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## Footpath repairs expected to run through March

By MARY SCHLEY

SAN ANTONIO Avenue north of Fourth Avenue is shut down in one direction, allowing only northbound traffic along the route toward the gate into Pebble Beach and forcing southbound drivers to head up Second Avenue and then down Carmelo or another parallel street, while extensive repairs are made to the adjacent pathway.

During winter rains in early 2023, much of the pathway eroded, and its grape-stake fencing separated from the edge and sagged into the properties below the roadway. A year later, the city hired a structural engineering firm to

develop plans to repair it, and last month, the Carmel City Council approved a \$503,470 contract for the project.

Work began last week on the badly damaged sections of the 700-foot-long footpath that was built in collaboration with the Pebble Beach Co. 14 years ago.

### Not built right

Public works director Bob Harary told the council last month that the process of designing the repairs revealed that the original construction was deficient in that, while the original buried concrete piers were fine, the posts and other infrastructure supporting the fence weren't properly connected to the piers. As a result, stormwater running on the west edge of the path rotted away the wood and undermined the fencing.

"It was doomed to failure," he told the council.

When the original project was in the works in 2009, the Pebble Beach Co. was the lead and hired Graniterock Pavex to build the path, which the city and the company decided should be completed in time for the 2010 U.S. Open so people could walk from town to the tournament entrance near the Carmel gate. The path was part of an overall effort to connect walkers in Carmel with the network of trails in Del Monte Forest, and the city and the company shared the construction costs.

Crews with Sharp, the contractor that won the repair bid, last week screened off the sections of the path that require the overhaul, which includes repairing 44 concrete piers, adding steel-reinforced

## Police chief offers details about shooting

### Grateful for community support

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE IT may be months before the Monterey County District Attorney's Office files its findings on the Oct. 25 officer-involved shooting near the Golden Bough theater, Police Chief Paul Tomasi is focusing on helping his officers and the department, as well as the broader community, recover from the tragedy. James Marshall, 27, died after threatening people with what appeared to be an assault-style rifle, charging a police officer with a crowbar, and being shot by another officer who was trying to protect his colleague.

### Any other day

In an interview with The Pine Cone, Tomasi said the morning of the shooting, he was setting up job interviews with candidates to fill a vacant position in the department when one of his officers told him that reports were coming in of a man in the area of Monte Verde and Eighth pointing a gun at people and threatening them.

In response, he, Sgt. Gerald Maldonado and officer Rene Guevara hurried to the scene. After setting up a command post at Dolores and Eighth and requesting help from other police agencies, the three officers searched for Marshall, who by then was in the backyard of his nearby house.

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Traffic is restricted to one lane on San Antonio Avenue while repair work continues on the roadside footpath leading to Pebble Beach.

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## CUSD settles one harassment case, fights others

By MARY SCHLEY

OF THE three sexual harassment lawsuits filed against Carmel Unified School District last year, one has been settled for \$250,000, according to a district source, while the two others are proceeding.

A lawsuit filed Oct. 4, 2023, on behalf of an unnamed female, Jane Doe, by attorney B. James Fitzpatrick alleged pervasive, ongoing harassment by the district's lead custodian, Roel Martinez, and district officials' repeated failures to address her complaints or fire Martinez.

### Only female

Doe, who has worked for CUSD for 25 years, said in the complaint that she was singled out for harassment because she was the only female custodian, and that Martinez repeatedly disparaged and made inappropriate comments about female students, parents and employees, and

that he groped her. When she complained, officials failed to respond and allowed the behavior to continue.

"CUSD has continued to subject plaintiff to unwarranted reprimands, unreasonable work demands, and disparately harsh treatment from district employees. CUSD has continued to harass and retaliate against plaintiff by launching reprisal complaints and investigations against her," the lawsuit says. "Plaintiff continues to suffer severe trauma and distress from this situation, with catastrophic consequences to her physical and mental health."

