American for a year before the airline furloughed a group of pilots for two years, Mitchell included. So, he finally followed his friends to Stanford and, in 1971, earned his MBA. But after graduation, American Airlines recalled him to the cockpit, where he resumed his flying career.

Mitchell has always been fascinated by real estate, an interest that led him to invest in land, primarily in the Pacific Northwest, even while on active duty. Later, while he was busy flying 727s out of Logan Airport in Boston, he earned his real estate license in Massachusetts and then in New Hampshire. In 1974, he secured his California broker’s license, as well.

In 1975, he and Vicki Mitchell, his wife of now more than 50 years, established The Mitchell Group Real Estate in Palo Alto, while he was still flying. For the next 33 years, he flew full time for American Airlines, while also working full time for The Mitchell Group.

“I used to come back from an airline trip, still in my pilot’s uniform, and go straight to my real estate office to field business calls,” he said. “I was young and strong in those days, so it was easy. Mostly because I loved doing both.”

### Destiny & dynasty

In 1990, the Mitchells moved their business to Carmel. “Over the years, we grew that little Mitchell Group to 140 agents in five offices, becoming the largest independent real estate firm in Monterey County. By 2005, we were being courted by a number of larger companies who wanted a presence in Carmel and Pebble Beach. We ended up selling it to Sotheby’s International Realty. I had mixed feelings about that, but it turned out to be a home run.”

The Mitchells also owned Carmel Realty, a



Bill Mitchell

100-plus-year-old company they’d acquired many years before, said Mitchell, primarily because it was an income-property management firm and had in its portfolio several legendary properties along Scenic Road and 17 Mile Drive.

“At the conclusion of a non-compete clause, we began bringing in the old Mitchell Group agents and developed

**MITCHELL** *cont. on page 48A*



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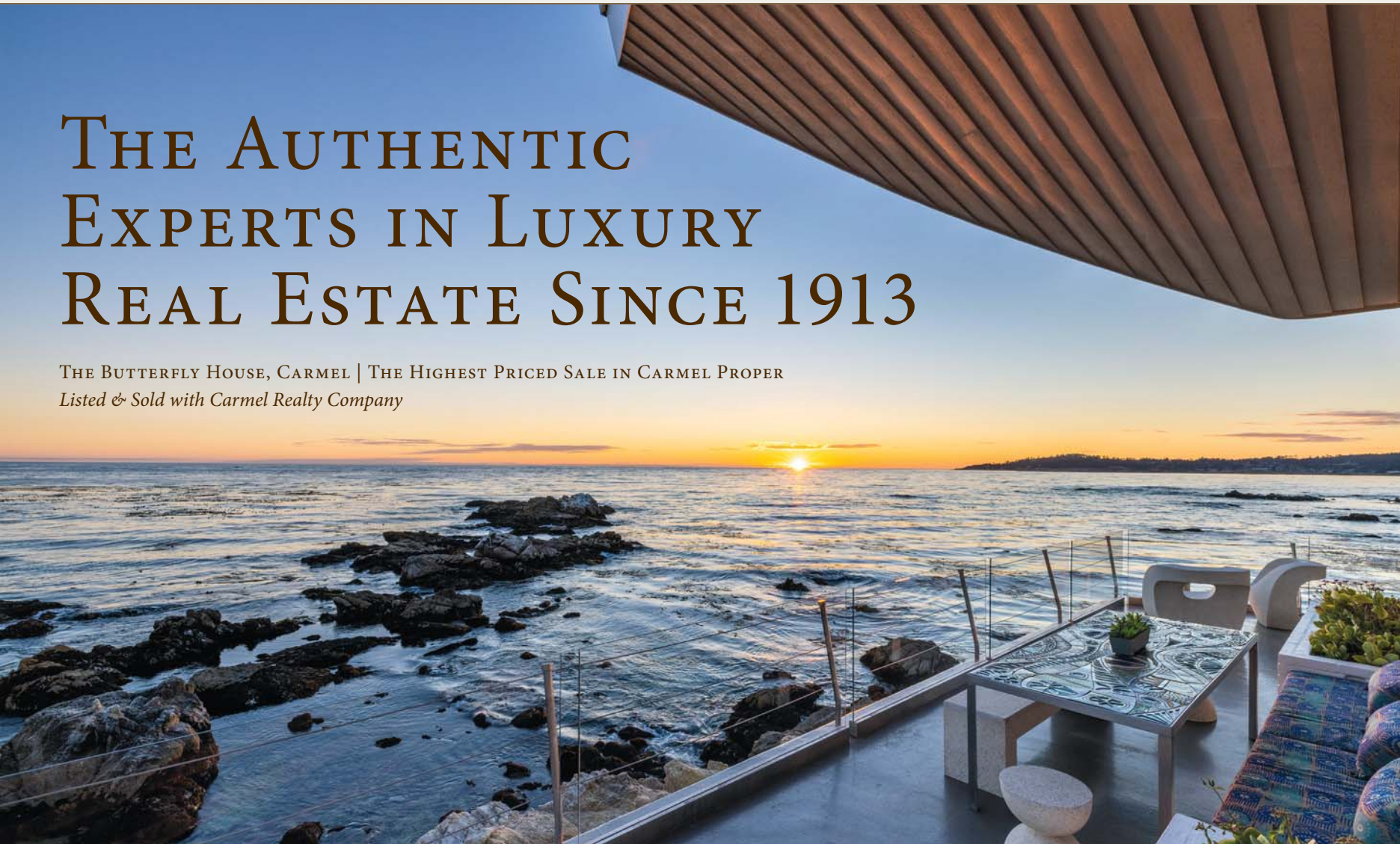
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# And stretch, and breathe, and crunch, and ... clean

By ELAINE HESSER

**PURE BARRE**, an exercise studio in Carmel Plaza, emphasizes a thoughtful approach to working out, owner Tina Bennett and lead instructor Leslie Pinson said. Explained Pinson, “If you’re doing it right, you’re a beginner every day. You learn to listen to your body with acceptance.”

That might sound zen and even a bit cryptic, particularly if your idea of exercise is pounding out 30 sweaty minutes on the treadmill followed by strength training with weights or machines. However, it seems the search for the perfect “beach bod” is largely over, as is striving to achieve a figure defined by airbrushed images of young models. And local fitness facilities are paying attention.

Reasons for going to the gym are as diverse as the people who turn out in stretch pants and sneakers week after week, but they do follow trends. After all, the fitness business has included Jack LaLanne’s calisthenics, Richard Simmons’ “Sweatin’ to the Oldies,” hot yoga and circuit training (remember Curves?), among many others. Kim Beene, general manager of Carmel Valley Athletic Club, said the facility’s more than 2,000 members have a wide variety of goals and noted that they’re thinking more holistically these days, tying physical and mental fitness together with practices like mindfulness — being “in the moment” and paying attention to what you’re doing — meditation and relaxation.

