

## NETTING INDICATES NOTHING AT JEFFERS CABIN

By MARY SCHLEY

EAGLE-EYED LOCALS who have spotted the orange netting and staking at the site of the crumbling Monte Verde Street cabin Robinson Jeffers lived in for a



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

The Jeffers cabin on Monte Verde is slated to be rebuilt, according to a decision by the historic resources board several years ago.

short time can rest assured that — as has been the case for the past several decades — nothing will be happening there anytime soon.

Other than clearing overgrown plants and vines and shoring up the building so it didn’t fall on the neighbors, activity on the property has basically been dormant since 2018, when Matt and Stacey Roy — who bought it in May of that year for \$425,000 — tried unsuccessfully to get the cabin removed from the city’s historic inventory.

The little house had been added to the list of significant properties in 2002 and condemned as unsafe the following year, and in 2018, the city’s building official declared it a hazard that should be demolished.

### Working on it

But the historic resources board decided the cabin is so important that the Roys could only build a replica of it, not a new house in its place. The couple then asked the city council to support their efforts to get it taken off the list so they could demolish it and build a home there, but the council never rendered a final ruling on their request.

After trying unsuccessfully in 2019 to find a

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## California gives another ‘Yes’ to higher gas prices

By CAITLIN CONRAD

GASOLINE PRICES below \$5 a gallon will soon be a thing of the past in California, in spite of any plans by the incoming Trump administration to lower energy costs for Americans nationwide. Just days after the election, the California Air Resources Board voted to toughen the state’s low-carbon fuel standard, even though its own analysis showed it could raise retail prices by 47 cents in 2025.

Independent predictions show the price impacts might be even higher. In the lead-up to the vote, the University of Pennsylvania’s Kleinman Center for Energy Policy forecasted retail gas prices could go up as much as 65 cents a gallon in the near term and as much as \$1.50 by 2035.

### The ‘right’ companies

California’s low-carbon fuel standard is complicated but essentially functions as a credit program that taxes fossil fuel producers and benefits companies generating renewable energy.

### Carbon credits mean higher prices for drivers

The state hands out low carbon fuel credits to a variety of businesses, including electric utilities, biofuel producers, and hydrogen and electric vehicle charging companies. Those entities then sell the credits to oil refiners. To maintain compliance under state law, the bulk fuel sellers must either reduce their emissions or buy credits, and the cost is inevitably passed down to drivers.

Last Friday’s 12-2 vote requires a 30 percent reduction in the low-carbon fuel standard by 2030. Starting next year, refiners will have to further reduce the “carbon intensity” of doing business, a move that will boost credit prices for renewable companies.

Predictions of higher prices created controversy in the

lead up to the decision, and the board quickly walked back its initial 47 cent price hike prediction from earlier this year in response to public outcry. Hours before the vote, air resources board members admitted they still lacked a model to show pass-through costs to drivers as a result of raising credit prices.

Still, they voted yes on the grounds it will help California reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

“We have to keep in mind transportation is by far the most significant source of greenhouse gas emissions,” said board member Cliff Rechtschaffen, in support of the change.

Fears over rising gas prices have fueled much of the public debate surrounding changes to the low-carbon fuel

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## Highlands landowner seeks help from Supreme Court

By CHRIS COUNTS

TURNED DOWN two years ago by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, a Carmel Highlands property owner still wants to build a house on his land — and now he’s trying to take his fight to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gary Collins, the owner of a 21-acre property at 83 Mount Devin Road, wants to construct a single-family home on the site. But in 1967 — 27 years before Collins bought the land in 1994 for \$129,000 — its previous owner, the Monterey County Foundation, created a scenic easement over it.

The same year, a plaque was placed on the land honoring the late Maj. Charles F. De Amaral Jr., a one-time resident who was killed in Vietnam in 1965 while piloting a helicopter. Over time, the property became known as the De Amaral Preserve.

Nearly two decades after buying the land, Collins began pursuing permits to develop it, according to the lawsuit. But to do so, the property needed to be rezoned. When the

## Council OKs plan to underground power lines near beach

By MARY SCHLEY

A HANDFUL of homeowners at the foot of Ocean Avenue near the beach could be on the hook for \$20,000 to \$30,000 apiece to put their utility lines underground, according to a decision made by the Carmel City Council last week.

In order to use its \$667,639 in PG&E ratepayer funds to put power lines and other utilities below ground before the energy company reassigns the money to similar projects elsewhere, the city has to establish an underground utility district, and councilmembers Alissandra Dramov and Jeff Baron recommended focusing on the Del Mar area. The



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Power poles and lines that interfere with beautiful views, like those at Carmel Beach, are eligible for undergrounding using PG&E customers’ money.

concept already has approval from PG&E, according to the public works department.

In 2021, the city had nearly \$1 million in Rule 20A funds — collected from ratepayers and then made

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supervisors weighed in on his request to change the zoning in 2022, three of the five — Mary Adams, Wendy Root Askew and Luis Alejo — voted against it.

### Alleges ‘taking’ of land

In the petition for review by the Supreme Court that he filed Oct. 28, Collins argues that there is no justification for not allowing the zoning change. Collins also notes that a 2021 court decision confirmed the conservation easement had been terminated before he bought the land.

“There has been no claim that the property contains wetlands, has any landmarks, or endangered plant or animal species,” the appellant contends. “In short, the Collins property has no unique characteristics when compared to the contiguous properties to justify a different zoning.”

Collins contends the county’s stance deprives him of any “economically beneficial or productive use” of his land and represents an “unconstitutional taking” of his

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## Iconic Big Sur property offered for \$100M

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE news this week that a large portion of an extraordinary property known as Rancho Rico is on the market for \$100 million, Monterey County could see its first nine-digit home sale.

“It’s such a special and iconic property,” realtor Tim Allen, whose company is listing the estate, told The Pine Cone.

Located on the west side of Highway 1 just north of the Post Ranch Inn, the property — which is owned by members of the well-known Chappellet family — includes 150 acres and features a pristine beach that will be shared with the family members who are holding onto their parcels. It also boasts three homes, along with

manicured gardens and fruit orchards.

The 3,750-square-foot main house was built in the 1940s and has four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, three fireplaces and a two-car garage. Another home on the property, the Garden House (1,960 square feet, built in 2001) has three bedrooms and two baths, while the Ranch House (2,500 square feet, built in 1995) contains four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

### Views, privacy and nature

Previously owned by Big Sur’s homesteading Pfeiffer family, the property was bought in 1965 by Cyril Chappellet, a former Lockheed executive, and is

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One-hundred-fifty acres of Big Sur’s spectacular Rancho Rico is now on the market for \$100 million. The property has three homes, along with dizzying views up and down the coastline.



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# Posey's pure joy

Every evening, as Dad turned into the driveway after a long day's work, he'd see his two tiny kids waiting at the window, plus Posey, their teddy-bear doodle pup, waiting with them. Seven years later, he still does, and he never tires of it. Neither do they.

Posey, the pairing of an English cream golden retriever and a standard poodle, was a bit of a surprise. Mom and Dad, who had decided to get their kids a dog, found themselves attracted to the hypoallergenic, low-shedding qualities of the doodle. They headed down to Windy Hills Doodles in Merced to pick out a Labradoodle but fell in love with Posey. They put her in the car before they'd even picked out a name for her.

"Fluffy was another possible name," her person said. "We were trying to come up with names our kids would like, but I follow baseball player Buster Posey, and 'Posey' is such a cute name to say. Her middle name is Bacon because she loves the smell and taste of bacon when we happen to cook it. She sits and waits for it."

The only thing Posey may love more than bacon is the beach. A Pebble Beach resident on the Pacific Grove side of the community, she typically races around in the sand by Spanish Bay.

"Posey is a picture of pure joy as she runs around

By Lisa Crawford Watson



with other dogs on that beach and then splashes through the surf with our kids," her person said. "She's also really friendly with other people and is super patient with little kids. She seems to forget she's a big dog, as she tries to sit in our laps to get petted, even though she's now 70 pounds."

Posey, whose coat typically is combed out, looks like a puffball, her person said, but a whole lot heavier.

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# Parking law changes won’t be too bad

## ■ Just nine spots lost

By MARY SCHLEY

WITHOUT DRAMA or comments from the public, the Carmel City Council last week OK’d changes to the municipal code to comply with a state law that initially provoked community outcry over the potential loss of numerous valuable parking spaces downtown.

AB 413, also known as the Daylighting Bill, requires cities and counties to eliminate all parking spaces near crosswalks to make intersections safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

But the law allows loading zones and bicycle parking in those spots, so Police Chief Paul Tomasi came up with a plan that will result in the loss of just nine two-hour spaces in downtown Carmel.

A survey showed the downtown area contains a total of 810 parking spaces, 696 of which are two-hour spots, 102 are green zones restricted to 30 minutes or less, eight are commercial loading zones and four are for disabled parking. Tomasi proposed reducing the number of green zones to 42 and adding 31 commercial loading zones and eight bicycle/scooter spaces. While 30 “no parking” zones will be created at the busiest intersections along Ocean Avenue and at some other heavily trafficked spots, 687 two-hour spots in the commercial district will remain.

### Big black letters

Therefore, Tomasi recommended Nov. 5 that the council approve changes to the Carmel Municipal Code to state that “commercial loading zones and combined commercial loading and passenger loading

zones shall be indicated by a yellow paint line stenciled with black letters, ‘Loading Only,’ upon the tops of all curbs within such zones, and the combined commercial loading and passenger loading zone shall in addition be marked with a suitable sign,” and to specifically reference AB 413, which says that “commercial loading zones are permitted within 20 feet of the vehicle-approach side of the crosswalk(s), marked or unmarked.”

The revised ordinance then lists 34



While some curbs on Ocean Avenue will be painted red in order to comply with a state law making intersections safer for cyclists and pedestrians, only nine two-hour spaces will be lost downtown.

specific loading zones downtown, plus another 11 in various other areas affected by the law because they have curbs and gutters, such as near La Playa hotel.

“Thank you again for all your work on this,” councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said, before suggesting the chief come back in six months or a year to update the council on how the new configurations are working.

Despite efforts to reach people beforehand, city administrator Chip Rerig observed, “it’s not until things change that we hear the feedback,” so he agreed with the suggestion.

The council unanimously approved the changes and, after the amended ordinance receives final approval next month, it will take effect in early January.


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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## ‘Creepy’ woman looking in windows

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.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

**Carmel Valley:** Dead body found at a residence on Carmel Valley Road.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 30-year-old male pulled a fire alarm at a business on Lincoln Street at 0140 hours and was arrested and transported to county jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of dog bite resulting in injury to a juvenile on Congress Avenue. Medical aid provided by staff.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury accident truck vs. car at Junipero and Seventh.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Theft from a business at Ocean and San Carlos.

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

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found loose dog at San Carlos and Santa Lucia. Returned to owner with a warning.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Following a domestic dispute, an adult male was warned about trespassing at a business on San Carlos and

warned against harassing by electronic communication.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Wallet found at Ocean and Del Mar turned in to police for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Forest Avenue was issued an administrative citation for a noise complaint — no sound amplification permit.

**Pacific Grove:** A 63-year-old male at Eardley and Ocean View was cited and released for warrants for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor.

**Carmel area:** Deputies responded to a report of a domestic dispute between a man and woman on Calle de Quien Sabe. Incident was verbal only but was documented.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies were dispatched to conduct a welfare check on a suicidal subject on Ford Road.

**Carmel Valley:** A structure fire was reported at 0254 hours on Carmel Valley Road.

**Pebble Beach:** Deputies responded to a deceased adult on Forest Lodge Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Suicide attempt on East Carmel Valley Road. Subject was placed on a W&I 5150 — crisis evaluation hold.

**Carmel Valley:** A female on East Carmel Valley Road reported a disturbance regarding a neighbor.

**Carmel area:** Dog was attacked by another dog while on a walk on Rio Road.

See **POLICE LOG** page 7RE in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**Oct. 18** — Karen Rodriguez, 38, and Elizabeth Vargas, 34, both current residents of Arizona, have been charged with embezzling more than \$3 million from Taylor Farms. Rodriguez and Vargas were employed in the Human Resources department of Automated Harvesting LLC, a subsidiary of Taylor Farms, between 2019 and 2023.

During that time, Rodriguez and Vargas issued and cashed hundreds of fraudulent checks that were made out to former employees who had returned to Mexico and were no longer working for the company. Vargas is charged with 15 counts of grand theft by embezzlement and Rodriguez is charged with 14 counts of grand theft by embezzlement.

Salinas Police Department detectives Byron Gansen and Pete Gomez began an investigation after Taylor Farms

discovered the theft in 2023. The district attorney’s office then continued the investigation with assistance from district attorney investigator Rachel Maldonado and forensic auditor Sandra Kyzivat.

On Oct. 11, the district attorney’s office sought, and the Monterey Superior Court issued, arrest warrants for Vargas and Rodriguez. On Oct. 16, Rodriguez was arrested by the San Luis Police Department at the San Luis Port of Entry in Yuma, Arizona. On Oct. 17, Vargas was arrested by the San Luis Police Department during a traffic stop in Somerton, Ariz.

The Monterey County District Attorney’s Office will seek extradition to Monterey County. Bail is set at \$200,000 each.

Anyone who has information about Elizabeth Vargas or Karen Rodriguez is encouraged to contact district attorney investigator Rachel Maldonado.



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## North Carolina teen killed in hit-and-run

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CALIFORNIA Highway Patrol is looking for the driver who caused a crash on Highway 1 Sunday morning that cost a 19-year-old North Carolina woman her life and shut the freeway down.

According to CHP public information officer Saul Perez, shortly after 9:45 a.m. Nov. 10, the female — who was identified by the Monterey County Coroner’s Office as Maddie Elizabeth Fletcher — was driving a black Honda Civic in the fast lane northbound on the highway north of Munras Avenue when another car abruptly changed lanes and crashed into the back of her car.

### Driver didn’t stop

“As a result, the Honda lost control, veered to the right and off the roadway,” where it rolled over and crashed into a tree, Perez said. “The Honda subsequently came to rest on its wheels on the dirt embankment facing a southerly direction.”

The “unidentified vehicle,” which was described to CHP dispatch at the time as a newer model silver Nissan Sentra with tinted windows, didn’t stop, instead continuing northbound on Highway 1, fleeing the scene of the crash.

The teen, who was from Shelby, N.C., was pronounced dead at the scene.

Both northbound lanes were shut down while the coroner responded and the crashed car was hauled to the CHP’s evidence yard, with northbound drivers diverted down the Munras Avenue off-ramp.

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One lane was subsequently reopened, and the coroner’s unit finally made it to the scene at 12:34 p.m., nearly three hours after the crash, according to CHP dispatch.

Perez did not want to go into any more detail on the vehicle description or what evidence that other tools, such as Caltrans cameras in the area, might produce.

“As of now there is evidence with a description of the vehicle. However, this information is being withheld due to evidentiary value that can jeopardize the ongoing investigation,” he told The Pine Cone. “Same applies to all evidence, i.e., cameras.”

But, he said, “We are hoping the media can push the importance of people contacting us if they witnessed anything regarding this crash,” because “the smallest detail may help out the investigation.”

Anyone who happened to see the collision and might provide any information at all, however insignificant it might seem, is encouraged to contact the CHP Monterey Area at (831) 796-2160.

## Man arrested for pulling fire alarm

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

GUESTS AT the Pine Inn were rudely awakened at around 1:40 a.m. Oct. 29 when a 30-year-old Seaside man pulled a fire alarm in the hotel. According to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado, Miguel Reyes “admitted to pulling the fire alarm because he needed help. He believed

people were following him or after him.”

But Reyes also appeared to be on drugs, according to Maldonado.

Specifically, he was “under the influence of a central nervous system stimulant,” the officer said, so he was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail on a misdemeanor for tampering with a fire alarm.

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Coast Gallery sells for \$2.4 million

By CHRIS COUNTS

A HUB Of creativity and one of Big Sur’s most distinctive businesses, Coast Gallery has sold for just under \$2.4 million. It had been listed for \$2.85 million.

The new owner, identified only as Lafter Creek LLC, was represented by Zak Freedman of Sotheby’s International Realty, who told The Pine Cone that the buyer wishes to remain private.

Located along Highway 1 in Big Sur about two miles south of Nepenthe restaurant, the gallery last sold in 2016, when businessman and philanthropist Peter Mullin bought it from longtime owner Gary Koepfel for \$1.5 million and renamed it COAST Big Sur. Mullin passed away last year.

LaVerne Allen opened the business in 1958, making it Big Sur’s very first art gallery. Local artists called it “The Bank” because it was “a place where they could deposit their artworks and withdraw their

money from the sale.” The gallery has represented numerous artists over the past seven decades, including painters Henry Miller and Marc Chagall, collage artist Jean Varda and sculptors Loet Vanderveen and Jim Hunolt.

Had cameo in hit film

In the film, “The Sandpiper,” which came out in 1965, the artist played by Elizabeth Taylor visits Coast Gallery in one scene.