She alleged sexual harassment, sex discrimination, retaliation, failure to investigate and prevent harassment

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SCREENSHOT BY THE CARMEL PINE CONE

Police Chief Paul Tomasi (at right) and Sgt. Gerald Maldonado (left), along with James Marshall (center), are depicted in video captured Oct. 25 by Officer Rene Guevara's bodycam.

## Covid-era parklets removed in Pacific Grove

By KELLY NIX

CONSTRUCTION CREWS this week demolished two adjacent dining parklets in downtown Pacific Grove to make way for new outdoor restaurant eating areas and other improvements. A third parklet, belonging to the owners of a seafood restaurant, is expected to be torn down next week.

The removal of the parklets comes after the P.G. City Council Sept. 18 voted 6-0 to have Marina-based Silicon Constructors Inc. build the Lighthouse Avenue Widening Project for \$242,360 plus a 25 percent contingency. On Monday morning, workers started tearing down the wooden parklet in front of Victorian Corner at 541 Lighthouse Ave.

A portion of Fountain Avenue was closed so there was some space for work trucks and other equipment. Crews removed the roof of the restaurant's parklet before pulling up the floor and dismantling other parts and tossing the wood pieces into a dumpster. By Tuesday afternoon, the dining structure and one next door used by Rudolfo's Café were gone.

### Dining areas

"The remaining parklet for Wild Fish restaurant will be removed Nov. 25," Pacific Grove city manager Matt Mogensen told The Pine Cone this week. "The sidewalk widening project is expected to be completed prior to the end of the year, weather permitting."

The project involves building open-air seating areas in front of the three restaurants. Pedestrian traffic will be

directed to a wider, 8-foot pathway between the outer portion of the fenced dining areas and Lighthouse Avenue.

Other work includes removing trees and planting new ones in metal-grated wells, relocating signs and an existing light pole, while adding new pavement striping and markings.

The operators of Victorian Corner and Rudolfo's are in favor of the new outdoor dining plan, while Wild Fish

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## Home that clings to Big Sur cliff sells for \$\$\$



Not for the faint of heart is this dramatic home perched on the edge of a cliff in Big Sur — but the horizon-to-horizon views surely make the \$19.3 million purchase price worthwhile. See page 10A.



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Workers dismantled two parklets in P.G. this week and will tear down a third Monday to make way for new restaurant seating.

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Hollywood idol

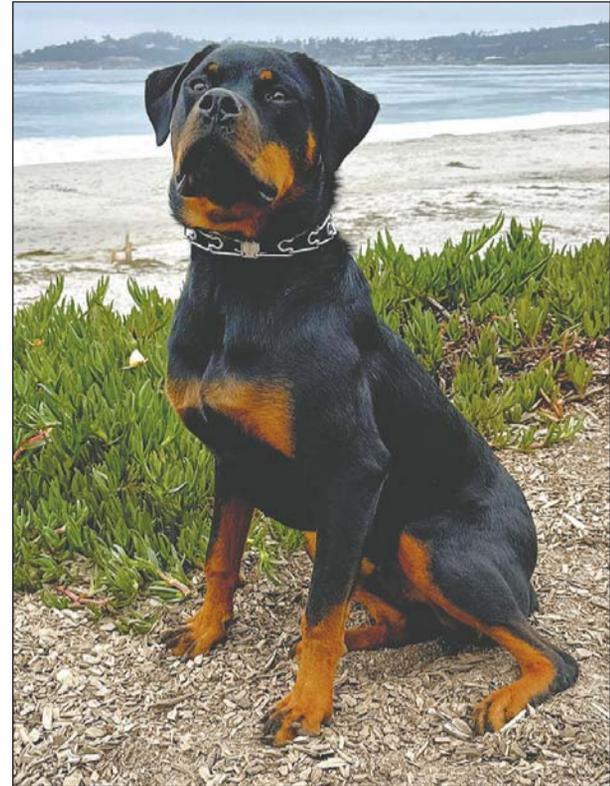
Dylan McKay, played by the late Luke Perry, was a fictional character from the '90s television series, "Beverly Hills 90210," who had a reputation for being a seductively enigmatic loner. Dylan McKay is also the name of a 16-month-old Rottweiler rescue who lives near the Carmel fire station.