“Functional fitness” is another trend. It focuses on working on strength, flexibility and endurance so people can do the things they love — traveling, cooking a big family dinner, or taking a sunset stroll along Scenic.



**FITNESS** *cont. on page 44A* Ana Padilla (left) and Ellen Henrici of Mindful Movement in the Barnyard said that ongoing education helps them provide clients with great service.



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PENINSULA

BUSINESSES

Magical places of discovery, community enclaves — and they sell books, too

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

**IN THIS** community of artists, authors and other creative types — a refuge for the interesting and the educated — Carmel and its peninsula neighbors continue to attract people who love to think, to wonder, to read and to write.

The area once had quite a few bookstores. Today, it has three, one downtown, one at the mouth of the valley, and one in Carmel Valley Village.

Pilgrim’s Way Bookstore & Secret Garden on Dolores Street celebrated 55 years in business earlier this year. Paul Fridlund, the store’s fifth owner, purchased it from his mother in 1981, while he was working for her, and dedicated himself to fostering a thriving community bookstore for a town he loves.

He also found love among the shelves. He met Cynthia Fernandes in the bookstore in 1999, and she started working with him in 2001. They were married in the Secret Garden in 2006.

When the iPad and Amazon and Kindle readers entered the arena, the couple speculated that bookstores would become extinct. Many have.

“Once books became inexpensive and easily accessible without leaving home, I think some folks lost a bit of appreciation for bookstores,” said Fernandes. She said they couldn’t afford to become “Amazon’s showroom,” and emphasized the personal service the shop could offer.

**The perfect pairing**

Diversification helped, too. The Secret Garden is an alleyway oasis where garden decor, plants, and gifts represent several local artisans. In addition, the bookstore offers jewelry, greeting cards, candles, and upcycled garden creations to complement an offering of books by well known authors, both local and with an international reach.

“The world is changing for all of us, and we’re always doing our best to adapt,” said Fernandes. “Running a retail establishment is both a science and an art. But, when offering books people have crafted to share their stories, maybe a little more art.”

In 2018, Scott and Jennifer Lund of Lula’s Chocolate decided it doesn’t get much better than pairing chocolate



Julie Tully, who authored a memoir about her life as a Navy diplomat’s wife, is the assistant manager at River House Books, which, like other bookstores in the area, supports local writers.

**BOOKS** *cont. on page 46A*

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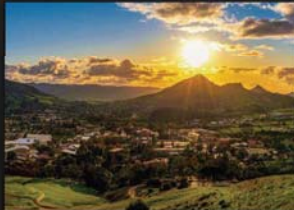


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P E N I N S U L A B U S I N E S S E S

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Disneyland. He said, “You can’t just say ‘no’ to a guest.”

In fact, there are so many possible guest-service situations that it takes at least six months for new employees to get up to speed. For instance, if a guest arrives before their room is ready, Yu might recommend they get in a workout in the fitness center, or hit a few balls on the driving range.

It sounds simple, but satisfying guests requires expertise about the hotel and its amenities, as well as local businesses. It’s not just restaurant recommendations — someone may need a broken nail repaired, a prescription filled, clothing to replace the contents of a suitcase that flew to

Zimbabwe — the list goes on and on.

Four Sisters Inns’ president and CEO, Tamara Mims, manages 20 hotels throughout California. “This isn’t just a job,” she emphasized, pointing out that inns are scenes of special occasions, like weddings and honeymoons. She’s also encountered a widower who had come to one of the properties for years with his wife and came back to reminisce. Mothers who visited here when they were children might bring their daughters, creating a family tradition.

And, noted Mims, “It’s not inexpensive. It’s a big trip and we want to help them make it important.”

Different kind of area

Unsurprisingly, Yu’s experience in Carmel Valley has been quite different from his

work in Southern California. Although at 93 rooms, Quail Lodge doesn’t sound that big, it sits on 850 acres with three housing communities, a golf course and a wedding venue. It’s recently undergone some renovations, something Yu said many hotels do as often as every six years and usually at least every 10 years.

But here, he said, he doesn’t deal with a lot of loud parties and trashed rooms. “We’re providing an elevated experience” in a rural setting, he said. That creates the challenge of creating “a five-star experience” that’s somehow also relaxed and casual.

Like Mims, he said that hospitality can engender a sense of nostalgia, and personal touches, like a Polaroid photo of guests that gets slipped into a little card as a memento, bolster that feeling.

Nuts and bolts

Managers said it can take anywhere from 40 to 90 minutes to “turn” a room or suite — completely clean it and reset it for the next customer. Shepherd pointed out that nobody wants to think about who was there before them. Everything in the room is given a good cleaning — the microwave, the toaster (who wants someone else’s crumbs?), the coffeemaker — and the balcony even gets mopped. In-room fireplaces must be swept out, and, if they’re wood-burning, firewood has to be stacked.

Room service vanished in many places during the pandemic. Many inns that previously provided a communal breakfast, moved to delivering baskets with fruit and pastries. Shepherd said she likes to provide something to get people going — but not give them so much food that they never try any of the local breakfast spots.

Yu knows from his experience that in-room dining is tricky, especially if it’s offered around-the-clock. You need enough staff to handle demand, but risk



Wenchel Yu



Tamara Mims



At La Playa Hotel, “Quaintness is part of the experience,” said longtime hospitality professional Mary Crowe.

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**INNS** *cont. from page 40A*

paying idle employees if nobody places orders.

La Playa, said Crowe, has always been in a residential area, so they always try to

be good neighbors. She also talked about the importance of finding constructive solutions to unavoidable issues. For example, during a power outage, the kitchen uses

**STAYS** *cont. on page 52A*



The “Grande Dame” of local inns, La Playa appeals to people who want an authentic and immersive experience of its more than 100-year history in Carmel-by-the-Sea.



### Brynie Kaplan Dau

is a small animal and exotics veterinarian. She grew up in Pacific Grove and is happy to be in her hometown serving the community that she loves. Dr. Dau holds a master’s degree from Moss Landing Marine Labs and California State University, Monterey Bay in marine science and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. She works with a wide range of exotic pets in addition to cats and dogs. Her main interests include feline medicine, soft tissue surgery, dermatology, behavior, dentistry, and ultrasound.

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Bennett said that the biggest hurdle for Pure Barre — part of a national franchise — has been convincing potential customers that although they use a ballet barre,

you don’t have to be a willowy candidate for “Swan Lake” to benefit. Said instructor Pinson, “Our people are so kind and so welcoming, especially to new people.”