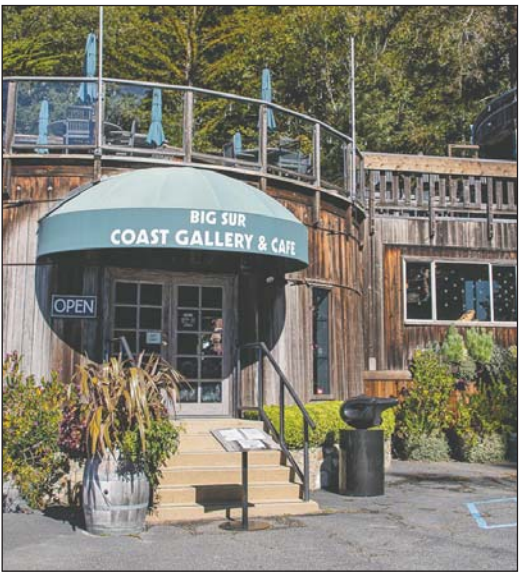
Koepfel bought the gallery in 1971, and the following year, it was badly damaged when a culvert that passes beneath Highway 1 became clogged during El Niño storms, causing major flooding on the site. Also, a 600-foot chunk of pavement was lost, and the highway was closed for 18 months for repairs.

Rebuilding his gallery “on a shoestring budget,” Koepfel repurposed a pair of redwood water tanks that once belonged to a navy hospital. He also established a hand-made candle-making operation.

According to Sotheby’s, the “iconic” gallery — which is located on 4 acres and features 7,000 square feet of “meticulously designed” retail space — “is an architectural marvel.” It’s also one of the only nine commercially-zoned properties down the coast, making it “a unique and invaluable acquisition.”

While it’s uncertain what the new owner plans to do with it, Sotheby’s notes that it has seating for up to 100 guests, “making it ideal for a variety of business ventures, such as a destination restaurant, an exclusive event venue, or a high-end art gallery.”

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# Programs returning to youth center

■ Preschool, after-school and more  
By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER BEING shut down by the State of California in spring 2023 for operating without the proper licenses, the Carmel Youth Center brought in new leadership, successfully undertook the arduous process of obtaining state certification, and reopened in time to serve 85 kids from 72 families during a seven-week summer camp that started in June, board member Marci Meaux and executive director Shari-lyn Napoli told the city council last month.

“We started with the focus on summer camp helping kids to re-socialize and not be on their phones,” Napoli, who was hired a few months after the center was closed and has 25 years of experience in education, told the council Oct. 1. “At first, it was



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The youth center reopened this summer after being shut down by the state in spring 2023 and has embarked on an ambitious plan.

a little bumpy — kids like their phones,” but they got the hang of it, and their parents were happy with the results.

She pointed out that the youth center — which opened in 1949 as is the only one remaining of 200 started around the country by Bing Crosby — is “a safe zone for many of the kids around here” and provides

vital childcare for working families in and beyond Carmel.

The nonprofit helps “people who work and need somewhere for their kids to go,” Meaux said, and while capacity is expected to hit 50 percent this year, “next year, as we gain trust and grow, we expect to get up to 90 percent.” In 2026, they want to expand enrollment beyond the numbers the center was serving when it closed.

### Two-year plan

To that end, with after-school programs underway since August and brand-new programs for younger kids set to start soon, the nonprofit is working on a two-year strategic plan and raising funds to support its mission to “grow future leaders who can change our community and the world for the better,” by providing the support and opportunities they need to build independence and leadership skills.

The plan calls for enhancing and enriching programming to ensure the success and growth of the center’s new preschool, reintroducing and expanding the center’s offerings for kids of all ages, and working with community members to launch “a multifaceted skill-based youth leadership program” and a culinary arts/hospitality program.

The board and staff also want to build the center’s financial resilience by bringing a money-raising expert on board and organizing a “fundraising celebration” to honor its 75th anniversary. Under Napoli’s guidance, the center has already hired a grant writer and is also working to implement nonprofit

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# With the election over, candidates pay their bills

By MARY SCHLEY

THE LAST round of campaign financial statements filed by Carmel candidates before and after last week’s election saw more money trickle in, and, for a handful of the contenders, bills piled up.

Mayor Dave Potter, who came in last

in the three-way race for mayor, failing to secure a fourth two-year term, raised \$29,765 this year, including \$4,957 between Sept. 22 and Oct. 19, the most recent reporting period. He had also spent more, including \$16,062 during those weeks and \$31,719 this year, than any other candidate for office, on consulting,

collateral materials, Pine Cone ads and professional services, including campaign treasurer Patricia Worth. He reported having no unpaid bills.

Councilman Jeff Baron, who came in second in the mayor’s race but was running from a safe seat and therefore has two years left in his term, reported raising \$2,004 for the period and \$18,031 since Jan. 1.

He, too, has no unpaid bills, having spent \$8,515 on his campaign during the

reporting period, for a year-to-date total of \$16,740.

Dale Byrne, who ended up winning the mayor’s race, did not focus on fundraising in what he described as his grassroots campaign. According to his statement, he had received \$5,248 in donations since Jan. 1.

Byrne spent \$2,962 during the period and \$9,713 so far this year, mostly on literature and ads. He had no unpaid bills but loaned his campaign \$6,140.

Successful city council candidate Hans

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# Daylight come but he can’t go home

By MARY SCHLEY

A MONTEREY man apparently got a little too into the Halloween spirit in downtown Carmel and was arrested for DUI shortly before 2 a.m. Nov. 1, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado.

“Officers Joe Boucher and Tim Ament were out on patrol when they were flagged down by somebody who told them an ‘intoxicated banana’ was about to drive home,” he explained. “In front of Barmel, officers easily located Jackson Williams, who was in a full banana costume for Halloween.”

Outside the bar on San Carlos south of Ocean, the officers observed that Williams, who according to his LinkedIn page works in guest experiences at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and is a freelance graphic designer, was drunk. They told him he could not drive home and helped him order an Uber. Ament waited with Williams until the driver arrived and then



Jackson Williams

watched as they drove away.

“Shortly after, Ament observed the same banana sprinting down the street and straight to Williams’ vehicle,” Maldonado said. The fruit-clad Williams, who apparently exited his Uber after traveling only a short distance, got into the driver’s seat and started to drive away, but Ament pulled him over.

**Way over limit**

After failing field sobriety tests, Williams was arrested for DUI. In subsequent testing, Maldonado said, the man’s blood alcohol concentration was more than three times the legal limit of .08 percent. He was booked into Monterey County Jail.

“Impaired driving is very dangerous,” Maldonado said, adding that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that one person dies in a DUI crash every 39 minutes. Especially during the holidays, when partying is prevalent, he urged people to drink responsibly and have a plan or a designated driver, or to take a ride-share home.

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# Davlight time persists, despite widespread feeling that it’s annoying

By CAITLIN CONRAD

IT’S BEEN a big couple of weeks for Americans, who saw the end of a tumultuous campaign season, went to the polls, re-elected Donald Trump — and rolled back their clocks.

The switch between daylight savings time and standard time is a practice that’s been in effect on and off in America since 1918, but like many political issues, it’s never been universally popular. In fact over the years, hundreds of pieces of legislation have been written at both the state and federal levels in efforts to do away with the time changes that happen when we fall back in November and spring forward in March.

If you’re thinking, “Isn’t California one of the states that tried to get rid of the time change and didn’t we vote on it?” you’re not wrong. In 2018, California voters passed Proposition 7 with nearly 60 percent of the vote, giving the legislature the power to change to daylight savings time permanently. However, punting it back to lawmakers didn’t actually do away with the time change. The way the proposition was written had a major flaw: Current federal law only allows states to stay on standard time year-round and prohibits staying on daylight savings time.

Two states already stay on standard time year round. If you’re wondering where to move for that kind of luxury, it’s Hawaii or Arizona. Or you could choose one of several U.S. territories that also observe standard time year-round, including Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Marianas.

### Lost in process

California could join the year-round standard time ranks, but lawmakers failed to get it done this legislative session. At the beginning of the year, California Senator Roger Niello, a Republican from Roseville, wrote SB 1413 in an attempt to nix the time change. The bill would allow California to stay on standard time.

The state senate passed the bill in the spring but it is still working its way through the assembly’s committee process. It’s easy for a bill to get lost in the piles of paper hitting lawmakers’ desks in Sacramento. In 2024 alone legislators introduced 2,124 new bills. But of the 1,200 bills lawmakers did have time to push through this year, Niello’s bill, which affects every Californian, didn’t get its due attention.

In California and across the nation, the desire to keep the clocks on one time has gained traction in recent years. In 2019, a poll from the Associated Press and the

Center for Public Affairs Research at the University of Chicago found seven in 10 Americans prefer not to switch back and forth, and in 2022 Monmouth University reported its poll showed six in 10 people would like to do away with the twice-a-year change.

What’s also clear is that switching back and forth is bad for us. According to a 2014 study, heart attacks jump 24 percent on the Monday after the shift to daylight savings time. The same study also found heart attacks dropped 21 percent during fall back.

The clock change is also dangerous for pedestrians and drivers. A 2020 study published in “Current Biology” found traffic fatalities spiked six percent during the five workdays following the spring time change. The study looked at fatal accidents over the course of two decades to gather the data. Both studies said changes in sleep patterns caused the increased danger.

### Standard or Daylight?

While a majority of Americans have come around to saying goodbye to changing the clock, not everyone agrees on what time to stick to. A CBS News poll from March 2022 found 33 percent of respondents wanted standard time year-round while 46 percent preferred daylight



A bill slowly making its way through the state Legislature would end daylight savings time in California.

savings time and the other 21 percent were fine with the bi-annual switch.

Doctors with the American Academy of Sleep Medicine say the science clearly shows standard time is better for our health, aligning more naturally with our circadian rhythms. Light in the morning helps us to wake up and darkness in the evening puts us to sleep. Still many like having it lighter later when they get off work.

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# Appeals court rejects lawsuit over Laguna Seca crash

By KELLY NIX

AN ENTREPRENEUR and amateur motorcyclist who nine years ago filed a lawsuit against Monterey County and the former track manager for Laguna Seca raceway over an accident there has lost a court appeal in the case.

Daniel Kim Jr. was thrown from his Ducati motorcycle on March 14, 2015, after striking a row of sandbags that had been placed near the 2.2-mile track in an area intended to help control runoff from winter storms. Kim, who had been riding as part of a track rental day, suffered serious injuries.

He filed a civil complaint in 2016 against Monterey County, then-track manager SCRAMP and others, alleging gross negligence and a “dangerous condition,” because the sandbags were not marked, and track users weren’t told they were there. Kim lost a trial in Monterey County Superior Court in 2022, when Judge Thomas Wills rejected his negligence claims. Wills found that the design, functionality and maintenance of the track were reasonable due to the need to keep debris off the track.

Kim appealed to the 6th Appellate District, claiming Wills wrongly excluded expert testimony, deprived him of a fair and impartial trial, failed to address his allegation that the sandbags unreasonably increased his risk of injury over and above the risks inherent in motorcycle riding, and that the county and SCRAMP knew the sandbags posed a danger to riders

### Claim denied

But the appellate court justices were not persuaded by Kim’s arguments.

“There was no evidence that the county was informed that its procurement of sandbags each year for SCRAMP’s use in winterizing the raceway posed any heightened risk to track users,” the ruling said. “Nor has Kim cited any evidence in the record to compel a conclusion that SCRAMP itself had notice that its placement of sandbags created a dangerous condition to impute such notice to the county.”

The justices also refuted Kim’s claim that Wills did not

give him a fair trial.

“Hopefully Kim’s lawyers will not continue their meritless fight to the California Supreme Court,” Andy Swartz, who represented the county and SCRAMP, told The Pine Cone this week.

The day of the crash, Kim made numerous runs at

Laguna Seca without issue. About 1:30 p.m., though, as he approached Turn 5, Kim said he came upon a slower rider.

“As Kim carefully steered off the track to avoid colliding with the slower rider, he did not see and could not have anticipated the row of sandbags in the safety run-off, perpendicular to the track,” according to his 2016 complaint.

Kim had been seeking compensation for his past and future medical bills and other damages. He founded Lit Motors, which invented a self-balancing motorcycle.

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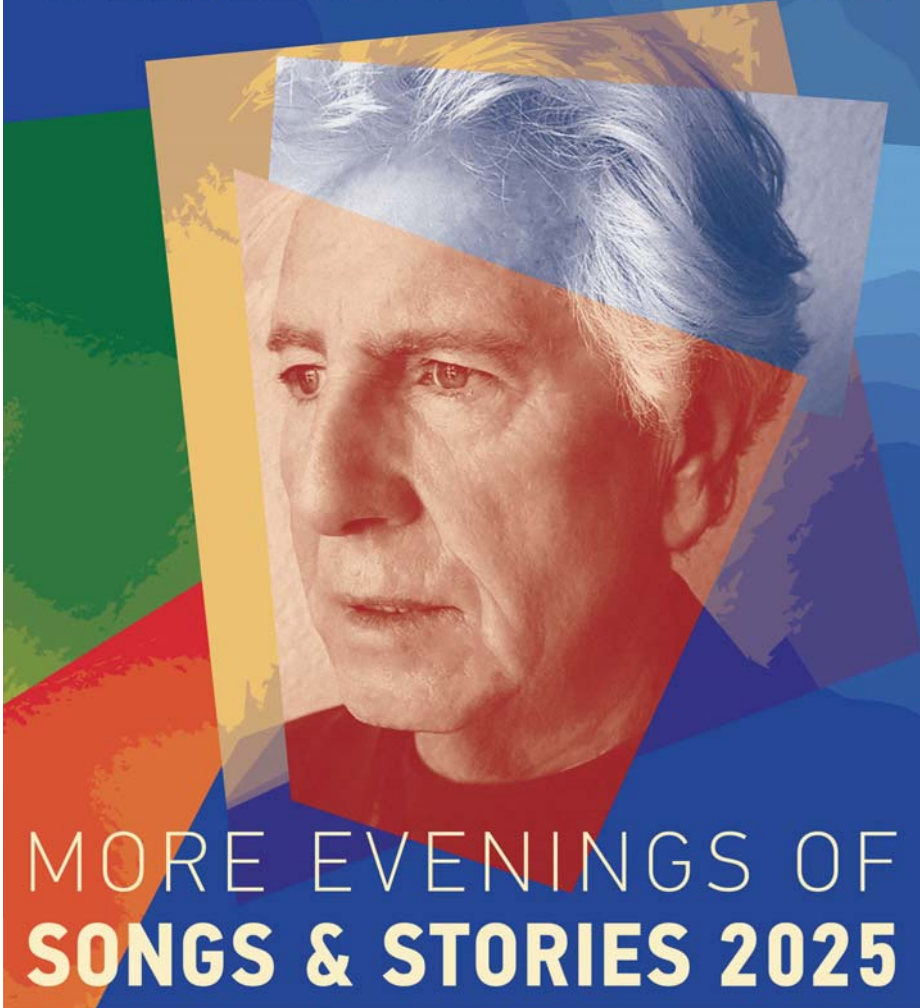
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# Shakeup on Pacific Grove council

By KELLY NIX

**EXPLAINING** THAT she needs to devote more time to family, Pacific Grove City Councilwoman Debby Beck said she will step down from her seat next week. The council, including its new members, will likely appoint someone to fill the position.

Beck told The Pine Cone Nov. 8 that she informed city manager Matt Mogensen earlier that day of her plans to resign. A highly successful realtor, Beck was elected to the council two years ago. Her resignation will be effective Nov. 21, following the council meeting the night before.

“After months of consideration, I have decided to resign from the city council due to my family being my first priority,” she told Mogensen in an email message. “I have enjoyed representing the residents of Pacific Grove and I was honored to be elected in 2022. I wish everyone well.”

### Appointment

Beck’s decision to step down follows the loss in April of her 40-year-old daughter, Jenn Jeska, to cancer, and her own cancer diagnosis. Beck’s therapy included undergoing treatments the day after council meetings.

“This year came with a lot of challenges,” she said Wednesday. “I enjoyed working with everyone in our community and will continue to support the community in any way I can.”

Beck, who is now cancer free and had her last treatment this week, said she missed only two meetings in 24 months, despite the overwhelming personal hardships.

The city council will be tasked with appointing someone to replace Beck. According to Pacific Grove’s charter, the council is required to fill a vacant seat within 30 days. If it’s not filled by then, the mayor is required to do so.

The new council, which will be seated at the Dec. 4 meeting, could make a selection then. Candidates who lost in the council race can apply for the appointment.

The appointee is “to hold office until the next general municipal election and until a successor is elected and qualified,” according to the charter. “Such successor shall be elected for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor at the general

municipal election and until his successor is elected and qualified.”

### New council

Meanwhile, the Monterey County elections department is still counting ballots from Nov. 5. Updated results Wednesday night showed that Paul Walkingstick remained the top vote getter in the P.G. City Council race, while incumbent Councilman Chaps Poduri and Tina Rau were nine votes apart for second and third place, making it likely that the trio will have seats on the council.