Dylan's person had always wanted a Rottweiler, preferably a female, and imagined naming her Tina Turner. She also wanted a male golden retriever, whom she planned to name Dude. As it turned out, there was no golden retriever sitting hopefully in his stall at the SPCA, but there was a Rottweiler, just not a female. Instead, there sat a tiny male Rottie with trust issues, waiting his turn to be rescued.

She grabbed him before anyone else could show interest. She considered naming him Dude, but everyone thought she was saying, "Duke."

"I was a child of the '90s and loved 'Beverly Hills 90210.' Dylan McKay had trust issues, too, and he was my favorite," his person said. "So I gave my Rottie his name. When I told my dog trainer I'd named my dog Dylan, he said, 'As in McKay?' He gets it."

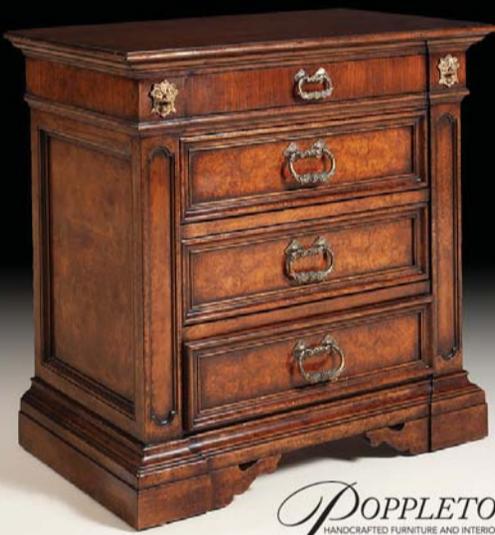
When trying to figure out how to train Dylan, his person wandered "down the internet rabbit hole," she said, until she found the nicest couple, "all buttoned-up and



professional, exactly who you'd want to leave your dog with." Which was important since these trainers only do "board-and-train," so Dylan remained with them for two weeks.

"He was gone 16 days and came back a whole new dog," his person said. "He's now a good listener and has no aggression. He responds to basic commands and waits patiently to be fed. He's gentle, like the cuddliest bear, or like a teenaged boy who just wants to sleep."

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# Panetta backs anti-terrorism bill

By KELLY NIX

A CONTROVERSIAL congressional bill that would punish nonprofit groups for supporting terrorist organizations has waned among some Democrats on Capitol Hill but still has strong backing from Rep. Jimmy Panetta, who this week called the proposal necessary to ensure funds aren't going to terrorists.

On Thursday morning, the House of Representatives voted 219-184 to pass the bill, dubbed the Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act. While the legislation just a few months ago garnered wide support among both parties, some Democrats changed their minds after President-Elect Donald Trump triumphed in the Nov. 5 election over Vice President Kamala Harris.

## Bill 'necessary'

Panetta, a Democrat from Carmel Valley, said he is not one of them. He expressed his full backing for the bill, which would authorize the U.S. Treasury secretary to review nonprofits believed to be providing material support, including funding, to listed terrorist entities — similar to the process of investigating nonprofit groups accused of embezzling money or engaging in prohibited political activity.

"HR 9495 is a necessary piece of legislation to ensure that terrorist organizations are not being funded illegally," Panetta, who represents the 19th Congressional District, including the Monterey Peninsula, told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

Since the election, many Democrats and the American Civil Liberties Union have expressed concern that Trump could use the proposed law to go after political opponents.

"I realize that politics can play into the perception of legislation," Panetta said. "However, I try my best to operate based on the merits of the policy, rather than the politics of fear."

## Protections included

Panetta pointed to the numerous safeguards and appeals that are included in the bill. They were advocated for by the House of Ways and Means Committee, of which he is a member. For example, the treasury secretary must notify a group of the intent to revoke its nonprofit status and include details of the allegations. Groups have 90 days to challenge the action.