Bennett added, “The product is happiness, to feel better. That’s what we’re selling.”

**Balancing act**

Keeping members happy is a bit of a balancing act, Beene said. For example, people who swim laps in the heated pool might find it a tad warm because they’re moving, while those who are just stretching in the water might find it too cool.

Pickleball is gaining popularity, but the courts are far from Refuge day spa (which Beene also manages), so as not to disturb its guests who treasure the silence — and a strategically placed waterfall at the spa also helps mask outside noise.

Beene thought that people might be surprised to know how seriously member feedback is taken, that every suggestion is discussed and “If you write your name

**GYM** *cont. on page 49A*



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with a good book (and perhaps something to keep one’s fingers clean) and decided to buy River House Books in the Crossroads shopping center. Plus, coffee is right next door.

“There is something very special, very important in preserving the community we’ve created in our corner of The Crossroads, with a premium chocolatier, a bona fide local bookstore, and fine coffee, with Dean and Janet McAthie’s Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company,” said Scott Lund. “It’s perfect.”

The assistant manager, author Julie Tully, arrived in summer 2022, when she and her family settled in Monterey after spending 18 years overseas. She went from working alongside her husband in Europe and Africa, to writing a book about it, “Dispatches from the Cowgirl: Through the Looking Glass with a Navy Diplomat’s Wife.” Now she’s dedicated to promoting other local authors and the

store.

“What better way to get our bearings in a new town than to work in a bookstore that caters to committed readers, writers and community builders? We feel so fortunate to become part of this longstanding literary culture,” she said.

“We have a very large, dedicated section for our local authors,” Tully said. “As long as their book has some appeal to the community, we will give any local author a chance. If someone is brave enough to write a book and then walk into our store with it, we’ll give them a six-month opportunity to see what happens.”

**Creating a community hub**

Whatever readers are seeking, Tully wants them to recognize how thrilled she is to see them come in, learn their names, talk about authors and their books, help them find just the right read.

“Our job is, above all, to keep people reading and instill

in them a love of the process of finding a book, getting into the story, and then sharing the experience with others,” she said.

One year after Gill Tortolani established popular restaurant Tillie Gort’s in Monterey in 1970, Margot Tegtmeier moved to the Peninsula, and two years later, she bought the vegetarian hot spot. Tegtmeier’s daughter, Nell Flattery, returned home after college and helped manage the restaurant. After they sold it in 2001, the pair — recognizing how well they worked together — sought another business partnership.

Recalled Flattery, “All we could think of that we’d really enjoy was the Bookworks in Pacific Grove. My mom had worked there in the ’80s and started the coffee bar. I had worked there as a clerk. So, we called then-owner Robert Marcum and asked if he wanted to sell it to us.”

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## VOLUMES *cont. from previous page*

Plenty of people asked them if they were crazy. Why would anyone buy an independent bookstore in the Big-Box era, when volumes sat in stacks on tables at Costco?

“We bought Bookworks because we wanted to keep it going. It has been here forever,” said Flattery. “We still love coming in and getting to work, still love buying books. It’s still fun for us, and we feel fortunate that the community is still so supportive.”

“Bookworks is such a beautiful place that inspires readers and writers,” she said. “I’ve read so many books, many by local authors. I think we came along at the right time.” She mentioned that Marcum had

downsized the bookstore and made the coffee shop bigger to keep the business going during hard times, when Borders and its ilk were thriving. As those shops disappeared, she said, “People’s love of local bookstores has re-emerged.”

“A bookstore represents and creates community,” Flattery said.

### A pair of donkeys

Plenty of people have wondered how Olivia & Daisy, a woman-owned bookstore next to Jerome’s Market in Carmel Valley Village, got its name. It goes back to the original owner’s donkeys, Olivia and Daisy, who are still alive and well.

Last year, Maria Roden and Jane Pakis,

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Carmel Realty into a brokerage firm that has grown into, arguably, the leading luxury real estate firm on the Monterey Peninsula. We think we are, and our market share shows that,” he said.

The Mitchells’ daughter, Shelly Mitchell Lynch, is a broker and the firm’s managing director, and her husband, Dan Lynch, serves as CEO. The Mitchells’ other daughter, Sheri Mitchell, is in the process of moving from Sotheby’s in San Francisco to join them.

“Our daughters are our succession plan,” Bill Mitchell said. “We have had family in the business for many years, including my grandparents and my parents, Jean and Bill Mitchell Sr., making us a four-generation family of realtors on the

Monterey Peninsula. I feel especially fortunate to be here, meeting wonderful people while representing and selling beautiful properties in an area so highly valued.”

For fun, longtime fly fisherman Mitchell — and Vicki, who he said has become an excellent angler — travel all over the world to fish.

“It’s a huge hobby I’ve always loved and have been passionate about,” he said. “It is so quiet and peaceful, and it brings us to so many wonderful places.”

For many years, Mitchell also enjoyed long trips on his Harley Davidson motorcycle. “But, at 82, I’m better off keeping it in the garage,” he said. “Riding it was hard on my back, but I’m grateful that fly-fishing is something I can do almost indefinitely. So is real estate, for that matter. I probably will never retire from either.”



Shelly Mitchell Lynch and Sheri Mitchell are the future of Carmel Realty, their parents said.



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A lot of work goes into keeping your local exercise haven up and running. “I’m always cleaning, always adjusting things,” said Bennett — and everyone else The Pine Cone spoke with.



Kim Beene is the general manager of Carmel Valley Athletic Club and Refuge day spa.

Hygiene has always been a concern at gyms, and not just because sweaty equipment is gross. Even before the pandemic, everyone was supposed to be wiping everything down after use to avoid spreading an unpleasant array of skin infections.

Since Covid, though, people have been more

conscientious. Beene noted that’s especially true in group classes, while the women at Mindful Movement and Pure Barre also said that cleanliness is a constant focus.

Both of those facilities have specialized equipment

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who established the bookstore in 2021, decided to retire. When they found Kelsey Boyte — an avid reader who curates books like fine art yet welcomes them to be picked up, explored, discussed — Roden and Pakis knew their story would continue.