Incumbent councilman Luke Coletti was 99 votes behind Rau, while former P.G. Mayor Carmelita Garcia and Chilla Kartalov trailed Coletti.

In the election for mayor, councilman Nick Smith beat challengers Dan Miller, a former city councilman, and Dionne Ybarra, a nonprofit director. Incumbent Mayor Bill Peake decided not to run for reelection and endorsed Smith for the seat.

## City council will appoint someone to fill the vacant seat

# Senior gets bite instead of pet

By KELLY NIX

**AN ELDERLY** man just hoping to give a dog a little affection while strolling through a Pacific Grove Park got an unfortunate surprise when the hound sank his teeth into him.

At about 2 p.m. Oct. 31, a 76-year P.G. man was walking in George Washington Park when he came across a German shepherd and, as people who like dogs often do, asked if the animal was friendly so he could pet it. But things didn’t go as planned.

“The owners advised their dog was friendly, and the victim began to pet the dog when the dog lunged and bit the victim’s left calf,” Pacific Grove Police Acting Chief Brian Anderson told The Pine Cone Monday.

The dog’s teeth broke the man’s skin, and he had to be taken by ambulance to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

The owners of the 10-year-old German shepherd stuck around until police officers arrived to interview them, Anderson said.

While officers documented the bite and asked the owners for their dog’s vaccination records, they were not cited.

“We are awaiting a report from the Monterey County Health Department,” Anderson said.

The dog bite came two days after an 11-year-old boy was bitten at the Rip Van Winkle Open Space on his way to cross country practice. The boy underwent rabies shots because the owner of the animal left the scene.



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# New effort to protect kids from fentanyl

By KELLY NIX

A NEW partnership between the county office of education and a Monterey healthcare group seeks to prevent fentanyl-related overdoses and educate students about the dangers of the drug.

Montage Health, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula’s parent company, said this week that its Prescribe Safe program will collaborate with the Monterey County Office of Education to “combat the fentanyl crisis” in schools.

“The partnership, formalized this summer, will focus on providing critical education, resources, and support to schools, educators, families and students as the community faces an escalating crisis due to the spread of counterfeit medications laced with fentanyl,” Montage explained.

### ‘Dangerous increase’

Prescribe Safe, created in 2014, collaborates with more than 65 businesses and agencies to address the opioid problem in Monterey County. While the county had the second lowest opioid-related death rate in California by 2018, Montage said

“the recent rise in counterfeit medications containing fentanyl has led to a dangerous increase in overdose rates.”

The program has already offered some in-class instruction, parent seminars and other overdose-awareness initiatives at schools.

“Montage Health has also provided county schools with an easy curriculum for teachers to share information with students,” Montage Health public information officer Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone Thursday. “Since the lesson plan was developed earlier this year, more than 20 teachers across 11 schools have implemented it, reaching more than 1,000 students in Monterey Peninsula cities, the Salinas area and South Monterey County.”

Sciuto added that Prescribe Safe “and all of the services it offers to the schools and the community” are fully paid for “through a combination of grants and funding from the Montage Health Foundation.”

The collaboration will include experts from Prescribe Safe working with county education office staff to develop and

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# Old resort in Carmel Valley could rise again

By CHRIS COUNTS

AT A site in Carmel Valley where the Portofino Inn & Spa once hosted guests, a developer wants to renovate a resort that has fallen into disrepair.

The former inn is located at 10 Country Club Way, just west of Carmel Valley Village, where the Rancho Del Monte Country Club opened in 1948, and a succession of businesses operated over eight decades, including a boarding school for boys. The buildings there today have long been dormant.

According to county records, Santa Rosa Hotel Company wants to rebuild nine existing buildings and relocate a swimming pool, while expanding a spa.

The work would also include upgrading an onsite wastewater treatment system, rehabilitating walkways, parking areas, hardscape and landscape, and removing two oak trees, including “one landmark

tree with a cluster of trunks.” The applicant is also asking for permission to host up to 208 special events per year, although a representative suggested that far fewer would actually be done.

### Neighbors sound off

At a zoning administrator’s hearing Nov. 14, several sounded off over concerns about the impacts the resort could have on the surrounding neighborhood. More than one suggested the project should be reviewed by the county planning commission. Others sent in letters.

“A bar and restaurant with wedding reception for hundreds of people and other large events proposed for the property will be a nightmare for local residents,” neighbor Gerard Beatty wrote. “We do not need another resort in our residential area.”

Beatty also suggested that the immediate neighborhood would be “greatly affected by the noise and danger posed by

the serving of alcohol at an already deadly intersection.” He noted that some locals call the site, “Dead Man’s Curve.”

The resident said a previous proposal for the property failed because a liquor license was denied by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

“They dropped the project completely because they could not secure a liquor license,” he reported. “Nothing has changed.”

Beatty also noted that Bernardus Lodge and Spa and Laureles Lodge are close by,



A rendering shows what a remodel of an old resort in Carmel Valley might look like. But some neighbors have concerns about it.

suggesting that another resort isn’t needed. After the close of testimony at the Nov. 14 hearing, county official Mike Novo continued the hearing to Dec. 12.

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# JUVENILE RACCOON WHO GOT STUCK IN FENCE IS REHABBING IN SANTA CRUZ

By CHRIS COUNTS

A YOUNG raccoon found itself in a tight spot last week, but a wildlife control business was soon on scene to save the day.

The raccoon, which is just months old, was found caught in a fence by a Marina resident Nov. 6 around 1 or 2 a.m. The youngster, no doubt traumatized by its predicament, was making quite a racket “screeching and hollering,” according to a report.

The homeowner tried to free the juvenile, but its mom wouldn’t let anybody get close.

A few hours later, the resident reached out to Urban Trapping for help. The Salinas-based company, which specializes in controlling wildlife, arrived on scene around 9 a.m., owner Dan Burton told The Pine Cone.

“A client in the Marina area contacted us about a

juvenile raccoon stuck in a fence,” Urban Trapping said on Facebook Wednesday. “Once at the property, we performed a wildlife inspection which led us to finding this little guy wedged between the boards of a fence.”

The raccoon was younger than the ones the company usually finds this time of year.

“With it being November, we assumed it was going to be an adolescent born earlier in the year,” the post continued. “We were very surprised to see a raccoon this young.”

Urban Trapping was able to free the pint-sized

procyonid, but it was unable to use its back legs. “We transported it to a local wildlife rehabilitation where it could be thoroughly examined,” the company reported.

It appears the raccoon will soon return to the wild. For now, it’s rehabbing at a facility for wild animals in Santa Cruz, Native Animal Rescue.

“It was determined its back wasn’t broken, but it was experiencing a form of temporary paralysis from being pinched in the fence,” the company added. “It will be released once it’s deemed healthy enough.”



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A baby raccoon in Marina recently got stuck while trying to get through a fence. A local wildlife company soon freed her.



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# P.G. school board selects new sex ed plan

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Unified School District trustees last week approved a new sex education course over worries that refusal by former provider Planned Parenthood to allow public inspection of its curriculum put the district at odds with state law.

The five-member school board voted unanimously at its Nov. 7 meeting to approve a \$4,090 contract for Carpinteria-based Positive Prevention Plus to provide sex ed curriculum to students.

Pacific Grove Unified administrators decided to drop the Planned Parenthood Mar Monte course after the group informed the district its content was “proprietary” and that the district was not allowed to let the public, including some parents of students, see it.

Superintendent Linda Adamson explained the reasons the district needed a new sex ed course.

“As a local educational agency, we are bound by curriculum transparency as well as legal requirements, which means that we have to make curriculum materials, as well as supplemental documents, available to the public under the California Public Records Act,” Adamson said at the meeting. “This obligation ensures that all curriculum is openly accessible to our educational community without restriction.”

### Not because of complaints

The switch was not made, Adamson said, because of complaints by parents and citizens earlier this year that some of the Planned Parenthood sex ed content was gratuitous and explicit.

Despite Adamson’s explanation, some parents and others angry at district officials for ditching the Planned Parenthood course accused them of capitulating to those who took issue with its content. Trustees corrected them.

“This is not about what any community member had said about what the content was,” school board President Brian Swanson stressed at the meeting. “This is about

complying with the California Education Code, and it was something we weren’t really aware of until very recently.”

Swanson added that it took him “a lot” of effort to find information about the Planned Parenthood course but only took a couple minutes to access the Positive Prevention Plus curriculum.

Trustee Jennifer McNary said the content of the new sex ed course — which is governed by the state’s Department of Education — will remain the same.

“This is not about political ideology, this is about facts,” McNary said. “The fact is we have to have access, and we cannot with [the Planned Parenthood] curriculum.”

Trustee Carolyn Swanson, a parent, apologized to other parents who were surprised to learn of the switch — many of whom found out from a Nov. 1 Pine Cone article — but said she was not able to easily access the material.

## Playground takes shape in Carmel Valley but volunteers are needed for final push

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER RAISING about \$800,000 to create a playground in a Carmel Valley Community Park that’s accessible to children with mobility challenges, an all-volunteer effort is underway through Sunday to build it — and more volunteers are sought, particularly those with carpentry skills.

Called Tatum’s Treehouse, the playground will feature a rubberized playing surface to minimize injuries. A two-story Swiss Family Robinson-themed “tree house” will be built in the middle of it, with wheelchair ramps leading to the second floor.

If you’re not busy this weekend, you can lend a hand in the push to complete the playground project.

“We’re short on volunteers,” said volunteer Chanelle Simpson. “Anyone who knows how to use a saw is technically skilled enough to work for us,” she told The Pine Cone.

### No skills necessary

Even those lacking carpentry skills can help. “No skills are necessary, just the desire to lend a hand,” reads a message the foundation sent out this week.

The playground, which was originally planned to be

built in Toro Park, was initially anticipated to cost about \$850,000. But increased costs have boosted the price tag to about \$1 million, so volunteers are still trying to raise another \$200,000. To donate, visit [tatumstreehouse.com](http://tatumstreehouse.com) — there are naming opportunities available, including customized fence pickets and bricks.

The effort to build the park marks a collaboration between the Tatum’s Garden Foundation and the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center. The foundation raised \$1.3 million and recruited 3,000 volunteers to build the Tatum’s Garden playground in Salinas’ Sherwood Park in 2013. That playground, along with the new one, are named after Tatum Bakker, who uses a wheelchair.

### ‘More comprehensive’

Nobody who spoke at last week’s board meeting said sex ed shouldn’t be taught to students.

Educational services director Larry Haggquist said teachers and some administrators have already started to review the new Positive Prevention Plus curriculum.

“We feel right now that it is as comprehensive, if not more comprehensive in some ways, in terms of teachability,” than the Planned Parenthood course, Haggquist explained.

California requires sex ed to be taught at least once in public middle schools and once in high school. Parents may opt their children out of the course.



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Volunteers are busy this week bringing a new playground to life in Carmel Valley Village, and they can use some help.

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# JEFFERS

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conservation buyer to take the property off their hands, the Roys, working with attorney Aengus Jeffers and architect Thomas Hood, decided to move ahead in 2022 with plans to rebuild it.

Jeffers told The Pine Cone this week that the flagging was installed just to give the neighbor to the rear some idea of what an additional structure on the property might look like and that it's not reflective of anything.

“They are still working on trying to refine a lower-profile, 1,200-square-foot residence, based upon the reconstruction of the 610-square-foot cabin with an architecturally distinct bedroom wing in the back,” Jeffers said Tuesday following a meeting with the owners and their architect. “The goal is a modest residence that is just large enough for the owners’ family and kids. If they can work through those refinements, we will have the lower-profile design flagged so we can gauge the improvement.”

He expects the submittal of a design application to the city is “still months away.”

# COURT

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property.

According to Collins’ attorney, Duane Cook, the case before the Supreme Court hinges on whether Monterey County’s denial of Collin’s application represents a taking.

“The county has deprived this property of all economically viable uses,” Cook told The Pine Cone. “Nothing can be built there that will produce income in excess of its cost.”

Cook suggested that the property is no different than those that surround it — all

of which have been zoned for residential homes, he said.

Collins said he’s optimistic about his chances with the Supreme Court.

“I wouldn’t want to be in the county’s position, with six conservative Republican justices, the recent decisions against government agencies and two recent California cases on property rights,” he said in an email. “These 6 Justices will give Monterey County no ‘deference’ on property rights.”

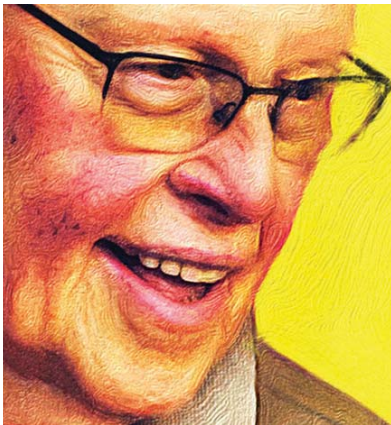
It’s no surprise Collins appealed the case, according to now-former Supervisor John Phillips, who voted for the zoning change in 2022. “If we deny this, all he can do with the land is raise butterflies,” Phillips said before the vote.



A Carmel Highlands property owner wants to develop his land, which is also the site of a memorial to a fallen Vietnam War veteran, Maj. Charles F. De Amaral, Jr.

## WILLIAM R. CORCORAN

William Robert Corcoran (Bill), longtime resident of Pacific Grove, California, passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 27, 2024, at the age of 94.



Bill, an only child, was born in Fullerton, California to Margaret Bel Corcoran (née Goldie) and Theodore Paul Corcoran. After a youth spent sailing, learning to use photographic equipment, and playing the flute, Bill attended the University of California, Berkeley where he studied economics and met the love of his life, Annette Brinkman Kanode. They married after graduation, in 1952, and set up a printing company that produced one of the first lines of studio greeting cards. He later worked with his father as the general manager of the Corcoran Manufacturing Company in Southern California.

Bill and Annette decided to move their family to the San Francisco area, settling in Mill Valley. They founded and published *The Printing Journal* and operated the associated *Print Pacific* trade show in San Francisco. Bill also returned to school and acquired an M.B.A. in international business from San Francisco State University.

In 1985, Bill and Annette moved to Pacific Grove. Bill taught international business at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and Bill and Annette worked as part of a grassroots movement to change city zoning laws and save the P.G. coastline from development. After retiring, Bill devoted his time to his lifelong passion for photographic arts. His award-winning photos may be viewed at his website [WRCorcoranPhotos.com](http://WRCorcoranPhotos.com)

Bill is survived by his wife, Annette; and their three sons, Scott (Eileen Machida), Patrick (Lauren) and William Jr. (Ruby) Corcoran. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Laura (Adrian Alvarado), Parrish, and Robyn (Jeremiah Jenkins) Corcoran and two great-grandchildren, Addison Alvarado and Waylon Corcoran Jenkins.

Bill's friends and family will miss his wit and wry humor. A celebration of Bill's life will be held 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 227 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Nature Conservancy would be appreciated. <https://preserve.nature.org>.

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# City’s ADU ordinance a long time off

By MARY SCHLEY

STATE HOUSING laws compel local governments to approve granny units without any public hearings or public input as long as they meet some basic standards, leading to the construction of dozens of them in Carmel, with many more in the pipeline. And while city officials want to enact laws to control where accessory dwelling units are built and what they look like — and plans to use the heft of the Coastal Act to do so — those restrictions are unlikely to be on the books soon.

According to California law, planners must issue over-the-counter building permits for granny units up to 800 square feet in size and 16 feet tall, with no control over design or setbacks, resulting in the construction of several imposing buildings highly visible from the street. Among them are the shed-roofed structure across from the Carl Cherry Center at Guadalupe and Fourth and the large white one at the corner of Monte Verde and 13th that have

been the subject of so much public lament.

At a planning commission workshop Wednesday, recently promoted senior planner Evan Kort — who has been working on the issue since summer 2023 but had to sideline it for a while when the department was understaffed — presented a draft ordinance that would provide the city with some control over where such homes could be built and how large they could be.

**‘Very strong position’**

“Evan has done a spectacular job over the last many months. We had to take a hiatus when we were at 50 percent staffing, but when we got more staff on board, Evan jumped back into this with both feet and both arms and his head and his whole body, and really tackled this,” said assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson, who is still overseeing the planning and building department. Those efforts included numerous meetings with staff members of the California Coastal Commission and the Department of

Housing and Community Development.

“The upshot is we feel we are in a very strong position that we are going to lean heavily on our local coastal program to do ADUs in a way that fits Carmel,” Swanson said.

That’s because, unlike most communities, the entirety of Carmel-by-the-Sea falls within the state-designated coastal zone, which is subject to the Coastal Act, and the state’s ADU laws cannot “alter or lessen the effect or application of” resource-protection policies in the act.

“We’re really interesting in the fact that included in our LCP is language that Carmel is designated as a special community and a highly scenic area within the meaning of the Coastal Act,” Kort said. That law requires that new construction be visually compatible with the character of the surrounding areas and that, where appropriate, it be restricted to “protect special communities and neighborhoods that because of their unique characteristics are popular visitor destination points for recreational uses.”