An organization is "allowed the opportunity to make a reasonable effort to retract any support given to the terrorist organization and certify in writing that it will not provide any further support and demonstrate" that it did not provide support to terrorists, the lawmaker explained.

After the 90-day period, groups can dispute the loss of their nonprofit status through an independent Internal Revenue Service department or in U.S. district court.

According to a 2022 Biden Administration "national terrorists financing risk assessment," some groups have misused nonprofits to support their activities, Panetta explained.

"While most U.S.-based charities adhere to the law, the administration increased banking due diligence expectations to deal with this threat," he said. "They found that a nonprofit based out of Afghanistan was used to finance ISIS in 2020 and solicited donations online."

Charitable groups are common vehicles to raise money for terrorist groups such as Hamas. They often use Western nonprofits

**'The merits of the policy, rather than the politics of fear.'**

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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Tassajara neighbors have issues

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** No calls to report.  
**Pacific Grove:** Report of past-tense vandalism on Laurel Avenue. No suspect information.  
**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to a deceased person found on Shell Avenue. Coroner responded.  
**Pacific Grove:** RV on Lawton was marked for 72-hour parking.  
**Pacific Grove:** Trailer on Forest Hill was marked for 72-hour parking.  
**Big Sur:** Burglary to a commercial building on the south coast of Monterey County on Highway 1.

**Carmel area:** Report of mental abuse involving a Trevis Way resident.

**Pebble Beach:** Report of alleged mental abuse involving a Portola Road resident.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost stand-up paddle at Scenic and 13th.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle stored per 22651(d) CVC, blocked driveway, at San Carlos and Ninth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Loose dog at Forest and Seventh returned to a family member.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Suspected child

abuse report and investigation at Monte Verde and Fifth.

**Pacific Grove:** Business check on Grand Avenue for loud music.

**Pacific Grove:** Potential false personation of law enforcement officer.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Kenet was marked for 72-hour parking.

**Carmel area:** Report of alleged financial abuse involving a Dolores Street resident.

**Carmel area:** Deputies responded to a report of suspected burglary on Yankee Point Drive. Suspect(s) still at large.

**Pebble Beach:** At-risk missing person was reported on Sloat Road. Missing person was located after knocking at a residence and admitting her diagnosis. Missing person was returned home safely.

**Carmel area:** Deputies responded to the report of a past-tense theft at a residence on Mesa Drive.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Theft of a wallet from a residence at San Carlos and Ninth, and credit card used.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost wallet.

**Pebble Beach:** Law enforcement investigated a past-tense burglary to a business on Stevenson Drive. A 26-year-old female was arrested.

**Pacific Grove:** Physical altercation at PGMS involving two juveniles.

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## The gavel falls

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

**Oct. 18** — A jury found Jorge Farias, 37, and Michael Bloom, 43, prisoners at Salinas Valley State Prison, guilty of first-degree attempted murder on an inmate. Farias was found to have two prior strike convictions under California's three strikes law in 2012 for attempted murder and voluntary manslaughter with a firearm. Bloom was found to have suffered multiple prior strike convictions under California's three strikes law in 2007 for two robberies and two assaults with a firearm. Judge Stephanie Hulsey presided over the five-day trial.

On December 10, 2018, during the Facility B breakfast at SVSP, defendant Farias unexpectedly exited his prison cell against SVSP policy and ran directly into a neighboring cell. He was closely followed

into the cell by defendant Bloom. The defendants immediately began an attack on the inmate who lived in the cell, punching and stabbing him repeatedly. The victim inmate suffered 28 stab wounds to his torso, neck, head, and arms. He was rushed to Natividad Medical Center where he was treated for life-threatening wounds.

This case was investigated by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation officers and members of the Investigative Services Unit at Salinas Valley State Prison, as well as Monterey County District Attorney Investigator Erik Morris.