Boyte, who moved with her young family from Denver to Carmel Valley Village in 2020, believes one of the best ways to become part of an established community is to

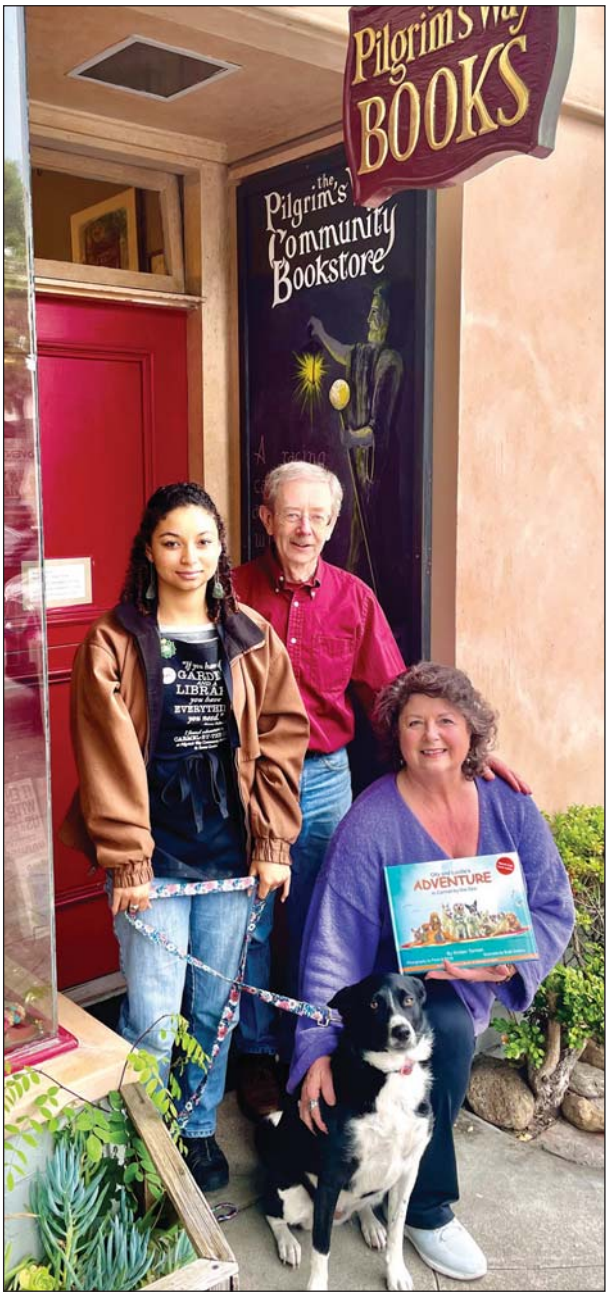
find and, in her case, buy the local bookstore.

Boyte and her husband, Shawn Boyte, own “Bean Dog Films,” a production company named for their three-legged mutt. Kelsey saw the purchase of Olivia & Daisy as a way to build upon what Roden and Pakis had started, particularly during an apparent renaissance of reading and a return to the community bookstore culture.

A book, she said, can change your life. In the pages of a book, you can see and feel seen. With a book in our hands, we are never really alone.



Pilgrim's Way (above) stays busy with readers who enjoy the shop's personal service. (Right) Owners Paul Fridlund, Cynthia Fernandes, granddaughter Isabella Ball, and Lilly, whose employment status is somewhat fuzzy.



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— at Mindful Movement, it’s gear for systems like Gyrotonics and Pilates, which emphasize building strength and balance. At Pure Barre, as the name implies, it’s a ballet barre, although they also use hand-held weights and other props, all of which must be cleaned after use.

Beene said CVAC has maintained smaller class sizes and a reservation system to prevent overcrowding. And, of course, the staff there maintains locker



(Above) Carmel Valley Athletic Club continues to be a hub of tennis activity and competition. (Right) “Battle ropes,” used to develop strength and endurance, are one of many props that help vary workouts to keep members interested and engaged in reaching their fitness goals.

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gas, so the hotel can keep serving food. “People come to the public areas. There’s a collegial feeling, some chit-chat,” she said. When the road to Big Sur closed, she saw it as an opportunity for guests to “find things they might not have found otherwise,” like Point Lobos.

And now, of course, there’s the pressure of crowd-sourced reviews on sites like Yelp and Trip Advisor.

Technical difficulties

Everyone The Pine Cone spoke with said they found online reviews helpful. Mims said that at Four Sisters, “We love these sites. I use them personally. There are always a few bad reviews, but you have the response of other guests and, sometimes, inside info. They’re sharing how great we are.” Others echoed that and said that

‘Trust that employees are doing their best’

complaints provide them a chance to grow.

Folks were less sanguine about third-party booking services, like Expedia and Travelocity, however.

Issues ranged from not getting contact info for guests (other than an email address that’s filtered through the booking service),

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rooms, outdoor facilities and the pool.

More than a business

The evolving prominence of holistic fitness, encompassing the mind, body and spirit, has benefits for instructors, too. They spoke enthusiastically of clients of all ages, even some who are well into their 80s and 90s, who enjoy the benefits of regular movement with a holistic emphasis.

Said Bennett, “Fitness is hard, but it doesn’t have to be unpleasant. There can be ‘good hard,’ ‘fun hard,’ ‘rewarding hard.’” But, she continued, no one should push themselves because they think they have to.

Henrici said that sometimes her clients at Mindful Movement reach a point where they ask, “Why isn’t this working?” That gives instructors an opportunity to offer advice and figure out what’s going

awry. And she and Padilla are mindful that they’re role models, too. Because of the longevity of their client relationships, “We’ve been through a whole lot of stages together,” said Henrici, and Padilla added, “They see us change and see us grow.”

Beene said that a lot of client-centered activity goes on behind the scenes at CVAC. “You’re one of my six meetings today, and I have four tomorrow,” she said during the interview, explaining all of that communication is about keeping club members and visitors to Refuge happy.

Bennett said, “You get paid in a different currency when you see somewhat celebrate their 50th or 100th class and think, ‘I was part of your journey.’ The community gives back to me equally.”

The genuine excitement and enthusiasm everyone interviewed for this story had for their work was impressive — and contagious. In fact, I think I’ll wrap this up and go for a nice, long walk.



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making it difficult for someone at a property to have timely conversations about last-minute changes, to not getting info that a room was reserved online and unintentionally double-booking it, to having whole wedding parties arrive with the only clue being that they all came from the same faraway city.

“Book directly with the property,” recommended more than one manager. That way, you can also get answers to questions that an online service or phone operator in another city likely won’t have.