“Not many other coastal cities have this designation,”

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## THOMAS (TOM) HENRY COBLE

Aug. 31, 1933- Oct. 25, 2024

Tom Coble, age 91, passed away peacefully with his wife Coralyn by his side on Oct. 25, 2024, at their home in Carmel Valley. Tom was a perfect example of overcoming diversity and never giving up. He graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1953 and joined the Army a year later, serving in Europe for three years. Tom had a promising career in football, playing in the Army, at Monterey Peninsula College, semi-pro and then for the University of San Francisco until an injury ended his sports career.

He pivoted to a career in acting and the theater, first locally at the Whart Theater in Monterey and then in New York City. He found success both on- and off-Broadway and in playwriting, authoring “Alley Cats” and “Moma,” both of which received excellent reviews in the New York Times. While working between shows as a taxi driver he was shot in the neck, resulting in his losing his ability to read, write and understand language.

In 1995, after being apart for 43 years, Tom reunited with his high school sweetheart, Coralyn. They were married for 30 years. With Coralyn’s help, and Tommy’s resilience and determination, his disabilities did not deter him from living a full life. He worked tirelessly recording music and singing and performing on the Monterey Peninsula. Tommy will be remembered for his good heart, pure soul and having inspired others throughout his life.

He will be missed and remembered by many, including Coralyn’s three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Tom was predeceased by his parents, Benita and Jacob Coble; his one sister, Ellen; and younger brothers, Joe and Mickey. Tom also leaves behind three brothers — Bert, Bob, Pat and their families. There will be a small, private service for family followed by interment at the Veteran’s Cemetery.



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## Douglas McLain

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Douglas McLain, who peacefully passed away at his daughter’s home on Oct. 24 at the age of 86. He was surrounded by family after a short bout of illness. He is survived by his son, Michael McLain of Palm Springs; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jack MacMillan of Sacramento; brother-in-law and wife, Fred and Ramona Bohlander of Carmel, and grandsons Brendan and Alex MacMillan.

Douglas was born in Detroit and moved frequently as a child due to his father’s work as a chemical and nuclear engineer. He graduated from Downers Grove North High School in Illinois in 1956. He developed an interest in botany after taking classes with May Theilgaard Watts at the nearby Morton Arboretum in Chicago. He obtained a B.S. in engineering and physics from the University of Michigan and married his true love, Virginia Bohlander, in 1962 in Hinsdale, IL. They lived in Ann Arbor, MI and Juneau, AK, where Douglas achieved his master’s and Ph.D. in oceanography while working for the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

In 1970, Douglas and his young family settled in Monterey, where he worked as an oceanographer for 25 years for National Marine Fisheries and Ocean Services. He conducted research on ocean climate, developed ocean monitoring programs and authored 74 publications. He traveled worldwide as a committee chairman on the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. After retirement, he worked as a consultant and computer programmer for data systems.

Douglas and Virginia shared a love for travel, exploring the United States, Canada and Europe during their 53 years of marriage. They particularly enjoyed trips to the United Kingdom, staying in Landmark Trust buildings. After Virginia’s passing in 2015, Douglas moved to Canterbury Woods Senior Community in Pacific Grove, where he continued to foster friendships and share his knowledge of land value tax, universal basic income and the safety of nuclear power. His scientific mind was active and sharp to the end.

Douglas will be remembered as a gentleman, scientist, and loving husband, father and friend. He will be deeply missed.

**A Celebration of Life for Douglas has taken place at Canterbury Woods. The family kindly requests that any donations in his name be made to the Canterbury Woods Front Porch Resident Assistance-Circle of Friends at <https://frontporch.net/give/donate/#give>.**



## DON GREGORY BERTA

Don Gregory Berta, age 63, passed away peacefully on Oct. 22, 2024, at his home in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. He was born May 24, 1961, to Leo and Mary Berta in Carmel Valley, California and was the youngest of seven siblings.

Don grew up in Carmel Valley and was a 1975 graduate of Junipero Serra School at Carmel Mission and a 1979 graduate of Carmel High School. He pursued general studies at Monterey Peninsula College and studied English and Spanish literature at UC Santa Cruz.

Don’s spiritual path led him to travel to Germany and many other foreign countries starting in his late 20s. He settled in Germany in 1993 and lived there until his death. He learned to speak German with great ease and taught English and German to others. He was fluent in three languages and enjoyed traveling and visiting his friends around the world in person, and via Facebook and Zoom.

He was very interested in family history and was an accomplished piano player. Don was kind and gentle and lived a life in harmony with his following of the path of his spiritual Master.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his six older siblings and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

**Family and friends will gather at 1 p.m. Jan. 11, 2025, to share memories of Don. Location: Carmel Valley Community Park at 29 Ford Road, Carmel Valley — Horseshoe Pit picnic area (near the Activity House).**





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Kort said, and with it, planners could conceivably use the city’s rules on protecting and planting trees, historic preservation, and special overlay districts, like those for environmentally sensitive areas and the downtown historic conservation district, to restrict ADUs.

Three types

The draft ordinance Kort discussed at the Nov. 13 meeting followed an earlier iteration presented at a planning commission workshop earlier this year and took into account comments from the state agencies.

Most notably, it breaks the types of ADUs into three categories, the first of which would have the least impact on coastal resources — and could therefore be approved over the counter without review — and the third of which would be treated as a typical project, with full oversight of the planning commission and the public.

Type 1, Kort explained, would be the conversion of existing living space into an ADU or smaller junior accessory dwelling unit, with no structural changes to the house

or expansion of the 1,800-square-foot limit imposed on a typical 4,000-square-foot lot. A building permit would be issued for a project meeting those standards.

Type 2 ADUs would include attached and detached units that still comply with the floor-area limits but are in the sensitive coastal area or are converted from non-habitable space, such as a garage or basement. In those cases, the planning director could issue the appropriate permits without taking the application to a full hearing.

And Type 3 would cover “any ADU which creates overage of total allowable floor area for the site between 1 and 800 square feet and/or any new attached or detached ADU located in the beach and riparian overlay district,” which is the area west of San Antonio on the south side of Ocean and west of Carmelo Street north of it. Type 3 would also include granny units proposed as part of new houses or substantial alterations and those for which the applicant is asking for any deviation from the adopted standards.

In order to honor the state housing agency’s accepted standard of 800 square feet for an ADU, the new ordinance would allow up to 2,600 square feet of floor area in Type 3 applications, though the planning commission would have the discretion to require a smaller unit.

An applicant who requests up to 10 percent more square footage than that allowed on a property could receive approval from the planning director, while anything more would undergo full planning commission review.

In addition, the ordinance would regulate parking requirements, limits on the number of ADUs that could be built on a property, and other elements.

Kort also recommended the commission develop objective design standards to apply to granny units, but that they be done separately from the ordinance so they can be amended more easily.

‘Middle finger’

Commission chair Michael LePage asked if the California Department of Housing and Community Development would have to sign off on the ordinance, and while Swanson told him the coastal commission has the final authority, not the HCD, it could still interfere.

“Let’s say we gave them the proverbial middle finger and said we’re going to ban ADUs,” he said. “They could show up at the coastal commission meeting and fight us.”

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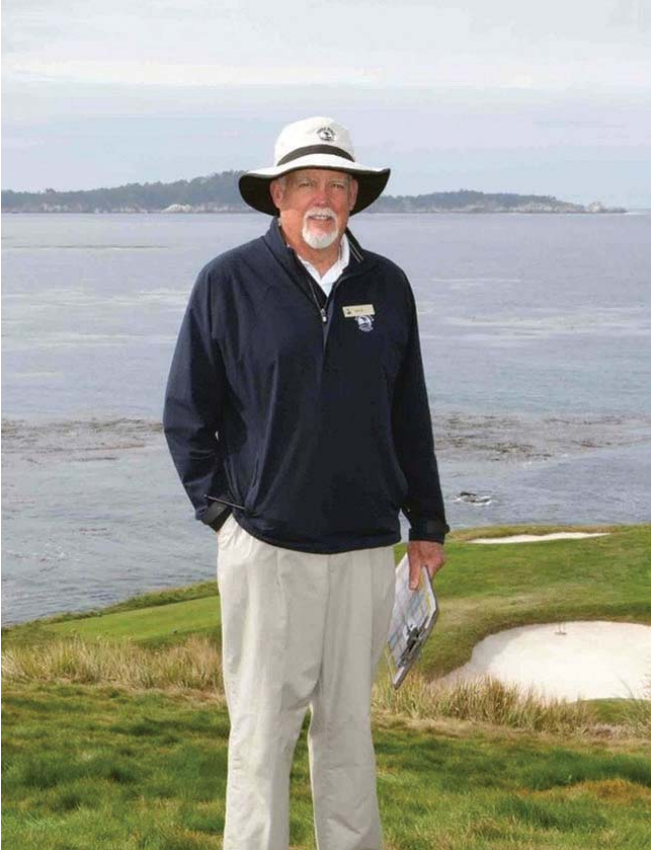
## REMEMBERING JIM STOUT

Jim Stout was one tough dude.

In 1965, he survived a deadly car crash that threw him head-first out of the back seat of a convertible Triumph TR3.

And when Hurricane Camille struck the Gulf Coast in 1969, Jim hunkered down while at Air Force tech school in Biloxi, Mississippi. He sheltered in a windowless cinder block classroom to ride out the Category 5 storm.

In 1981, Jim hyperextended his leg while whitewater rafting down the Tuolumne River in California. A fellow rafter crashed down on his knee in the middle of nowhere. Jim and crew had to paddle another 12 miles before he could reach medical help.



There was also his stay at Beijing Xiehe Hospital in the late '90s for a stomach bug. It turned into a severe case of gastroenteritis that led to near kidney failure. But Jim bounced back, and soon returned to China in a tartan tuxedo for his daughter’s wedding party in 2001.

Jim collected an untold number of lesions and scars from his backyard battles with overgrown trees and stumps, along with various other missions. One time, he sprained his foot after falling into the swimming pool while cleaning it and, without complaint, dragged himself out to patch himself up.

A master of understatement, Jim waved away his ailments over the years as mere scratches and bugs when he required actual stitches and immediate medical attention. Admission to hospital for a “bad tummy” in 2006 confounded doctors who needed three days to determine it was gallstones and a serious infection that required immediate removal of his gallbladder.

Jim was also never one to shy away from a dirty job. If there was a black widow spider to neutralize, a snake to bag, or a pesky rat to eliminate, Jim was on the case. And if you ever needed someone to taste test a suspicious quart of milk to determine whether it’s past its expiration date, he’s your man.

Jim was tough, that’s been established. But he was also a tender man and, going back, WAY back, a tender boy who grew up adoring his hometown sporting heroes in Philly.

Born November 9, 1946 in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, Jim was the only child of Willard and Louise (“Polly”) Stout. At age 10, his father took Jim to his first Eagles game and Jim immediately became a lifelong fan.

Young Jim played flag football, softball and basketball, along with his toy soldiers and beloved cocker spaniel, Suzie. In high school, he excelled at breaststroke as a competitive swimmer, and worked as a caddy at North Hills Country Club where he picked up the game of golf (while picking up 10 bucks on a good day).

Jim went on to study at Shippensburg University while living it up with his brothers at Tau Kappa Epsilon. After graduation, he joined the Air Force to serve in Okinawa and Taipei, where he met the love of his life.

While courting Grace Chun-Chi Lu, Jim endeavored to master the Chinese language. Ultimately, he learned how to say “cheers,” “drink beer,” and “I love you” in perfect Mandarin. And that was pretty much about it.

Jim and Grace married and settled in Jenkintown, and soon welcomed their daughters Kristie and Jodie. To support his young family, Jim worked days in tech sales and nights as a janitor until his big break with his employer AMP in 1979.

The company dispatched Jim to California, and in the early '80s, he looked after a new client named Apple Computer. And so in Cupertino, he started his long and illustrious career in the Golden State, riding the personal computer revolution in the 1980s and, later, the networked computer wave of the '90s.

A high-flying Silicon Valley professional, Jim was also a father to two teenage daughters and never lacked in finding ways to embarrass them. He would routinely collect the morning newspaper in nothing but his threadbare tighty-whities for all in the cul-de-sac to see.

Jim said one of his great life moments was when, under his captainship, the Stouts won the family putting competition at the Aston Kaanapali Shores resort in Maui in 1988. He savored victory again when Jim enrolled himself and his daughter, Jodie, in the father-son golf tournament at Saratoga Country Club. The duo smashed the glass ceiling to clinch the 2nd place trophy, which featured a bronze father and son mid-swing.

Two beloved dogs also made the Stout house a home — a collie named Puffy and a basset hound called Tootsie. Jim was the primary caretaker for both beloved pets, and cared for them dutifully while cursing the constant clean-up of dog hair, dumps and drool.

In 2013, Jim scored the ultimate retirement job as a golf marshal with the Pebble Beach Company. With the golf cart as his new office, he ensured the rules and pace of play while always looking after his guests including the former president Barack Obama, basketball great Steph Curry, and “a very nice young musician from England” who had female fans trailing him on the links. Jodie and Kristie had to inform Jim he had an extended conversation with none other than Harry Styles.

An avid golfer, Jim scored three holes-in-one in his lifetime. He also collected an untold number of golf balls. The threat of tick-borne disease or poison oak did not dissuade him from leaping into the rough and going on the hunt. Jim gave the pink balls to his granddaughter, Arabella, and the neon ones to grandsons Finn and Seamus.

A loving grandparent, Jim combed the beaches along Monterey Bay with the kids and his beloved rescue dog, Daddoo. Along with Grace, they enjoyed playing games like Chinese checkers, Rummikub, and Blockus — and Jim would rejoice when he managed a win.

Ever the tough dude, Jim clawed himself out of ICU in the summer of 2024 when complications from radiation therapy threw him into septic shock and pneumonia. Melanoma had been his mortal enemy for close to a decade, and when it morphed into full blown stage four cancer, it was an impossible beast to defeat.

Jim died peacefully at home on November 2, 2024. He leaves behind his wife, Grace Lu Stout, who cared for him dutifully and faithfully until the end. He also leaves his daughters, Kristie (“loaf of bread”) Lu Stout and Jodie (“Jo-by”) Lu Stout Hoffman and his sweet dog, Daddoo, who continues to shed all over the carpets.

And if the angels could push play on Jim’s favorite song to usher him to heaven, it would have to be Fleetwood Mac’s “Go Your Own Way” — a rock anthem he just couldn’t drive the speed limit to.

Drive, Jim, drive.  
Fly, Eagles, fly.



Editorial

Evaluating a police shooting

ON OCT. 25, when a Carmel Police officer killed a man who charged another officer with a crowbar after terrorizing a neighborhood with what appeared to be an assault-style rifle, he became part of a national database of about 1,000 police officers who kill civilians in the United States every year.

The shooting of 27-year-old James Marshall by officer Rene Guevara in the backyard of a home on Monte Verde Street appears to be a case of intentional provocation. Marshall’s mother had reportedly warned police that morning that her son was having mental health issues, was armed with a gun and was bent on committing “suicide by cop.”

If her account was right, Marshall’s death was similar to about 20 percent of fatal shootings by U.S. police officers, according to the database, which is maintained by the Washington Post.

Since 2015, the newspaper says, of 10,247 people killed by police in the United States, 2,107 were having a “mental illness crisis.” Even since Marshall’s death in Carmel just three weeks ago, according to the Post, Sterling Brantley, a 68-year-old man in Medina, Texas, Jeremiah Johnson, a 37-year-old man in Delton, Mich., and Kyle Miller, a 39-year-old man in Tulsa, Okla., all died at the hands of police while having mental crises.

These deaths have occurred despite an avalanche of new laws enacted in this country since the June 2020 murder of George Floyd by police officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis, Minn. — laws that were intended to make sure police officers only use force, and especially deadly force, when they have good cause.

In California, the laws are among the strictest in the nation, and the use of deadly force by police officers is governed by specific legal standards. During training, officers are admonished to keep in mind the gravity of what they may be doing:

“In a use-of-force situation, law enforcement officers shall be guided by the principle of reverence for human life and should use only the amount of force necessary to mitigate an incident, make an arrest, or protect themselves or others from harm,” says the 2021 California Peace Officer Standards and Training manual “Agencies should consider tactics and techniques that may mitigate an officer’s need to use a higher level of force to resolve a situation safely while still protecting the public, other officers, and themselves.”

To achieve this, under Assembly Bill 392, signed into law even before the George Floyd killing, California cops are allowed to use deadly force only when it is necessary to defend against an “imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another person.” This legislation changed the previous standard from “reasonable” to “necessary” — a much stricter rule.

The law also emphasizes that only force proportional to the threat should be used, and encourages officers to consider alternatives to deadly force and to de-escalate situations when possible.

However, unlike self-defense laws in some states, California’s law does not impose a duty to retreat for officers. If they are threatened with serious injury or death by an aggressive person, they can respond with the appropriate level of force. They are also allowed to use deadly force to apprehend a fleeing suspect if they have cause to believe the suspect has committed or intends to commit a felony that involves serious bodily injury or death. And, provided they adhere to the guidelines, they are even allowed to use deadly force to “effect an arrest, prevent escape or overcome resistance.”