Farias and Bloom will be sentenced by Judge Stephanie Hulsey on a date to be

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## Court overturns murder conviction

### ■ D.A. to retry case

By MARY SCHLEY

A CARMEL Valley man convicted in April 2021 of shooting his father to death in a barn off Laureles Grade in a dispute over a Corvette and leading deputies on a dangerous chase that ended when he crashed on Highway 1 south of Point Lobos had the verdict thrown out this month by a three-judge panel of the California Appeals Court, but the Monterey County District Attorney's Office is planning to retry him.

Joseph Sampognaro, who turned 36 in July while serving a sentence of 47 years to life in North Kern State Prison after being convicted in the Sept. 12, 2020, murder of Joseph Sampognaro Sr., filed an appeal in September 2022 arguing the verdicts should be overturned based on allegations that jurors slept during his trial and one of his attorneys had a brief affair with the courtroom's bailiff.

Without explaining why, in a signed unpublished decision Nov. 5, 6th Appellate District Judge Adrienne Grover — a former Monterey County Superior Court judge — ruled that “the judgment is reversed.”

### Try again?

With concurring judges Cynthia Lie and Mary Greenwood, Grover determined that the jury's guilty verdicts of first-degree murder and being a felon in possession of a firearm are vacated, as are the “true findings” that he used a firearm in the commission of a felony and that he caused great bodily injury with a gun — findings that contributed to the severity of the sentence handed down by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Hood in

July 2022.

The judges also ordered that the court resentence Sampognaro on the two lesser felony convictions they let stand for evading police and driving in the wrong direction while doing so.

“Defendant may be retried on counts 1 and 4,” they decided.

### Five shots

Sampognaro, like several other members of his family, including his late father, has a lengthy criminal history, and during the course of his trial and while waiting for sentencing, he spent 683 days in Monterey County Jail but received zero time for good behavior. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation records indicate he was moved from North Kern State Prison to the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison at Corcoran.

Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon said Wednesday that his office plans to again

prosecute Sampognaro for murder and the other vacated convictions.

In earlier court filings, district attorney Jeannine Pacioni bluntly pointed out that Sampognaro “shot the victim once in the arm, once in the hand and three times in the head.”

“The defendant planned the murder. The defendant attempted to recruit a friend to assist with the crime. The defendant obtained a firearm for the purpose of committing the murder. The defendant shot the victim five times,” Pacioni recounted. “The defendant then recklessly fled from the scene, driving in a manner that placed many other people at risk.”



Joseph Sampognaro

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# Fake tickets sold for ‘Jersey Boys’

## Others with huge markups

By CHRIS COUNTS

INTERNET SHOPPING can be easy on your time and budget, but it can also be a veritable Wild West of fraud and deception — as some people discovered when they bought tickets from online sellers for PacRep’s musical, “Jersey Boys,” which opened last weekend at Golden Bough Playhouse.

According to PacRep executive director Stephen Moorer, some attendees paid as much as \$300 for tickets online — even though the Golden Bough box office charges just \$49.

Even worse, several who came to the show were sold fake tickets by online vendors.

One woman was “heartbroken” upon learning that she had paid \$150 too much for her ticket. “She paid four times the face value of it,” Moorer reported.

Those who showed up with fake tickets were sold discounted tickets and urged to contact their credit card companies for refunds.

### Tickets as high as \$437

Moorer said online vendors often dramatically markup ticket prices — and some even sell counterfeit tickets. He said it’s easy to be lured in by their ads, which are found all over social media. He also noted that the ads aren’t too sophisticated — he found one that displays a photo of a different set of actors than the ones appearing in PacRep’s “Jersey Boys.” Another ad suggested the PacRep show is part of a national tour, which it isn’t.

So how do people avoid overpaying for tickets, or getting stuck with fake ones? “You just have to buy your tickets from us,” Moorer explained. To do that, you

can visit the box office on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth, call (831) 622-0100 or go to [pacrep.org](http://pacrep.org).