Good guesting

Finally, all the owners and managers urge guests to ask questions and engage with employees. Everyone loves sharing their favorite restaurants and attractions, and,



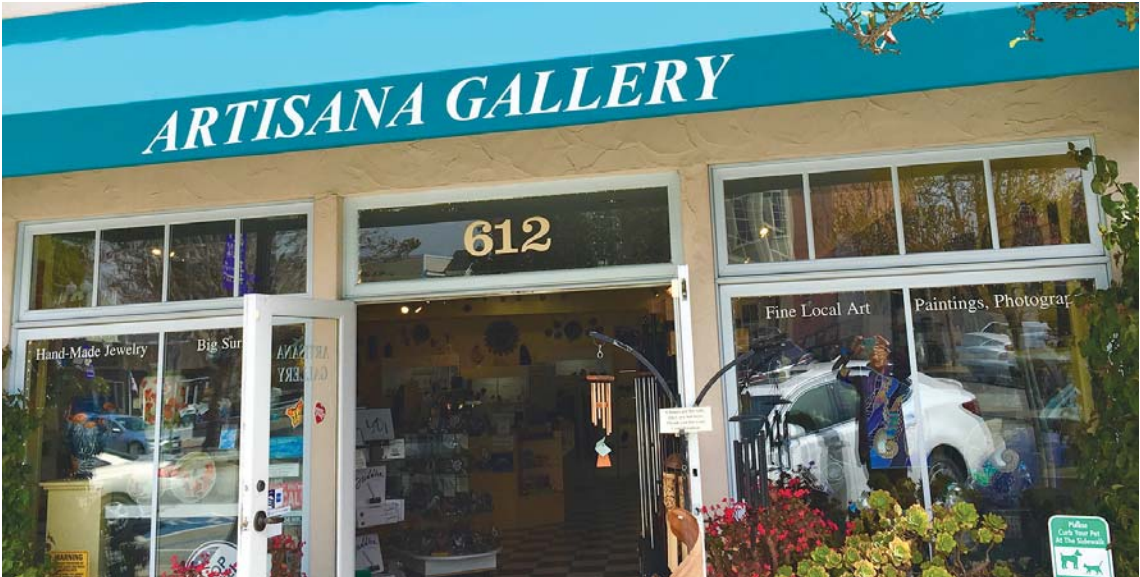
Horizon Inn owner Pam Shepherd (right) with head of front desk Brenda Valdez, who’s worked there for 25 years.

although it seems counterintuitive, they genuinely enjoy problem-solving. Several people said that they hate it when people bring up an issue at checkout that could have been solved days earlier, if only they’d spoken up.

At the same time, if you do have a complaint, as Yu said, “Trust that employees are doing their best. We have

a level of understanding that people get really angry,” but if you start berating the folks at the front desk, know that someone’s going to put a stop to that.

He said, “The best day ever is when we get positive feedback that someone enjoyed their stay and they high-light staff” who helped them.



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Starting Friday at noon, dozens of musical acts will take the stage, including **Stick Figure** (Friday at 7:40 p.m.), **Ziggy Marley** (Friday at 9:30 p.m.), **Burning Spear** (Saturday at 7:30 p.m.), **Damian and Stephen Marley** (Saturday at 9:10 p.m.), **Ice Cube** (Sunday at 6:45 p.m.) and **Rebelution** (Sunday at 9:30 p.m.).

One-day tickets start at \$155, while three-day passes start at \$345. The fairgrounds are located at 2004 Fairground Road. Visit [californiarootsfestival.com](http://californiarootsfestival.com).

### ■ Singer, duo celebrate birds

Composer and singer **Majel Connery** joins an instrumental duo from Australia — cellist **Anthony Albrecht** and violinist **Simone Slattery** — to celebrate the migration of birds Sunday, 7:30 p.m., at Carmel High School's Center for the Performing Arts.

Presented by the Carmel Bach Festival, the event is more than just a concert. "Season on the Wind" brings together "live music, spectacular visuals, and immersive



Damian Marley (above) and Stick Figure (right) are among the headliners at the California Roots Music and Art Festival, which returns to Monterey Fairgrounds Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

soundscapes to tell nature stories that cross the arts/science divide," the festival said.

Tickets are \$45 for general admission and \$20 for students. The high school is located at 3600 Ocean Ave. For more details, visit [bachfestival.org](http://bachfestival.org).

### ■ Wallflowers play Monterey

Led by **Jakob Dylan** — the son of songwriting icon Bob Dylan — **The Wallflowers** play Friday, 8 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

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Tickets start at \$42.50. The theater is located at 430 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit [goldenstatetheatre.com](http://goldenstatetheatre.com).

### ■ Live music May 24-30

**Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen** in Monterey — **Magenta Spreen** with singers and guitarists **Talmon Owens** and **Kristen Gradwohl** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **R.J. DeMarco** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

**Barmel** — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos just north of Seventh.

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# Carmel Culinary Week, a wine-versary, and a vintage rescue tale

THE FOURTH Carmel Culinary Week May 31-June 8 — when restaurants in the city will offer special menus, unique experiences and generous promotions — is bigger and better, according to Visit Carmel executive director Amy Herzog. Funded with fees tacked onto hotel and restaurant bills, the group Herzog runs is tasked with bringing more travelers to Carmel-by-the-Sea.

“Our first two attempts at staging a culinary week took

Each year has seen participating venues get more creative with their offerings, and Herzog said organizers focused heavily on coming up with unique ways to entertain and educate guests. “The experience you have by coming to Carmel in general is intimate and independent, and you’re usually interacting with operator-owners,” she said. “That our restaurant week could tap into that experience makes a lot of sense for us.”



Carmel Culinary Week gives everyone an opportunity for new dining experiences, generous promotions and unique experiences. It’s also a reminder of the work involved in plating an edible work of art.

## Soup to Nuts

place in January, and now we’ve landed on Friday after Memorial Day,” she said of the event, which aims to generate more business for restaurants during slower times of the year. The weather is more conducive to outdoor events in the late spring, hoteliers often see a slump in business during the first couple of weeks in June, and “restaurants indicated the quality of produce and ingredients is so much better this time of year, so they can be more creative.”

“Last year, we had 30 out of our 60 restaurants participating, and this year, we now have 40, so we’re absolutely thrilled,” she said.



From May 31 through June 8, you’ll be able to do more than just eat at your favorite restaurants. If you’ve ever wanted to learn how to make potstickers, for example, there’s a class at Café Luna.

### Kick-off party

A kick-off party at Carmel Plaza May 31 will have more than a dozen restaurants and an equal number of wineries and breweries serving tastes from 3 to 5 p.m. for \$50 per person.

The pub crawl, with visits to Barmel, Flaherty’s, Links Club and Vesuvio, runs all week and costs \$99 per person. “This is the second year,” Herzog said. “You can purchase the ticket and use it over the course of the eight days, so you can go at your own pace.”

The brand-new Culinary Showdown at the Carmel Farmers Market will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 6 and is free, though an online reservation is required. “Five local chefs will be given a basket of farmers market ingredients and will creatively come up with small bites,” with guests voting for their top three favorites, she explained. “It’s a fun way to get our local chefs involved with the farmers market.”