On Oct. 25, officers responding to reports of James Marshall being armed and threatening to shoot people believed they were about to risk their lives to protect the public from a heavily armed suspect. His weapon turned out to be a BB gun, but officers had no way of knowing that until Marshall was already mortally wounded. Did the officers use the right amount of force to thwart him? That is up to the Monterey County District Attorney and, ultimately, the courts to decide. But when they do, it’s important that they make their evaluations based on the circumstances faced by the officers at the time, not in hindsight from the comfort of somebody’s living room.

BEST of BATES



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Lack of opposition?

Dear Editor,

The front page of last week’s Pine Cone has the headline, “No Controversy Over C.V. Roundabout.”

I have plenty to say about this! I travel Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade every day. If there were no negative comments, it’s because no one knew there was a meeting about the project. Mary Adams and others make sure that no one in the Valley is aware of these meetings so there cannot be negative feedback (just like the dam removal).

The roundabout is unnecessary and there are very few accidents involving the valley road at the intersection of the grade. Politicians and others in favor of these unnecessary projects use this excuse for everything when most of them don’t live in the valley and travel the road regularly. Two years and how many millions of dollars will be spent? How are you

going to reroute traffic during construction? What happens in the event of an evacuation during construction? All of these questions need to be addressed and the public has a right to voice their opinion. Let’s have some transparency and a chance for all of us to be involved.

Kathie Powers, Carmel Valley

‘Reprehensible conduct’

Dear Editor,

I’m certain that one and all are happy that Peterson Conway landed his plane safely on a freeway. But speaking theoretically, who would take off in a plane with so little fuel? Yes, he was calm and landed the plane with only two vehicles damaged by his dereliction. His friends “would be happy to fly with him again,” but he should only be in an airplane as a passenger, in the middle seat of three belted the entire time.

No apology or consideration to those on the packed freeway closed for six hours. Who knows what emergencies were affected, jobs at risk and uncountable reasons people were on the freeway.

This was truly reprehensible conduct.

Jim Lauderdale, Monterey

‘Stand together’

Dear Editor ,

While everyone has been voicing strong opinions on the recent election and its outcome, one thing we should all stand together on is our patriotism and our deep appreciation for the servicemen and women who have fought and served our country.

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# Rough characters and dodgy places in The Last Frontier

FOR 47 years, John and Janice Straley lived in Alaska, observing the wildlife, sealife, and people with anthropological curiosity — the inspiration for 13 novels John wrote before they moved to Carmel.

It’s no surprise, perhaps, that most of Straley’s books are mysteries.

“Alaska is a very moody place,” said the author, who settled with his wife in the quirky coastal village of Sitka (population 8,450), 90 miles southwest of Juneau. “The weather is cloudy, storms come and go, and there’s always some sort of dramatic event on the horizon.

“It’s wild and unpredictable, and the people are odd. Some are running from the law. Some fantasized about disappear-

## Great Lives

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ing into the wilderness to be left alone,” Straley reflected. “Then they discover how hard it is to be self-reliant, and they move into these little villages where a lot of socially inept people are crowded together. Alcohol abuse is a huge problem up there, and things can get pretty crazy.”

### ‘A zillion girlfriends’

John met Jan in 1974 in Eastern Washington. He was a 21-year-old poet with an English degree from the University of Washington, shoeing horses for a living and dreaming of becoming a writer. She was a 20-year-old University of Washington student, working a summer job as a wilderness ranger — one of the first females ever hired for that job by the U.S. Forest Service — covering 100 miles of territory every 10 days.

“She was beautiful, adventurous, exciting and funny — I was in love right away,” he said.

“But he had a zillion girlfriends,” she shrugged.

The Staleys, rugged stock themselves, moved three years later to Alaska, where, in 1979, they lived in a 12-by-16-foot cabin for an entire winter while she was assigned to track radio-collared geese in the wild.

The geese didn’t show, but Jan instead spotted hundreds of humpback whales wintering where they weren’t supposed to be in October, November, and December — a discovery that launched an eminent career as a marine biologist.

### Chasing whales

She soon was chasing humpbacks in the North Pacific, riding ferocious waves alone in a 20-foot skiff and sheltering under

a tarp when the weather got particularly nasty. Her worried husband eventually purchased a 40-foot research boat and started sailing with her.

“After about 40 years together, Jan continued to be way more adventurous than I was,” declared John, who also gravitated toward risk.

After toiling as a young wrangler and horseback trail leader, Straley worked 30 years as a private investigator, knocking on strange doors in dodgy places, never knowing what might be on the opposite side. He met rough characters, asked nerve-wracking questions. Somebody shot at him once as he stood next to a client who was charged with murder. The attempt shattered the window of a car parked in front of them.

Straley worked first for his friend, Rick Friedman, a talented defense attorney and Harvard Law School grad, then he investigated for the Alaska Public Defender Agency until he retired in 2017.

### No experience, no license

“Rick needed somebody to find witnesses and experts and review witness statements,” said Straley, who had no experience as a P.I. and no license (not required in Alaska), before taking the gig.

“We were looking for things others had overlooked — things that would help us tell the truthful story of our clients,” he said.

The novelist, who already had experienced success writing Western-themed fiction, abruptly changed course, creating character Cecil Younger, a private

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PHOTO/COURTESY JOHN STRALEY

Author John Straley with his son, Finn, a standup comic, in cloudy Alaska.

# He imagined beauty in the ruins

WAR IS not beautiful. Taki Gold, a native of the West African nation of Liberia, might be more aware of that than anyone you’ve ever met.

From ages 6 to 9, as he ran for his life during his country’s insanely brutal civil war, his only defense was his imagination, and his young mind became his defense mechanism.

He taught himself to visualize the natural beauty the war had destroyed. When he saw a tree, barren and blackened, he taught himself to conjure the blossoms. If he came upon a crater where a garden once grew, he imagined a rose.

“When war comes, nature dies — it just

“caretaker,” a 13-year-old girl named Frances.

“I woke up the next morning, and my mother was gone,” he said.

### Four years, 1,000 kilometers

Later that same day, he and Frances fled their village near the capital city of Monrovia and began a four-year, 1,000-kilometer trek from Liberia to the Ivory Coast.

He reflects today that the teenager had no real obligation to hold his hand over those years, often risking her own life to hide or protect him from unspeakable atrocities.

What did he see? Gold breathed deeply before answering.

Decapitations. Frequent gang-rapes. Missiles screaming overhead, devastating the landscape and every living thing below.

“War is very honest,”

## Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

doesn’t want to be a part of that,” said the Carmel artist, now 40. “When everything around me was bare and dead, I learned to tap into memories of beautiful things I saw before the war: ‘Oh, color is supposed to be there, so see it now.’”

The contemporary abstract paintings Gold creates more than 30 years later are inspired by the same philosophy: Finding beauty in a complicated and often disheartening world is up to each of us, the artist believes.

### A child left behind

Gold’s world changed two days before Christmas in 1989 — the day before the violence erupted — when his father and pregnant mother (aware of what was to come), fled Liberia for the United States. They took his older brother and sister with them, but left the 6-year-old behind.

“My parents had traveled to America with my brother and sister before, but I was too young and didn’t have my papers when the war came,” Gold explained.

He went with his family to the airport that day, watched them board the plane without explanation and cried so hard that his mother disembarked, took him home and put him to bed. For little Taki, everything seemed OK again.

But as he slept, she returned to the airport, caught a middle-of-the-night flight and left her son in the care of his

Gold learned. “War doesn’t care if you’re 6 ... it doesn’t care if you’re a woman, a man, or a tree. We all thought we would only last a few more hours — except me. I couldn’t comprehend what I was seeing.”

Frances and other women in their procession advised the child to embrace each precious moment.

“They said, ‘You might only be here for a few minutes. You can let war, happen to you, or you can happen to war. You can still play if you choose. Fear is the only thing that can stop you from playing.’”

So Gold played. He pretended. He disappeared into his imagination whenever he could.

### Pain, bitterness as assets

Young Frances counseled him to tap into the bitterness and pain he felt toward his abandonment, seeing it as a possible asset.

“She let me feel that anger,” said Gold, who doesn’t disagree with his caretaker’s strategy. “When war breaks out, you learn to dodge and duck and try to hide. Anger helps you run a little bit faster.”

Bedlam and confusion were the norm, he said of a conflict between countrymen who looked indistinguishable from those they were fighting.

“In Liberia, we’re all the same color. Everybody looks exactly alike,” he said. “It was like we all were infected with a virus that made us do this to ourselves, and that made no sense to me. We didn’t really value ourselves, which is why war was OK.”

There was no battlefield — violence was everywhere and anywhere. Anyone was a potential victim. And from age 6 to 9, the child witnessed unimaginable savagery.

### Grew numb

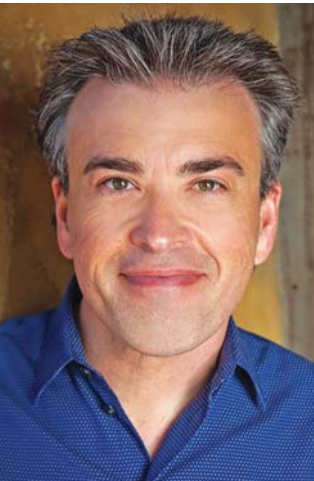
“The missiles flying over our heads weren’t the scariest thing — not at all. People were killing each other in unnatural ways,” he recalled. “I saw soldiers cut open their victims and eat their hearts. They believed it would give them strength.” Such horrors were so frequent he grew



PHOTO/COURTESY TAKI GOLD

Carmel artist Taki Gold, 40, survived Liberia’s civil war from ages 6 to 9, trekking 1,000 kilometers to safety before reuniting with his family in the United States at age 10.

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available for undergrounding projects — but since it had no active plans to remove above-ground power lines, the utility company started reallocating the money to jurisdictions with underfunded projects in the works. Over the course of the next few years, PG&E removed \$324,414 from the city’s allocation and funneled it to undergrounding efforts in other parts of the state.

To keep what’s left, Dramov and Baron recommended creating the undergrounding district to remove 10 power poles and 800 linear feet of lines in the Del Mar parking lot west from the intersection of Ocean and San Antonio. Approval of the district would secure the remaining Rule 20A money for the project through 2033, even if the Rule 20A program undergoes significant changes or is terminated altogether.

“The Del Mar Underground Utility District provides a great advantage from a visual aesthetics perspective for a great number of citizens and visitors to Carmel Beach and the North Dunes site,” public works director Bob Harary said in his staff report for the Nov. 5 meeting.

### Not a small job

The district includes seven homes, five of which have above-ground lines that the owners would have to pay to underground at an estimated cost of \$20,000 to \$30,000 apiece, according to the report, depending on landscaping and other aspects of the work.

“This process would include obtaining permits and approvals from PG&E, other utilities and the city, installing new utility service panels, trenching across their properties, and installing conduits up to the city’s right of way to accommodate underground electric power, cable television, telephone and other communications services,” Harary said in the report. “As a result, onsite landscaping, fences, driveways or other improvements may also need to be restored after the installations are made.”

At the meeting, public works project manager Javier Hernandez said the department had “done an enormous amount of outreach” in attempting to contact the homeowners who would be affected, including going door to door and mailing flyers, and managed to get in touch with

three of them.

A man who said he lives in the second house up from the beach pointed out that he was the only person at the meeting who would be impacted and that he’s “not sure what any of the other owners know or what their level of interest is.”

### ‘Find a better way’

Dramov worried that, despite Harary’s statement in his staff report that “all property owners within the proposed underground district boundaries have been notified of this public hearing,” some remain unaware of the proposal.

“We need to find a better way to reach second homeowners,” Dramov said. “We’ve had a year. I know staff has gone out and knocked on doors and left flyers, but it’s

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being sold by one of his descendants, Blake Forrest. Known as the “Heart of Rancho Rico,” it is one of three parcels that make up the original family compound, which covers several hundred acres.

### Expansive views

On the market for the first time in six decades, the property rises from sea level to almost 1,000 feet, with “views that extend over 80 miles down the Big Sur coastline,” according to Allen, and offers “absolutely breathtaking panoramic views” of the mountains and the sea.

There’s also an abundance of nature on the parcel, including grasslands, chaparral, redwoods, oaks, laurels and madrones, along with an assortment of wildlife.

“From its ridges, you have a 360-degree view, including the Santa Lucia mountains to the east and the vast Pacific Ocean to the west,” according to Tim Allen Properties, which is affiliated with Coldwell Banker.

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standard. But much of the internal conversation and comment during the Friday meeting focused on infighting among environmentalists and low-carbon fuel providers.

About 80 percent of the credits issued to date under the low-carbon fuel standard have gone to combustion-based biofuels, even though the stated goal of California is to move towards zero-emission vehicles. According to the Kleinman Center’s recent analysis those credits equal \$17.7 billion for biofuel producers. The author of the analysis, Danny Cullenward, argues the credit program comes with its own environmental costs and in some ways hinders the shift to electrification.

“The low-carbon fuel standard puts the state’s transition goals further at risk because it primarily funnels capital toward replacing fossil diesel with biofuels rather than toward electrification,” wrote Kleinman in his analysis.

Biofuels are made from food crops like soybeans, so they compete with food production. The fuel production can also result in deforestation and the state’s carbon intensity scores may not reflect those impacts on land use.

### Cows win, too

Dairy farms are another of the program’s big winners. They earn credits for capturing methane from manure, and selling the credits has become a big part of their business model. According to Climate Portal, methane traps around 120 times as much heat as carbon dioxide. However, environmentalists at the board meeting last week argued rewarding dairy farmers under the current model shows limited upsides for the planet.

not working, because there are people who are not here.”

She also noted that once the district is formed, the owners will be forced to go along with it, “and there might be the possibility that someone doesn’t want to do it or may not have the finances to be able to do it.”

And if they don’t underground their utilities by a certain date once PG&E has done its share of the project, their power will be shut off without recourse, she pointed out.

“This is a really serious thing that we’re getting into,” she said.

The council unanimously voted to adopt the resolution establishing the district. Considering the pace at which PG&E is completing such projects, however, it could take a decade to get the work done, according to Hernandez.

“We’ve seen projects last north of 10 years,” he said.



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Besides offering 150 acres of prime Big Sur real estate, a new property listed for sale down the coast features three homes, including this one.

One clear loser in the wake of the vote? Drivers of internal-combustion vehicles. The move will certainly impact low-income residents the most, as many of them can’t afford electric vehicles. Those Californians stretched thin by escalating rents and inflation can add higher fuel prices to their budgets in the New Year.

In a guest commentary published by CalMatters in August, air resources board member Dean Florez wrote that low-carbon-fuel-related costs to consumers could rise sharply as stricter targets are enforced. “By downplaying these potential expenses, CARB risks underestimating the hardship stricter targets could impose on communities already facing high living costs,” wrote Florez.

### Voters take notice

California already has some of the highest gas prices in the nation and fuel costs may have hurt Democrats in some key Congressional races this year. The GOP will retain control of the House of Representatives next year as President-elect Trump takes office, but the margin is razor thin. Former Democratic legislators Rudy Salas and Adam Gray challenged Republican incumbent representatives David Valadao and John Duarte in races to represent two Central Valley districts. Both Democrats had voted to extend the state’s climate programs and raise gasoline taxes in the past.

The Associated Press has called the District 22 race for Valadao and Duarte is leading Gray with 51 percent of the counted vote in District 13. Valadao and Duarte both signed a letter to the air resources board ahead of Friday’s meeting, urging it to postpone the low-carbon fuel vote because of its impact on gas prices. Incumbent Congresswoman Michelle Steel, an Orange County Republican, also signed the letter. She, too, is leading in the vote count over Democratic challenger Derek Tran in a tight race.

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TIME  
From page 12A

During an energy crisis in the mid-’70s, the United States tried making daylight savings time permanent, but the move quickly became unpopular and was reversed. People didn’t like the long, dark winter mornings, and they really didn’t like having children waiting for school buses in the pitch-black dawn hours.

In Florida, the deaths of eight children were attributed to the change, and in 1974, President Gerald Ford officially reversed the decision less than a year after his predecessor, Richard Nixon, made it law.

Despite the failure of year-round daylight savings time, in the 1970s, there was a push to make it the federal standard once again.

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio introduced the Sunshine Protection Act for a second time in March 2023 after his first attempt failed in 2022. The law would keep all Americans on daylight savings time permanently and could nullify Niello’s attempts to keep California on standard time. “It’s time to lock the clock and stop enduring the ridiculous and antiquated practice of switching our clocks back and forth,” said Rubio last week.

The daylight lobby

California Sen. Alex Padilla and the late Dianne Feinstein were original co-sponsors of the legislation. Despite bipartisan support, the federal bill has also stalled in committee.

Now that President-elect Donald Trump has tapped Rubio to be the next United States Secretary of State, the

future of his bill is up in the air, but for fun, let’s envision it passes and daylight savings time becomes permanent. On the shortest day of the year in December, the sun wouldn’t rise until 8:16 a.m. on the Monterey Peninsula. The switch would once again have children out in the dark on their way to school during the winter months.

While doctors have largely said standard time is better for health, there is big money behind keeping daylight saving time. In the 1980s, the Daylight Saving Time Coalition was formed. The lobbyist group represents primarily the special interests of the retail, golf, tourism, oil and candy industries. All noticed daylight at night correlated to people stopping to shop more after work. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has also long supported daylight savings time.

Time Change History

So why did we start messing with the clocks in the first place? Old wives’ tales blame it on the farmers, but that’s not accurate. The changing of the clocks was a wartime fuel-saving measure established in 1918 during World War I. According to the Old Farmer’s Almanac, farmers did not like it at all.

“Imagine telling a dairy cow accustomed to being milked at 5 a.m. that their milking time needs to be moved an hour because the truck is coming to pick up their milk at a different time,” wrote Catherine Boekmann in an article in the Almanac this fall.

The 1918 law lasted only seven months, but after its repeal in 1919, some states continued the observance. This led to inconsistencies in time zones across the country for decades until Congress and President Lyndon Johnson established permanent time changes with the Uniform Time Act of 1966, the system we remain on today.



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## OPIOID

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distribute materials to help teachers and families understand the dangers of fentanyl and provide education and training about the drug and opioid-reversal medicine naloxone.

“This partnership with the Monterey County Office of Education will allow us to extend our reach into schools, ensuring that educators, students and families are

equipped with the knowledge and tools they need to prevent overdoses and save lives,” Montage Health president and CEO Steven Packer said.

The collaboration will also allow tracking of fentanyl use among the county’s young people and offer outreach and prevention efforts. The county education office provides free Narcan, the brand name for naloxone, to schools.

Monterey County Superintendent of Schools Deneen Guss said the collaboration would “make lasting impacts to safeguard” students’ health and well being.

## BILLS

*From page 10A*

Buder raised \$11,751 during the course of his campaign — a significant chunk of it from family members — according to his forms, including \$4,725 during the most recent reporting period. He spent \$3,415 on Pine Cone ads, literature, postage, events and supplies, and as of last week had \$7,933 in unpaid bills for the period, for a total year-to-date outstanding balance of \$11,363, mostly for treasurer services and credit cards.

Bob Delves, who came in second in the council race to land a seat at the dais, raised \$7,395 over the course of his campaign, including \$550 in the final stretch, and loaned himself \$2,000. He spent \$4,029 in the run-up to Election Day, with a year-to-date total of \$4,704, generally on ads and collateral materials.

David O’Neil financed his campaign predominantly with loans from himself, according to his paperwork, that amounted to \$15,310 for the year, with the bulk of it — \$11,310 — coming in the day after the election. With that, he paid off more than \$8,200 in outstanding bills for print ads and other expenses.

Danny Hala and Parker Logan, who came in fourth and fifth in the election, had no significant fundraising or spending to report.

## YOUTH

*From page 9A*

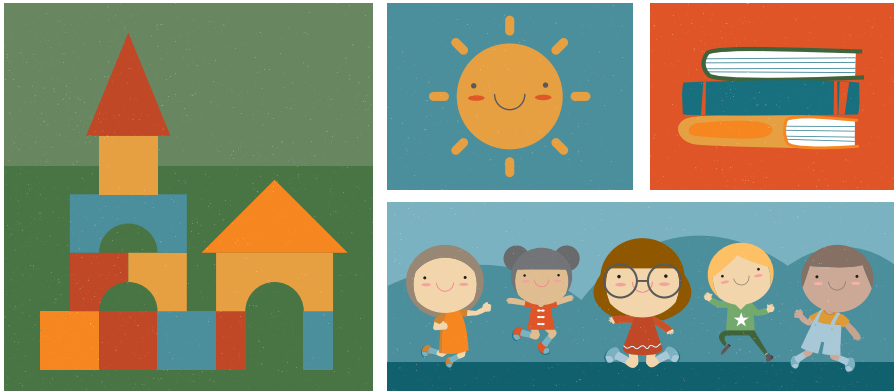
“best practices” and internal financial controls, build donor relationships, increase board members’ engagement and create a “positive, inclusive working environment.”

The nonprofit spent \$39,000 to install heating in the gym in order to comply with state requirements, but other capital improvements are planned, including adding all-gender bathrooms, converting

a large garage into a preschool building, making the entire center ADA accessible and kitting out an instructional kitchen.


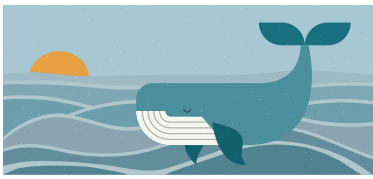
In addition to applying for grants, seeking matching funds and raising money through volunteer efforts during the annual AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament and the Concours d’Elegance, the center is soliciting donations from the public and is pushing for contributions before the end of the year. To find out more about the new iteration of the youth center and its programs, and to help, visit [carmelyouth.org](http://carmelyouth.org).

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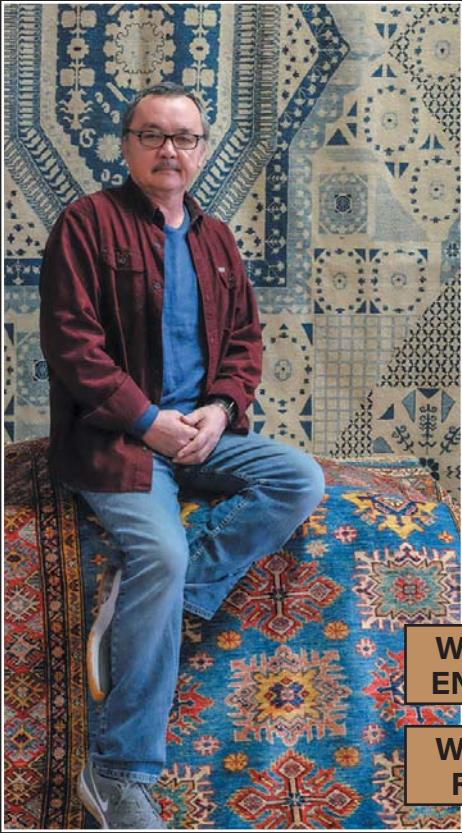


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# The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

## High-scoring win over P.G. rival gives Padres a perfect season

THE MOST aesthetically pleasing sight in sports is a 0 in the loss column, an achievement that becomes more beautiful as it ages.

Last week’s pyrotechnic 44-41 football victory over traditional rival Pacific Grove at Monterey Peninsula College wrapped up a second-consecutive 10-0 regular season for the Carmel Padres, who earned the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s South Division crown with a 6-0 record.

That outcome also gave Carmel another year of custody of The Shoe, the bronze “bragging-rights” traveling trophy that goes home with the winning team every autumn.

### Carmel is seeded No. 1

Their perfect season also earned the Padres the No. 1 seed in the Division 3 bracket of the Central Coast Section playoffs, which, for Carmel, begin Friday with a 7 p.m. kickoff at Monterey Peninsula College.

The opponent, San Mateo, brings an 8-2 record that is unusually glitzy for a No. 8 seed.

“Those seeds are really deceiving, based on a cumulative points system the committee uses to rank all the teams in the section,” explained Carmel coach Golden Anderson. “So we’re not looking at this opponent as a No. 8 seed. Any team in the bracket could win our division.”

The Stevenson Pirates (7-2), who won the PCAL’s



The Carmel Padres (left) celebrate with The Shoe trophy after completing a second-consecutive 10-0 regular season Friday with a wild 44-41 victory over archrival Pacific Grove at Monterey Peninsula College. Senior quarterback Hudson Rutherford (right), who threw for 2,108 yards and 22 TDs in 10 games this season, is a key to Carmel’s explosive offense.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

school history.

Carmel will match the PCAL’s highest-scoring offense (43.6 points per game) against a San Mateo defense that allows just 13.2.

### Big aerial attack

Padres quarterback Hudson Rutherford has passed for 2,108 yards and 22 touchdowns, with only 4 interceptions, completing 131 of 181 passes (72.4 percent). Receivers Ty Arnold (46 catches, 779 yards, 8 TDs), Simeon Brown (32-554, 5 TDs), Mathew Maxon (24-320, 4 TDs) and Brooklyn Ashe (17-364, 5 TDs) give him a variety of targets.

The ground game features Ashton Rees (113 carries, 741 yards, 13 TDs), Dylan Hinds (70-329, 4 TDs) and Connor Reilly (37-312, 3 TDs), who run behind an offensive line composed of center Carl Weigel, flanked by guards Simon Papazian and Tallinn Loberg, and tackles Jackson Lloyd and Robert Beverly.

Defensive standouts for Carmel have included Lloyd (6-foot-7, 285, committed to play next year at Alabama) on the line, Brown (PCAL leader with six interceptions) at free safety, Arnold (four interceptions) at cornerback, and tackle leaders Jeremiah Robinson and Rees at linebackers.

### Bearcats run, run, run

“San Mateo runs a triple-option kind of offense — you don’t see a lot of that, which makes it harder to defend,” Anderson said. “They’re very physical, and they’ll attack you straight ahead, or on the edges, behind a good-sized line.”

The Bearcats rushing attack is led by 6-1, 225-pound Emmanuel Fitzgerald (121 carries, 869 yards, 124.1 yards per game), Jovani Hernandez (83-511) and Logan Davis (41-466), and quarterback Cameron Palma (92-638).

Palma has passed just 33 times this season, completing

*Continues next page*

## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Santa Lucia Division crown with a 6-0 mark, were seeded No. 6 of the eight teams in the CCS Division 5 bracket, earning Friday’s 7 p.m. first-round road game against No. 3 San Jose-based Leland (7-3).

The Pirates will be pursuing the first CCS trophy in



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12 (36.4 percent) for 238 yards.

The winner will play No. 4 Hollister (4-6) or No. 5 Capuchino (8-2) in the semi-finals on Nov. 22 or 23. A victory would mean another home game for the Padres.

On the opposite side of the D-3 bracket, No. 2 Willow Glen (10-0) hosts No. 7 Aptos (5-5), and No. 3 Palo Alto (5-5) is home against No. 6 Half Moon Bay (8-2).

The Leland Chargers also feature a run-oriented offense (169.7 yards per game), but balance their attack with an air game that averages 91.9 yards.

Tandem rushing threats are Brady Hernandez (97-550, 6 TDs) and Hudson Vye (69-487), along with quarterback Jacob Gibson (35-256).

Gibson has completed 52.6 percent of his passes (50-95) for 8 TDs, with 3 interceptions. Favorite targets are Hernandez (17-264), Cole Canter (15-169), and Wyatt Marcos (12-241).

## 6 straight wins for Pirates

After a 1-2 start, the Stevenson Pirates finished with six consecutive victories, utilizing the strong passing of quarterback



PHOTO/KERRY BEISER

Stevenson quarterback Fin Mink, a senior, torched opposing defenses this season with 1,701 passing yards and 20 TDs, with just 3 interceptions.

Fin Mink (115-170, 67.7 percent, for 1,701 yards and 20 TDs, with 3 interceptions).

Top receivers include Grady Roth (33-583, 5 TDs), Derek Diniz (25-463, 4 TDs), and Caden Olson 21-411, 8 TDs), and a balanced ground game includes Tono Borgamini (53-508, 9 TDs), Reggie Bell (52-439), and Mink (32-335).

Stevenson's offense scored 39.6 points per game.

Standouts on a defense that surrenders 15.7 points per game are middle linebacker Tommy Dayton (113 solo tackles), Flint Dixon (70 tackles, 3 interceptions), Bryan Morgan (64 tackles), Cody Thatcher (56), and Jett Jones (53).

A Stevenson victory would result in a semifinal matchup against No. 2 Alisal (5-5) on the road or No. 7 Overfelt (5-5) at home on Nov. 22 or 23.

The opposite side of the bracket consists of No. 1 South San Francisco (8-2) vs. No. 8 Gunderson (7-3), and No. 5 Gunn (10-0) vs. No. 4 Sequoia (5-5).

## Postseason updates

**Girls water polo:** The Pirates, seeded No. 3, qualified for the NorCal tournament on Nov. 9 with their 13-8 CCS Open Division quarterfinal victory over Menlo.

On Tuesday, third-seeded Stevenson (19-9) was eliminated from the CCS Open Division play-offs Tuesday with an 11-7 semifinal-round loss to Soquel, despite two goals each from Arielle Dale and Emmerson Ferriera, and 11 saves by goalie Anna Mitchell.

But that wasn't the end of the road for the Pirates (19-9), whose 13-8 quarterfinal victory over Menlo automatically qualified them for the NorCal tour-

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### On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

in Monterey.

With albums like “In My Tribe” and “Blind Man’s Zoo,” the band from upstate New York generated a buzz in the late 1980s and early 1990s. But when Merchant left in

1993 to pursue what would become a successful career as a solo performer, its future looked uncertain.

The 10,000 Maniacs’ violinist and background singer **Mary Ramsey** took over on lead vocals, and while the band hasn’t matched its success under Merchant, Ramsey is a charismatic singer and instrumentalist who does The 10,000 Maniacs’ early music justice. She also puts her own stamp on enduring 1980s hits like “More Than This” and “Just Like Heaven.”

The lineup for the 10,000 Maniacs also includes guitarist **John Lombardo**, keyboardist **Dennis Drew**, bassist **Steven Gustafson** and drummer **Jerome Augustyniak**. Drew and Gustafson have been with the band since it was formed 43 years ago.

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The symphony will also perform Aaron Copland’s “Fanfare for the Common Man” and “Orchestral Variations,” Joan Tower’s “Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman No. 1,” and Antonín Dvorak’s “Symphony No. 9, From the New World.” Ogren called the last piece “a poignant love letter to America.”

The symphony will be accompanied by pianist **Adam Golka**. Agren called Golka “a rising star.”



Singer and mandolinist Sharon Gilchrist is a part of an all-star lineup of bluegrass musicians who are set to play Tuesday in Monterey.

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## Soup to Nuts

py while you're waiting for a table or driving from one fully booked dining room to another. Read the fine print — some spots are charging fees for cancellations.

### Downtown or close by

**La Playa Hotel** (Camino Real at Eighth) is serving a buffet from 1 to 5 p.m. Along with butternut squash soup, there's turkey and glazed ham, apple and pecan stuffing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, green beans with toasted almonds and more favorites, finishing up with chocolate pecan or pumpkin pie. Indoor and outdoor dining is available. The price is \$95 per person and you can book at bit.ly/3CqR3f1.

As usual, **Mission Ranch's** reservations for Thanks-

giving are sold out. However, weather permitting, there will be additional spaces outdoors for walk-ins. There's a three-course prix fixe menu priced at \$75 for adults and \$35 for kids 10 and younger, all plus tax and gratuity. For a starter, choose butternut squash soup or a salad with frisee, endive, pear and candied pecans, served with pomegranate vinaigrette.

Turkey with stuffing, potatoes, veggies, gravy and cranberry sauce is on offer for the main, or have salmon or prime rib. Dessert choices are deep-dish pumpkin pie, pecan pie or pear galette, each served with cinnamon Chantilly cream. If you have some patience while you're waiting, you can enjoy the famously picturesque views of land, sea and, of course, sheep. Seatings are from 1 to 7:45 p.m.

The culinary team at **Shearwater Tavern in the Carmel Mission Inn** is planning a dinner "with selections encompassing the flavors of fall and locally sourced, seasonal ingredients."

Parker House rolls (remember them?) come with honey butter, then first-course selections include spicy pumpkin soup with pumpkin seeds and jumbo lump crab or a pear, spiced nut and goat cheese salad. If you're not in the mood for the roast turkey, there's a vegan quinoa-stuffed acorn squash, and both entrees come with traditional Thanksgiving sides like cornbread stuffing with dried blueberries and sage, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry jalapeño sauce, and sweet maple-glazed carrots. For dessert, if you've heard of turducken, you might need to try what we're dubbing pumpecan — a festive combination of pumpkin and pecan pie layers topped with Chantilly cream. Gluten-free pumpkin flan is also available.

The meal is priced at \$75 for adults and \$25 for children 10 and under. The first seating begins at noon, with the last seating at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 28. Carmel Mission Inn is



Instantly recognizable to locals, Mission Ranch's views are part of the dining experience, including Thanksgiving Day. While reservations are sold out, walk-ins can be seated outdoors, weather permitting. The three-course prix fixe meal offers turkey, salmon or prime rib with plenty of trimmings.

at 3665 Rio Road. To reserve, call (831) 624-6640 or visit [shearwatertavern.com](http://shearwatertavern.com)

### Just plane good food

**Woody's at Del Mesa and the Monterey Airport** has what is so far the least expensive menu we've heard about. With chef Tim Wood at the helm, you know it's going to be delicious — according to USA Today readers, his Monterey spot is the best sit-down airport restaurant in the country, an honor it's garnered two years in a row. The newish location in the Del Mesa community a mile east of town on Carmel Valley Road gets similar rave reviews.