### Chicken and bubbles

Another free event will take place at Casanova Restaurant from 1 to 3 p.m. June 7, when the Georis family celebrates nearly a half-century in business with small bites and its award-winning Georis and Cowgirl wines. No reservations are required.

The new El Bistro by the Sea (Mission between Fifth and Sixth) will host a Bubbles & Bites event pairing Champagne with Mexican food, guests can learn to make potstickers at Café Luna in the Plaza, Michelin-starred Chez Noir will present an opulent dinner with local producer Caraccioli Cellars, and Il Tegamino will offer two seatings of eight guests each for “a vibrant Italian dinner party featuring a six-course tasting menu with chef/owner Giuseppe

Panzuto” in its new Accanto wine room.

Il Fornaio chefs will teach guests how to make pizza, fried chicken will be paired with sparkling wines at the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, and La Balena will present a guided tasting of Italian wines selected by owner Emanuele Bartolini and a Tuscan Treasures Wine Dinner, as well as a special wine flight. Bud’s, the bar at La Playa Hotel, will offer a cocktail flight.

The list goes on and on, and many of the events will fill up quickly, Herzog said, so those interested in participating should visit [carmelcalifornia.com/carmel-by-the-sea-culinary-week](http://carmelcalifornia.com/carmel-by-the-sea-culinary-week) soon.

### Wines that make tails wag

De Tierra Vineyards is launching a new label this Friday at a party with Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. The wines — a 2021 red blend and a 2023 white blend — have been dubbed “The Rescue,” and feature a picture of Coco, a “spunky” rescue who came to the winery four years ago. According to De Tierra owner Jeff Meacham, 10 percent

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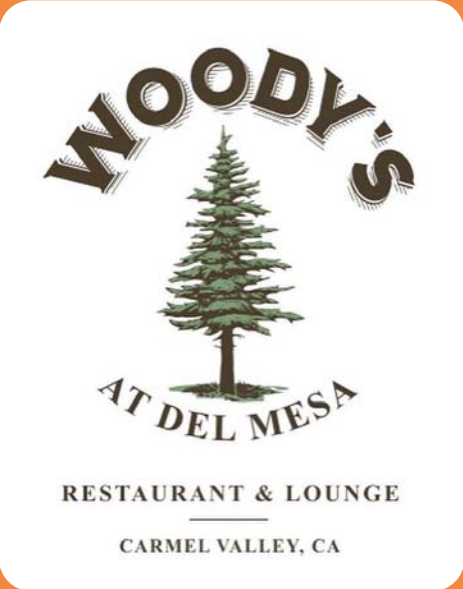
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of the proceeds from sales of The Rescue will be donated to designated animal rescue groups. The release party at the tasting room (near Mission and Fifth) goes from 6 to 8 p.m. and POMDR will be onsite with adoptable dogs. The event is free to attend, but RSVPs are appreciated, so go to Tock.com and type “De Tierra” in the search bar at the top to get to the page where you can do that.

■ **Embrace the surprises**

An unexpected class and a local mentor helped Miguel Lepe of Lepe Cellars get his start, and if you want to change up your evening glass of chardonnay or pinot noir for something different, you should check out his wines.

While attending Hartnell Community College in Salinas, Miguel Lepe decided to change up his class schedule by taking a class in agriculture. Actually, it was viticulture and admittedly harder than he anticipated but also much more interesting than he thought it would be. He had been planning on a degree in business administration but was so intrigued by this new subject matter that he changed his focus and transferred to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to pursue a degree in viticulture and enology.

Although the Monterey region is the perfect place to make beautiful chardonnays and pinot noirs, particularly in the Santa Lucia Highlands, the hills of Carmel Valley, and Arroyo Seco, Lepe goes a step further and also makes wine with more intensity from a warmer American Viticultural Area in Monterey County, the San Antonio AVA. This region is warmer than the upper Salinas Valley, so grape varieties like zinfandel can ripen. But because of the wind coming through the valley, along with Lake San Antonio and the Pacific Ocean on the other side of the hills, these grapes still cool down at night, retaining their acids and keeping the resulting wines from becoming flabby.

According to Lepe, “Monterey County is very well known for producing great chards and pinot noirs but most people don’t realize that Monterey County can grow so many other varieties, even big reds, which is what I’m trying to do. I



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Miguel Lepe founded his namesake winery after working in Chile and various spots in California. The late Peter Figge of Figge Cellars was his mentor.



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# MUSIC

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**Bernardus Lodge & Spa** in Carmel Valley — pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Bon Ton LeRoy’s Lighthouse Smokehouse** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Frida Vossler** (Friday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Saturday and 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.

**The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts**



Singer and harmonica player Aki Kumar plays Saturday, 3 p.m., at Deja Blue in Seaside.

— pianist **Dick Whittington**, bassist **Dan Robbins** and drummer **Billy Jones** (jazz, Sunday at 2 p.m.). Visit [carlcherrycenter.org](http://carlcherrycenter.org) for more details.

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

**Cuz’s Sportsman’s Club** in Seaside — **Brett T.** with **Mr. Lucky** (“hard rock classics,” Friday at 8 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tony Miles** (reggae, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

**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 and harmonica player **Aki Kumar** (r&b and funk, Saturday at 3 p.m.), keyboardist **Luca Fredericksen** (blues, r&b, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

**Del Monte Center** in Monterey — The Monterey Jazz Festival’s **Regional All-Star Band and Vocal Ensemble** presents a free concert (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 1410 Del Monte Center.

**Embassy Suites** in Seaside — monthly Jazz Jam hosted by **Lee Durley** and **Jim Vanderzwaan** and featuring **The Andy Weis Trio**, professional musicians are invited to join in (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 1441 Canyon Del Rey.