The same holiday menu will be served at both restaurants. It begins with rolls from Palermo bakery, but don't fill up on them. You've still got butternut squash soup, apple-cider-brined Diestel turkey with baked brioche stuffing, double-butter whipped mashed potatoes, plus Brussels sprouts, green beans, and citrus-marinated cranberry sauce. Top it off with pumpkin or cinnamon apple pie, or the eminently reasonable "thin slice of both" option. It's

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\$46 per person, and you can reserve by calling (831) 373-1232 for the airport location or (831) 624-1854 for Del Mesa.

### Valley views

**Bernardus Lodge's beautiful Lucia restaurant** has two options — a sit-down dinner or a buffet, both priced at \$165 per person plus tax and an automatic 23 percent gratuity. Executive chef Christian Ojeda, known for his use of local and sustainable ingredients, beautiful presentations and, of course, flavorful food, has planned both meals.

The buffet will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., while the four-course sit-down dinner runs from 5 to 8 p.m. At the earlier meal, cruise stations with turkey, Pacific salmon and other seafood, as well as rosemary-peppercorn-crusted black Angus prime rib and plenty of delicious sides. Children ages 6 to 12 can dine for \$65; those 5 and younger eat free.

The dinner menu will include squash and local beet salad, Dungeness crab cake, pumpkin and sweet potato gnocchi, roast turkey, and twice-baked chocolate bread pudding. For an extra charge, you can enjoy wines selected to pair with the meal.

Reserve online at [Exploretock.com](#), or, for parties larger than four people, call Lucia at 831-658-3400 or email [reservations@bernarduslodge.com](#). The lodge is

at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

### Near the waterfront

Monterey's restaurants are also getting ready for the big day. The **Sardine Factory** at 701 Wave St. is offering a four-course prix fixe meal from noon to 8 p.m., starting with butternut squash soup. That's followed by a salad with pears, pecans, parmesan cheese and pomegranate dressing. The main dish is slow-roasted turkey with sage dressing, gravy, cranberry-orange relish, sweet potatoes, almond green beans, baby carrots and roasted Brussels sprouts. Top everything off with pumpkin pie, a fruit tartlet or dark chocolate mousse, and



For a special hostess gift or to impress your guests, purchase some wine from Twisted Roots, which is selling limited-edition, large-format bottles for the first time this year. Or, just enjoy a weekend visit to its Carmel Valley tasting room.

maybe a walk along the rec trail. Adults pay \$62.95, it's \$59.95 for those 62 years or older, \$30 for children under 12, and those under 5 eat free.

Over at the **Monterey Plaza** (400 Cannery Row), you can get dinner for six to go for \$365 — if you order by Tuesday. The

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good people at the Plaza say it'll feature a roast Diestel turkey with "an array of seasonal side dishes, soup, salad and dessert."

Numerous add-ons are also available, from gnocchi, to sea bass. Everything is conveniently packaged in oven-ready containers and will take 45 minutes to an hour to reheat at home. If desired, allow an extra 30 minutes to clean up, hide the boxes, and look relaxed while you take credit.

Order at Open Table, where you can also reserve seats for a buffet from 1 to 7 p.m., which will feature all the usual suspects plus fun alternatives like pumpkin gnocchi with lobster, chorizo-stuffed dates, a raw bar with oysters, crab claws and more, California sushi, and literally dozens of other options. Cost is \$135 for adults and \$49 for chil-



On Nov. 24, the gang at the Haute Enchilada in Moss Landing, led by owner Kim Solano, will honor the memory of family patriarch Ray Retez, who for years ran the nearby Whole Enchilada (now closed).

dren ages 6 to 13. It's free for children under 6. Tax and an automatic 20 percent gratuity will be added.

Yes, there's more ...

The **Hyatt Regency Monterey's Sea Root Restaurant**, with its pastoral golf course views, is planning a "lavish Thanksgiving buffet" from 1 to 7 p.m., accompanied by live music from 2 to 6 p.m. Promising an array of salads, artisanal breads, a carving station with turkey and ham and more — including a special kids corner for fussy tykes — it's \$84 for adults, \$39 for kids 6 to 12 and complimentary for youngsters 5 and under. Reserve at [OpenTable.com](#).

■ Limited edition from Twisted Roots

This holiday season Twisted Roots Winery (tasting room at 12 Del Fino Place, or visit [twistedrootsvineyard.com](#)), is offering special large-format bottles for the first time.

The hand-painted bottles include the 100th vintage of Twisted Roots' 1918 Old Vine Zinfandel. A 5-liter Jeroboam is priced at \$500, a 3-liter double magnum sells for \$350, and a 1.5-liter magnum is priced at \$200.

■ Honoring Ray in Moss Landing

Fans of the Haute Enchilada — the funky art gallery/restaurant in Moss Landing with an eclectic selection of mouthwatering Mexican foods — will celebrate Ray Retez's life on Nov. 24. He and his family had the Whole Enchilada (since closed) across from the Moss Landing power plant, and his daughter, Kim Solano, owns the Haute Enchilada.

"As we approach Thanksgiving, we find ourselves reflecting on the people who bring light and joy to our lives. This Nov. 24 marks one year since we lost our beloved Ray. While his presence is deeply missed, we choose to remember him in the way he would have loved — with warmth, gratitude, and a celebration of life," said a statement signed by the "Haute Enchilada family."

In addition to regular menu items and meal service, there will be giveaways and remembrances of Retez.

The Haute Enchilada is at 7902 Moss Landing Road, or visit [hauteenchilada.com](#).

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nament, which begins Tuesday at host sites. The bracket will be announced Sunday afternoon.

**Girls golf:** Stevenson placed second to Valley Christian in the team competition of the NorCal Regional Championships on Tuesday at Berkeley Country Club in El Cerritos.

The Pirates carded 394 strokes as a team, five strokes behind Valley Christian's winning score, and eight ahead of third-place Granite Bay.

Their score qualified Stevenson's full team for Wednesday's state tournament, which will be played Wednesday at San Gabriel Country Club.

Sophomore Lucinda Wu and freshman Isabella Sun both shot 76 for Stevenson, finishing six strokes behind medalist Taylor Baker of Rio Americano, who carded a 2-under-par 70.

Ashley Gettleman carded 78, Allison Chan scored 81, and Nikki Iniakov recorded an 83 for the Pirates.

**Girls tennis:** Stevenson defeated Aptos 4-3 in the opening round the CCS team championships, earning a second-round matchup against Sacred Heart Prep, the No. 7 seed in the 24-school bracket. Results of that match, which was played Wednesday, were not available at press time.

Pirates who won their matches against Aptos were No. 1 Tereza Kostkova, No. 2 Lynn Fu, and No. 4 Delara Gholami in singles play, and the No. 1 doubles tandem of Jessie Chen and Karen Baker.

Carmel lost its first-round match to Homestead, and Santa Catalina was beaten by Lynbrook, both by 7-0 scores.

**Cross country:** Carmel senior Mack Aldi is a contender for a top-three finish in the boys division at Saturday's CCS Cross Country Championships at the Crystal Springs course in Belmont.

Aldi, the PCAL's top runner, goes into the meet the fourth-fastest time in CCS (15:24.3), trailing only Eli Fitchen-Young (14:43) of Santa Cruz, Landon Pretre (14:51) of Menlo, and Sam Hurst (15:19.5) of Los Altos.

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Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 646-8511 or visit [montereysymphony.org](http://montereysymphony.org).

■ Reunion in Monterey

Featuring Grammy Award-winning mandolinist **John Reischman**, **The California Bluegrass Reunion** plays at Monterey United Methodist Church Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Reischman will be joined by banjoist **Bill Evans**, singer and guitarist **Jim Nunally**, dobro player **Mike Witcher** and bassist **Sharon Gilchrist**.



Singer and violinist Mary Ramsey, along with The 10,000 Maniacs, plays at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey Thursday.

According to the church, the group “brought the down the house” the last two times they played at the church. “These musicians have made music in various combinations for decades, but this all-star performance is an incredible opportunity to see and hear them together,” the church added. “To describe the show as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is no exaggeration.”

Tickets are \$40. Pre-show dinners start at \$12.50. The church is located at 1 Soledad Dr.

Live music Nov. 15-21

■ Big Sur

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

■ Carmel

**Barmel** — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.

**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 pop, 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.

**Hyatt Carmel Highlands** — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

**La Playa Hotel** — singer

and guitarist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

**The Links Club** — **Three Twenty-Five** (pop and rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Head Rush** (rock, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

■ Carmel Valley

**Bernardus Lodge & Spa** — pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Folktale Winery** — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m. 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

**Massa Tasting Room** — singer and

guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

■ Monterey

**Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen** — singer and guitarist **Zach Freitas** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

**Bon Ton LeRoy’s Lighthouse Smokehouse** — Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

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

**Cibo restaurant** — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** 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.

**Estéban Restaurant** — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Thursday at 5 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

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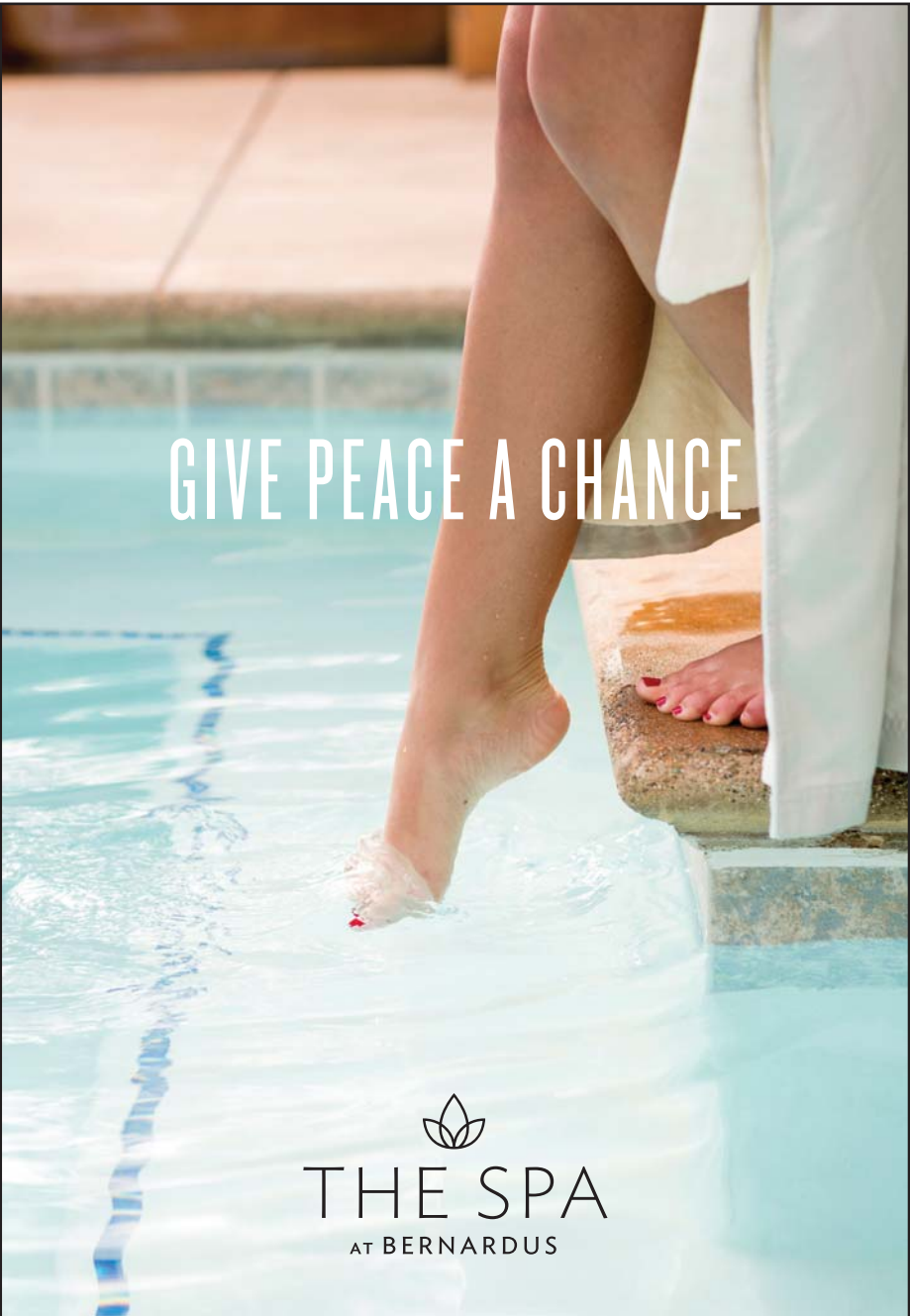


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**terey** — The Monterey Peninsula College String Ensemble (classical, Monday at 7:30 p.m.). Ticekts are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. 501 El Dorado St.

**InterContinental Hotel** — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 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.

**Midici Pizza** — guitarist **Pablo Riviere** and flutist **Kenny Stahl** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

**Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa** — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.),

singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Monday and Thursday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

**Pearl Hour** — **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 — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (Sunday at 4 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

**Salty Seal Pub** — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.),

**Blind Pass** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **Chuck ‘n’ Buck** (rock and blues, Thursday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

**Sly McFly’s** — **Mad About You** (‘80s & ‘90s hits, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The New Wave Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), Victory Lane (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Pacific Jack Band** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Blue Fire** (rock and funk, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

**Wendi Kirby Music** — pianists **Michael Martinez** and **Samer Fanek** (“evocative, cross-cultural music,” Saturday at 5 p.m.). Tickets are \$25. 550 Hartnell Street.



Singer and guitarist Malena Cadiz takes the stage Saturday, 7 p.m., at Pop ‘n’ Hiss in Pacific Grove.

**Fault Duo** (“folky stuff mixed with surprises,” Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

**PG’s Meetinghouse** — **Westfallia** (funk and hip-hop, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The Zach Westfall Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), singer **Akina Miyata** and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.), Open Mic (Sunday at 4 p.m.). 599 Light-

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# ‘Jersey Boys’ bring harmonies to Golden Bough

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN ITS latest musical tribute to the days gone by, PacRep celebrates the legacy of one of America’s great vocal groups from the early 1960s — Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons — when “Jersey Boy” opens with discounted preview Friday, 7:30 p.m., at the newly renovated Golden Bough Playhouse. The musical officially opens Saturday with shows at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

“We have waited a long time to bring this dynamic and heartwarming story to our local community,” director Stephen Moorer said. “We have assembled a Who’s Who of ‘Jersey Boys’ performers from around the country, and we can’t wait to share this electrifying show with our audience.”

Connor Bailey portrays Four Seasons’ lead singer Valli, while Noah Barnes, Jeremy Ingraham and Cooper Shaw play his fellow singers. The cast also includes John Daniel, Lynette Graves, Reg Huston and others. Don Dally is music director, while Joe Niesen is choreographer.

### Powerful falsetto

Founded in Newark, N.J., in 1960, the Four Seasons rocketed to fame in 1962 with the hit single, “Sherry.” Other hits followed, including chart-toppers like “Big Girls Don’t Cry” and “Walk Like a Man.” At a time when vocal groups with sugary harmonies ruled the airwaves, the Four Seasons were king. Valli’s powerful falsetto helped distinguish the group from so many others that were famously forming on street corners at the time.

Written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, the original musical opened on Broadway in 2005, and was a big hit, running for 12 years. Clint Eastwood directed and produced a film based on the musical, which came out in 2014.

The musical continues on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 22. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$49, with special discounts for students, seniors, military, teachers and groups. The theater is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. For tickets or more details, call (831) 622-0100 or visit pacrep.



Opening this weekend at Golden Bough Playhouse, PacRep’s “Jersey Boys” pays tribute to the legacy of one of America’s most enduring vocal groups.

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**Nov. 18 – “Art as Salvation” – Rene Romero Schuler,** local painter and sculptor, will take you on her moving personal journey and the major influence of art in her life. Program begins 2 p.m. at the Carmel Woman’s Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Open to the public, \$10 guests/members free.

**Nov. 19 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) presents a lecture / luncheon by Dr. Bradford Parkinson, world-renowned American engineer and inventor widely known as the “Father of GPS,”** whose topic is “The Story of GPS,” how the Global Positioning System transformed life on earth for 8 billion people and 195 nation states, at the Monterey Marriott. To register and learn more visit <http://www.wacmb.org>

**Nov. 19 – Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) demo** will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Pebble Beach Community Services District’s conference room at 3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. Guest fee \$5. Light refreshments will be served. Gate fee will be waived with mention of “Ikebana Meeting.”

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# ARTIST

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numb, he said.

“I got used to everything except the rape,” he said. “You weren’t just seeing a rape every week or every day. You saw one

every five minutes.”

Frances stayed with him virtually every minute. She was 17 by the time they trudged into a refugee camp on the Ivory Coast.

“She somehow connected with my aunt in the United States. We spent another year trying to find my family in Rhode Island,” he said. “My mom had been checking on

me for three years, but they had no idea if I was still alive.”

His family arranged to fly the 10-year-old and his caretaker to New York. Gold’s most vivid memory of the flight was drinking “about 80 diet Cokes,” he said with a laugh, “then getting really, really sick.”

### Cold memories

His memories of landing at JFK International are all about the cold.

“My mother gave me the longest, tightest hug you can imagine at the airport. I knew who she was, but I felt nothing — I was reaching for Frances the entire time,” Gold remembered. The December weather was another jolt.

“I had never felt so cold in my life. I didn’t know what snow was, and I was certain we had landed in the wrong place,” he said. “I wanted to go back ... I was literally fighting to go back to the war.”

That first Fourth of July in America was traumatic for Gold and Frances, who hid together under a car, terrified, as fireworks exploded overhead.

In Rhode Island, Gold discovered talents for basketball and football, a sport he couldn’t enjoy: “I didn’t like being chased,” he said.

Gold aspired to compose film scores, but his mother, a nurse, advised him to follow her path. At the University of Rhode Island, he instead earned a degree in sociology, with minors in kinesiology and English.

As a college graduate, he derived cathartic success from purchasing military jackets from U.S. combat veterans and redesigning them into wearable art.

### Creating beauty from war

“Connecting with the veterans community was a form of healing for me, and those designs were my way of creating beauty from the war experience,” he said.

He detoured next toward his music aspirations, composing and performing original songs. His self-produced seven-song album, “God Girl,” was released

in July 2020, two-and-a-half months after a single, “Liberian Boy.”

When the Covid pandemic hit in 2020, he changed direction again.

“I began to paint, which became another form of therapy,” Gold said. “I had no training, so my first plan was to master being a beginner. Start with a mistake, but make sure I don’t finish with a mistake.”

Gold’s talents and the African culture that permeates his style were well received. In 2020 — his first year at the easel — he showed in multiple group exhibitions. His first sale grossed \$16,000, and another early work went for \$20,000.

In 2022, the Robin Rice Gallery in Los Angeles gave him his first solo exhibition at the L.A. Art Show, where one of his pieces sold for \$30,000.

Another one-artist show followed in 2023 in Florida, and more are scheduled this year in Houston, Cincinnati, and Seoul, South Korea.

### Coming to California

Gold and his business partner, Lisa Ford, moved from the Santa Barbara area to Carmel-by-the-Sea in August, renting a comfortable home on Ocean Avenue, a short walk from downtown.

“Carmel is a place that allows me to imagine how Liberia might look if war had not happened — nature would have flourished,” he said.

“There is a peace and beauty here, and wealthy solitude. I see an example to my country of how to grow wealthy within nature.”

Although Gold’s parents have returned to Liberia, he still has family on the East Coast. He has grown closer to his birth mother, but Gold thinks of Frances, the caretaker who risked her own life to save his, as his mom.

Images of his art and more about his story can be found online at [worldoftakingold.com](http://worldoftakingold.com).

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# LIVES

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investigator with an alcohol problem, whose quirky cases inspired nine of Straley’s novels.

His first — “The Woman Who Married a Bear” (1992) — took seven years to finish because he was traveling extensively at the time for his real-life investigations and writing in his spare moments.

His next, “The Curious Eat Themselves,” was published the following year, and he produced four more over the next five years.

Straley’s real-life investigations included multiple homicide cases — several on boats. One memorable client, charged with eight counts of murder, was found not guilty of all charges after two trials. Straley also was asked to look into a case that brought international attention to Alaska.

“When the skipper of the Exxon Valdez ran his ship into the rocks (1989), they needed an investigator who knew crime and knew boats, and hired me,” said Straley, who uncovered evidence that helped acquit Joseph Hazelwood in a high-profile trial.

Meanwhile, the author followed his string of Cecil Younger novels with another series of mysteries — four books published by Penguin Random House between 2008-2022 and set in a fictional Alaska village he called Cold Storage.

### His wife was his muse

Straley’s newest, “Big Breath In,” is described as a “crime story, scientific inquiry, and metafictional love letter, featuring a courageous, motorcycle-ripping heroine and inspired by the grit and determination of the brilliant scientist the author has spent his life with.”

“No question, I recognize myself in the novel, and I love it — it’s great, and it’s fun,” said Jan, his muse, who is still active in marine research at age 70, despite being two decades into her own battle with Parkinson’s disease.

She’s also the author of “Ed Ricketts: From Cannery Row to Sitka, Alaska,” a compilation of essays (177 pages) by seven contributors, including John Straley and Ed Ricketts, and edited by Jan. The forward was written by Nancy Ricketts — daughter of the legendary marine scientist and Jan’s close friend — who died June 1 at her Sitka home five months short of her 100th birthday.

As a marine scientist, Jan became an assistant professor and later held a full professorship at the University of

Alaska Southeast, an academic career during which she published numerous research papers.

In October 2022, after John slipped on some ice and sustained a concussion, they relocated to Hacienda Carmel, 15 minutes from their son, Finn, a professional standup comedian who is currently writing screenplays, Finn’s wife, Monterey native Emily Basham, and two grandchildren — Arthur, almost 3, and Walter, 6 months.

**‘I left Cecil in jail’**

John’s next novel, “Everything That’s Fixed Will Always Be Broken” — a work in progress — catches up with private investigator Cecil Younger.

“I left Cecil in jail in my last book, and promised my fans that I’d get him out,” said Straley, who won the 1993 Shamus Award for Best First Mystery for “The Woman Who Married a Bear,” and the 1996 Spotted Owl Award in the Best Northwest Mystery category for “The Music of What Happens.”

Straley will sign copies of “Big Breath In” on Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Olivia & Daisy Books (13766 Center St., Carmel Valley).

Additional information about the author and his books can be found online at [johnstraley.com](http://johnstraley.com).



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Jan Straley, an accomplished marine biologist, authored numerous research papers and published a book about Ed Ricketts, whose sister, Nancy, was her close friend.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

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

Case No. 24CV004349

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner, ANTHONY MONDRAGON, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A. Present name:**  
ANTHONY MONDRAGON  
**Proposed name:**  
ANTHONY RAVEN MONDRAGON

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
DATE: Dec. 13, 2024  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DEPT: 13A

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

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

(s) Thomas W. Willis  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: Oct. 17, 2024  
Publication Dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2024. (PC 1034)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241921

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CULTURARTS, 685 Cannery Row, Suite 111, Monterey, CA 93940.** County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SOTO & ASSOCIATES LLC, 685 Cannery Row, Suite 111, Monterey, CA 93940. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2024.

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

S/Roberto Soto, Managing Member  
Date: Oct. 16, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 16, 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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You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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At the time of the initial publication of this Notice, the amount due to satisfy the obligation secured by the subject Deed of Trust, estimated costs, expenses, fees and advances is \$3,325,215.97. To verify the opening bid call (408) 374-7204, before the sale date. The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as Trustee, 827 Cedar Street, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060 By: Christina Leigh, Foreclosure Officer Date: October 31, 2024 This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose; whether that information is obtained verbally or in writing. NPP0467343 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 11/08/2024, 11/15/2024, 11/22/2024

Publication dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 2024 (PC1124)

eral, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Publication Dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2024. (PC 1035)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241874

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHANGE OF PLACES, 49 Ocean Pines, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.** Registered Owner(s): CAROLYN ANN HOLDER

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2020.

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S/Carol A. Holder  
Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 7, 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).

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241886

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INDIGO NATURALS, 25831 Carol Pl., Carmel, CA 93923.** County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: JUMP STATION LLC, 316 Mid Valley Cnt., R#283, Carmel, CA 93923.

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 Nov. 14, 2018.

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S/Dennis Jarvis, Managing Partner  
Date: Sept. 30, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 9, 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: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2024. (PC 1041)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241926

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHAMP CERTIFIED FARMER MARKETS, 100 Panetta Road Carriage House, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.** Registered Owner(s): JOSEPH SALVATOE ALIOTTI

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This business is conducted by a married couple.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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S/Benadette M. Aliotti  
Date signed: Oct. 17, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 17, 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).

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

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

Case No. 24CV004323

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JOSE CARLOS RUIZ-MARTINEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A. Present name:**  
JOSE CARLOS RUIZ-MARTINEZ  
**Proposed name:**  
CARLOS RUIZ-MARTINEZ

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
DATE: Dec. 6, 2024  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DEPT: 15

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

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

(s) Thomas W. Willis  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: Oct. 15, 2024  
Publication Dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2024. (PC 1043)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241933

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SELINA'S THERAPY CENTER, 620 Lighthouse Ave., STE 165, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.** Registered Owner(s): SELINA SAHBA

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 17, 2024.

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S/Selina Sahba  
Date signed: Oct. 17, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 17, 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).

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241956

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE PLUSHIE DOO, 711 Cannery Row, Suite F, Monterey, California 93940.** Registered Owner(s): MARY JANE PETERSON, PO Box 665, Monterey, California 93942.

STEVEN ANTHONY CLOSE, PO Box 665, Monterey, California 93942.

This business is conducted by a married couple.

Registrant commenced to transact busi-

ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 21, 2024.  
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S/Mary Jane Peterson  
Date signed: Oct. 22, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 22, 2024.  
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Publication Dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2024 (PC 1045)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241957

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY'S FINEST, 700 Cannery Row, Suite H1, Monterey, CA 93940.** County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: RVWB INVESTMENTS, INC, PO Box 665, Monterey, California 93942.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 3, 2022.

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

S/Mary Jane Peterson, President  
Date: Oct. 22, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 22, 2024.

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Publication Dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2024 (PC 1046)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241875

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **Sparrow Marketing, 3166 Ninole Dr Marina, CA 93933,** County of Monterey

Registered Owner(s): Bryce Bishop

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable

S/ Bryce Bishop

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/07/2024

11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22/24

**CNS-3864630#**

**CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024. (PC 1101)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241925

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BODY ATelier, 4739 LA VILLA MARINA UNIT #D, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292,** County of LOS ANGELES

Registered Owner(s): ALINA ROZWADOWSKA, 4739 LA VILLA MARINA UNIT #D MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292

This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE

S/ ALINA ROZWADOWSKA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/17/2024

11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22/24

**CNS-3865190#**

**CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024. (PC 1102)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241916

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. PETTY'S GENERATOR SERVICE 2. PETTY ENTERPRISES 1082 Wranglers Trail Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.** Registered Owner(s): RICHARD ALAN PETTY, 1082 Wranglers Trail Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

S/Richard Alan Petty  
Date signed: Oct. 16, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 16, 2024.

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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: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024 (PC 1103)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241911

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ENHANCIVE, 1491 CYPRESS DRIVE, UNIT 1621, PEBBLE BEACH, CA 93953-9800,** County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): ENHANCIVE LLC, 1491 CYPRESS DRIVE, UNIT 1621, PEBBLE BEACH, CA 94953-9800

CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 10/01/2024

S/ RICHARD M. KUNMATH

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on OCTOBER 15, 2024

11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22/24

**CNS-3865333#**

**CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024. (PC 1104)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241972

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AALIYAHS AUTO REPAIR AND TIRE, 3332 Paul Davis Dr., STE 4, Marina, CA 93933.** County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

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

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 24, 2024.

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

S/Joe A. Perez, Member  
Date: Oct. 24, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 24, 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: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024. (PC 1105)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241973

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **A & M PLUMBING, 210 Grove Acre Ave. #43, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.** Registered Owner(s): MATTHEW ERNEST WILLIAMS, 210 Grove Acre Ave. #43, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 28, 2009.

**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/Matthew Williams  
Date signed: Oct. 24, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 24, 2024.

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Publication Dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024 (PC 1106)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241954

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GREENFIELD PHARMACY, 104 S EL CAMINO REAL, GREENFIELD, CA 93927** County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s): MAHAKAL CAREMORE INC., 6248 HERFORD LN, EASTVILLE, CA 92880

This business is conducted by a Corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/30/2024.

MAHAKAL CAREMORE INC  
S/ VIVEKKUMAR DHANANI, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/22/2024.

11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22/24

**CNS-3866205#**

**CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024. (PC 1107)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241966

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ESTRELLA MEDIACO, 1 ESTRELLA WAY BURBANK, CA 91504,** County of LOS ANGELES

Registered Owner(s): MEDIACO OPERATIONS LLC, 1 ESTRELLA WAY BURBANK, CA 91504; DELAWARE

This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on APRIL 17, 2024

S/ ARYA TOWFIGHI, EVP

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/23/2024

11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22/24

**CNS-3865944#**

**CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024. (PC 1108)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241808

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NEURODIVERSITY NETWORK, 214 Ridge Road, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.** Registered Owner(s): BARBARA LYNN LAZARONY

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 18, 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/Barbara L. Lazarony  
Date signed: Sept. 23, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 25, 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).

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20241955

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BABY LITTLE DAY CARE, 255 E. Bolivar St., SPC 189, Salinas, CA 93906.** Registered Owner(s): RUFINA LOURDES GOPAR QUIROS

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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S/Rufina Lourdes Gopar Quiros  
Date signed: Oct. 22, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 22, 2024.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

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

Case No. 24CV004508

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, OMAR FRANCISCO SANCHEZ and LUCIA MARIA SANCHEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A. Present name:**  
SAMANTHA SANCHEZ-ROCHA  
**Proposed name:**  
SAMANTHA SANCHEZ

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
DATE: Dec. 20, 2024  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DEPT: 14

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

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

(s) Thomas W. Willis  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: Oct. 28, 2024  
Publication Dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024. (PC 1111)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241962

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MCEPROS AIRBNB, 395 Del Monte Center, Suite #103, Monterey, CA 93940.**

Registered Owner(s):  
1. OMAR AHMED OMAR MAHMOUD ABDEIGHANY AHMED

2. ISABEL MASTROPAVIOS

395 Del Monte Center, Suite #103, Monterey, CA 93940.

This business is conducted by a joint venture.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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S/Omar Mahmoud Abdelghany Ahmed

Date signed: Oct. 18, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2024.

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Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 (PC 1113)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241965

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY FOOD INGREDIENTS, 27578 Prestancia Circle, Salinas, CA 93908.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: A & T HAMMOND, INC, P.O. Box 2564, Monterey, CA 93942.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter 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/Alice Ann Hammond, President

Date: Oct. 18, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241885

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STERLING VETERINARY SERVICES, 131 Stryker Ct., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.**

County of Principal Place of Business: SOMERSET.

Registered Owner(s): DIANA MAGEE

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2012.

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

S/Diane Magee

Date signed: Sept. 30, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 9, 2024.

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Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 (PC 1117)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241929

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **3CS, 24319 Monterra Woods Road, Monterey, CA 93940.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): SANDRA LOUISE WHEATLEY

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

S/Sandra Wheatley

Date signed: Oct. 17, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 17, 2024.

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Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 (PC 1118)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242006

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SOLARTECTURE, 1213A Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): GEORGE EDWARD PORTER

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 31, 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/George Edward Porter

Date signed: Oct. 31, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 31, 2024.

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Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 (PC 1122)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242030

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ACME PLUMBING, 26 Summer Street, Salinas, CA 93901.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: E & D INDUSTRIAL TRADES, INC, P.O. Box 6204, Salinas, CA 93912.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 5, 2024.

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

S/Deborah Anne Mendoza, Vice President

Date: Nov. 5, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2024.

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Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 (PC 1121)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241984

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Bermudez Family Cremations & Funerals, 475 Washington Street, Suite A, Monterey, CA 93940**

County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s): FPG California, Inc, 369 N. New York Ave, Suite 300, Winter Park, FL 32789

This business is conducted by a Corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/4/2024.

FPG California, Inc

S/ DAVID WALTZER, ,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/28/2024.

11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6/24

**CNS-3862133#**

**CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2024. (PC 1125)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242007

Filing type: ABANDONMENT

County of Filing: Monterey

Date of Original Filing: Oct. 31, 2022

File No.: 20222192

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SOLARTECTURE, 1213 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**

Registered Owner(s): MARK EDWARD PORTER, 9940 Eddy Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242009

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FERGUSON WATERWORKS, 66**

TARP CIR, SALINAS, CA 93901-3717, County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC, 751 LAKEFRONT COMMONS, NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23606

This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 10/03/2019

S/ IAN T.GRAHAM, MANAGER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/31/2024

11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6/24

**CNS-3869514#**

**CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2024. (PC 1126)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

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

Case No. 24CV004692

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, HENRY GANDALL IV, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**A** Present name: HENRY GANDALL IV

Proposed name: HENRY GANALL HALEMANO

**B** Present name: JENNIFER TRANG TU aka JENNIFER TRANG TU-GANDALL

Proposed name: JENNIFER TRANG TU-HALEMANO

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

NOTICE OF HEARING:

DATE: Jan. 7, 2025

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

DEPT: 15

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

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

(s) Thomas W. Wills

Judge of the Superior Court

Date filed: Nov. 7, 2024

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242065

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

**1. FARM FRESH PRODUCE**

**2. BARN FRESH PRODUCE**

**8856 Highway 1, Moss Landing, CA 95039.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): KRISTEN J. MORENO

This business is conducted by an individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2020.

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

S/Kirsten Moreno

Date signed: Nov. 8, 2024

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