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

**Fernwood Resort** in Big Sur — **Songs Hotbox Harry Taught Us** (‘Big Sur country,” Saturday at 10 p.m.).

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**Gusto Pasta and Pizza** in Seaside — singer **Pamela Forman** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (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.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.  
**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.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.  
**Juice ‘n’ and Java** in Pacific Grove — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), **Sambassa** (Brazilian jazz and pop, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 599 Light-house Ave.  
**La Playa Hotel** — singer and guitar-ist **Adrea Castiano** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud’s Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.  
**The Links Club** — **The New Wave Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.  
**The Lodge at Pebble Beach** — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.  
**Lucy’s on Lighthouse** in Pacific Grove — **Vinyl Revival** celebrates Dancing Joe’s birthday (rock and Americana, Friday at 2

p.m.), **Pacific Jack** (classic rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Moondance** (rock, r&b and country, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Light-house Ave.  
**Massa Tasting Room** in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Sun-day at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.  
**Midici Pizza** in Monterey — singer **Janice Perl**, pianist **Martan Mann** and bassist **Joe Dolister** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Stu Reynolds Saxtet** with gui-tarist **Adam Astrup**, multi-instrumentalist **Stu Reynolds**, bassist **Doug Pohorsky** and drummer **Billy Jones** (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 Lok-tionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., Carmel.  
**Monterey City Hall** — Annual free Memorial Day concert with **The Latin Jazz Collective** and **Monterey County Pops** (Monday at 1 p.m.). 580 Pacific St.  
**Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa** — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann**, jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday and Wednesday at 5 p.m.), man-dolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Tuesday 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 Mon-terey — **Cement Ship** (acoustic rock, Fri-day at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kristen Gradwohl** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), guitarist Glenn Bell (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.  
**Salty Seal Pub** in Monterey — **Sixth Street Alternative** (alternative and indie rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Transduc-ers** (rock and funk, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Thurs-day 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** — **The Joint Chiefs** (funk, acid jazz and classic r&b, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Bridget Marie Band** (r&b and funk, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.  
**Sunset Center** — the Terrace Hour concert series continues when singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** play a free concert outside (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). San Carlos and Ninth.  
**Trailside Cafe** in Carmel Valley — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.  
**Wild Fish** restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Cellist Anthony Albrecht and violinist Simone Slattery of the Bowerbird Collective join singer Majel Connerly to present a concert Saturday at Carmel High School.



## FOOD

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want to showcase varieties that are more unusual in this area.”  
The tasting room is in the front of the Winfield Art Gallery on Dolores Street between Ocean and Seventh and is open daily, or visit [lepecellars.com](http://lepecellars.com) to learn more. If you go, try the Pet Nat Sauvignon Blanc, too — you won’t be disappointed.

### ■ Winemaker celebrates 20

On June 8, Scratch Wines is celebrat-ing Sabine Rodems’ 20th year as a wine-

maker. She works for Wrath as well as Scratch, a label she launched to produce small-lot Riesling, grenache and pinot noir from Arroyo Seco and the Santa Lucia Highlands, the winery’s website says.  
The dinner will be catered by chef Selene Johnson and will of course be paired with appropriate wines. Tickets are \$175 apiece and you can still snag one or two if you hurry. The event is scheduled to go from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Scratch tast-ing room at 1 E. Carmel Valley Road. Go to [m.scratchwines.com/Wines](http://m.scratchwines.com/Wines) to purchase tickets, or call (831) 320-0726 for more information.  
*Mary Schley, Elaine Hesser and Rox-anne Langer contributed to this week’s column.*

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**May 25 – Avant Garden and Home is celebrating 23 years in business.** Join us 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for champagne and tasty treats, 13766 Center St., Carmel Valley Village

**The Scleroderma Foundation of California announces a Monterey Bay Support Group** to help those with scleroderma, also known as systemic sclerosis, a rare autoimmune disease. Group will offer virtual meetings, with the goal of meeting monthly in person. To learn more, email leaders Annette Rahn and Cheri O’Neil at [mbsclero@gmail.com](mailto:mbsclero@gmail.com).

**May 25 – “Avert Joint Replacement with Regenerative Medicine” – Learn about PRP and Regenerative Cell Therapies for knees, shoulders, hips and spine.** A FREE talk by Tom Yarema, M.D., 12:30-1:30 p.m., Monterey City Library, 625 Pacific St. Dr. Yarema is a locally practicing MD and volunteer educator for the Foundation For Wellness Professionals. For more

information, please contact Kristin Hurley (831) 621-2394.

**May 27 – Monterey County Pops! Memorial Day Concert.** The full 40-piece orchestra, conducted and hosted by Dr. Carl Christensen, will present an exciting program for all ages from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Opening for the Pops! this year is the extraordinary Latin Jazz Collective with John Nava. Colton Hall Lawn, Monterey City Hall.

**May 31 & June 1 – “Madregalia, the esteemed ensemble renowned for its dedication to Renaissance music,** is delighted to announce its upcoming 20th anniversary concert series, **“Golden Hits of 1610.”** Performances are at 7:30 p.m. May 31st and 2:30 p.m. and June 1st at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

**June 2 – Organist Margaret Martin Kvamme will perform nine works for pipe organ by women composers at St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church,** 2 to 4 p.m. Patrons are invited to a pre-performance reception at the church at 3 p.m. \$25 at the door, students and under 18 free. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley. [stdcv.org](http://stdcv.org).

**June 11 – Got home equity? Curious about reverse mortgages? A free seminar for homeowners age 55+ will be presented by HighTechLending, Inc., a local mortgage loan originator.** Program is noon to 1 pm. in the Seideneck Room of The Carmel Foundation, SE corner, Eighth and Lincoln, Carmel. Sign up online at [www.carmelfoundation.org](http://www.carmelfoundation.org) or call (831) 624-1588.

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# Student-artists shine, impressing congressman

A PAIR of Carmel High students, Ky Dahle and Christiana Kvitek, were two of the top finishers in the latest Congressional Art Competition.

Dahle’s piece, “Nostalgia,” won the second place prize, while Kvitek earned a third place award for her work, “Human Matrix.”

A third Carmel High student artist, Sophia Kemmerly, was given an honorable mention for her piece, “Paranormal Party.” That gave Carmel High three of the eight award winners in the 19th Congressional District, which

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

includes most of Santa Cruz County and parts of Santa Clara, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo counties.

Other honorable mention winners included Ivanna Kirsebom Delsol of Monterey High School and Jasmine Choi of Santa Catalina School.

**Many mediums, styles**

Congressman Jimmy Panetta said he was impressed by the student art submitted, which was created in “an array of artistic mediums, styles, and subject matter.”

“Each year, I’m amazed by what these young artists create, and I’m thrilled to be able to share their talents with visitors from around the country, Panetta said.

The top prize winner was Selina Ge from Leland High School in South San Jose — her work will be displayed in the United States Capitol.

### Get real

Three artists — Kirstine Reiner Hansen, Don Hughes and Chris Leib — explore contemporary realism in a show opening Friday at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

“The individual artists adapt and layer popular subject matter into contemporary social narratives that both celebrate and critique our assumptions about natural forces and cultural environments,” according to the Cherry Center.

“The integration of past and present, the inclusion of extraordinary objects and the juxtaposition of unlike elements are a few of the ways these three Monterey County painters conjure the mysteriousness of everyday reality.”

The show will be on display through June 22. The Cherry Center, which hosts a public reception Friday at 4:30 p.m., is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

### Ligare’s latest

Now on display at the Monterey Museum of Art is a new show by painter David Ligare, “Spheres of Influence.”

According to the museum, Ligare’s work has “ardently pushed beyond the confines of contemporary art” to “reintroduce historical perspectives into our cultural narrative.”

“Drawing inspiration from Greco-Roman art, literature, and philosophy, the Carmel Valley based artist has created various works that explore water as a powerful symbol, representing life and introspection,” a description of the show reads. “Ligare’s art serves as a bridge between tradition and innovation, urging us to embrace history as a wellspring of inspiration and insight.”

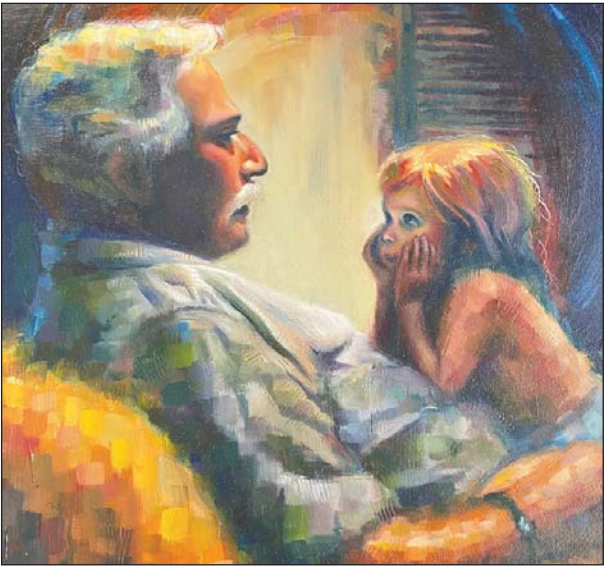
The exhibit continues through Sept. 1. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.

### ‘Suri’ photo show extended

If you haven’t had a chance yet to see Mark Overgaard’s exhibit of photographs, “The Eloquent Suri of Ethiopia,” at Middlebury Institute’s McCone Atrium Gallery in Monterey, the show has been extended through Aug. 16.

The Suri are a small ethnic group with a distinctive culture who live in Ethiopia. Overgaard visited the tribe for the first time five years ago, and his show draws attention to their efforts to preserve their language and culture.

The McCone building is located at 499 Pierce St. For more details, visit markovergaard.art.



Carmel High’s Ky Dahle won a Second Place award in the Congressional Art Competition for her piece, “Nostalgia.”





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**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/Lawrence Ingram Jr., Member  
Date: April 16, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 3, 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: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024. (PC 539)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20240989  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MADAMILIT DBAGS, 140 CASENTINI STREET APT. 140 F SALINAS, CA 93907.** County of MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s): KATHERINE C SUMAGANG, 140 CASENTINI STREET APT. 140 F SALINAS, CA 93907  
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 12/17/2022  
S/ KATHERINE C SUMAGANG  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/14/2024  
5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14/24  
**CNS-3811576#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication Dates: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024. (PC 541)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20240927  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**1. THE CROSSROADS BBQ**  
**2. CROSSROADS BBQ**  
**3. THE CROSSROADS BARBEQUE**  
**241 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BBQ BROTHERS LLC, 8021 Carmel St., Gilroy, CA 95020.  
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 Dec. 20, 2018.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code 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/Gary Dangerfield, Managing Member  
Date: April 30, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 30, 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: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024. (PC 538)

S/Jimmy Diego Sierra  
Date signed: April 11, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 11, 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: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024 (PC 543)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20240753  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WADE WOOTEN MAINTENANCE, 859 Terry St., Monterey, CA 93940.**  
Registered Owner(s): WADE FITZGERALD WOOTEN  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 10, 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/Wade Wooten  
Date signed: April 10, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 10, 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: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024 (PC 544)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20241038  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE PASTA PALATE, West of San Carlos near and 7th, Carmel, CA 93921.**  
Registered Owner(s): NOE MANZANO CANO, P.O. Box 2233, Carmel, CA 93921.  
MACRINA L. GUANDULAY.  
This business is conducted by a married couple.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1984.  
**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).  
Date signed: May 21, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 21, 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).  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20241040  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STELLARCODE SOFTWARE, 14726 Kit Carson Dr., East Garrison, CA 93933.**  
Registered Owner(s): SCOTT EDWARD EASTERDAY, 3785 Via Nona Marie, Suite 108 PMB 1088, Carmel, CA 93923.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 21, 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/Scott Easterday  
Date signed: May 21, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 21, 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).  
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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: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024 (PC 547)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024, on or after 4:30 p.m.**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

**Subject of Public Hearings:**

**Resolution 2024-046 Adopting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Appropriations Limit**  
Consider adopting Resolution 2024-046 Adopting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Appropriations Limit

**Resolution 2024-047 Adopting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Operating and Capital Budget**  
Consider adopting Resolution 2024-047 Adopting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Operating and Capital Budget

**Resolution 2024-048 adopting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Fee schedule for Administrative Services, Community Planning and Building, Public Safety and Public Works Services.**  
Adopt Resolution 2024-048 adopting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Fee schedule for Administrative Services, Community Planning and Building, Public Safety and Public Works Services.

**First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-001 – Adding Chapter 8.30 to Title 8 of the City of Carmel-by-the-sea Municipal Code regarding a policy related to use of military equipment use by the Carmel-by-the-sea Police Department**  
Read by title only, waive full reading, and Introduce Ordinance No. 2024-001 – Adding Chapter 8.30 to Title 8 of the City of Carmel-by-the-sea Municipal Code regarding a policy related to use of military equipment use by the Carmel-by-the-sea Police Department

This meeting will be held in person and via teleconference. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To view or listen to the meeting from home, you may watch the YouTube Live Stream at: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams>, or use the link below to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom teleconference:

To attend via Zoom (copy and paste the link into your browser):  
<https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/89775703025>  
Meeting ID: 897 7570 3025  
Passcode: 297166  
Dial in: (253) 215-8782

All interested persons are invited to attend in-person or via teleconference or in person at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk 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 email [cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us) prior to the meeting. Comments must be received 2 hours before the meeting in order to be provided to the legislative body. Comments received after that time and up to the beginning of the meeting will be made part of the record.

Documentation regarding the appropriation limit will be available 15 days in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at [www.ci.carmel.ca.us](http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us).

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66016 a copy of the draft report regarding the proposed fees will be available for inspection on the City’s website [www.ci.carmel.ca.us](http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us) 10 days in advance of the meeting.

Please direct questions about the budget items to:  
Brandon Swanson, Assistant City Administrator  
[bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us), 831-620-2000

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