Moorer said other theater groups and performing arts venues are facing the same challenges with phony or marked-up tickets — and it’s happening far more than it did just a few years ago

As of Wednesday, a major online ticket resale vendor, StubHub, was offering tickets as high as \$437 each for the Nov. 30 “Jersey Boys” show at the Golden Bough. According to StubHub, the price includes estimated taxes, a service fee, and a “fulfillment fee” — though the huge markups are undoubtedly much more about the windfall ambitions of the sellers, not StubHub’s cut.

## One woman was heartbroken to learn she’d paid four times face value

### Bad actors are thriving

While selling fake tickets is fraud, selling marked-up tickets is also a crime in California unless the seller has permission from the event host to increase the price

over its face value.

Another state law requires businesses “to disclose all mandatory fees” pertaining to tickets. There was no mention by StubHub of how much a customer is paying for the “fulfillment fee” when they buy a ticket to “Jersey Boys.”

Last year, California Attorney General Rob Bonta issued a consumer alert warning fans about counterfeit tickets when Taylor Swift announced her concert tour. Bonta noted that over a recent 13-month span, the Better Business Bureau received 16,884 complaints about tickets purchased for concerts and sporting events. “Too often, bad actors take advantage of highly sought-after concert tickets and strip fans of their hard-earned money,” he said.

Bonta urged people to only buy tickets

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# Former candidate wants to fill open seat

By KELLY NIX

A CANDIDATE for P.G. City Council who was not elected Nov. 5 said this week that she intends to apply for an open seat left vacant by Debby Beck, the councilwoman who stepped down Thursday following the Nov. 5

election to spend more time with her family. Meanwhile, county officials released updated election results Wednesday night.

While a discussion on the process of filling Beck's seat will happen at a Dec. 4 council meeting, candidate Chilla Kartalov told Mayor Bill Peake and Mayor-elect

Nick Smith last weekend of her plan to apply, saying she believes she's the best qualified candidate. Kartalov received 1,186 votes Nov. 5, the elections department said, putting her in sixth place in the 6-candidate field.

## Up for grabs

"I am requesting that you consider my candidacy for the councilperson position recently vacated by Debby Beck," Kartalov said. "Please take into consideration that I ran for councilperson in this last electoral cycle."

A fraud examiner, Kartalov said she believes selecting someone who didn't run for the seat "would be a disservice to the voters of Pacific Grove."

Voters reelected councilman Chaps Poduri, who got

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# Jail for woman cops say abused someone at inn

By KELLY NIX

A SOUTHERN California woman was arrested Nov. 3 on charges of beating a member of her family at a Pacific Grove inn, the P.G. Police Department said.

Pasadena resident Huasha Liu, 67, was arrested at 221 Asilomar Ave., the location of the Bide-a-Wee Inn & Cottages, the police department said. She's accused of abusing a 61-year-old person, PGPD Cmdr. Brian Anderson told The Pine Cone. The victim has not been identified.

"Officers responded to a call of a domestic battery," according to a Pacific Grove Police Department log entry. "A suspect was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail."

## No charges yet

Liu, who weighs 108 pounds, according to the police log, was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail for Penal Code 273.5, which makes it a felony to inflict "corporal injury" on a "spouse or former spouse, cohabitant or former cohabitant, fiancé or fiancée, or someone with whom the offender has, or previously had, an engagement or dating relationship, or the mother or father of the offender's child."

It is unclear which relationship applied in Liu's case.

As of Thursday afternoon, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office had not yet charged her with a crime.

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# Nacimientto-Fergusson finally reopens

By CHRIS COUNTS

**CLOSED SINCE** it was badly damaged by winter storms more than three years ago, Nacimientto-Fergusson Road reopened to the public Nov. 15. Last summer, officials estimated the work would be finished by mid-September.

The curvy two-lane road winds 24 miles between Big Sur and Jolon, providing a scenic drive and an alternative route to the coast for motorists traveling along Highway 101. But the road sustained extensive damage when an atmospheric river stalled over Monterey County in late January 2021 and dumped as much as 15 inches of rain at higher elevations.

The storms came on the heels of the 2020 Dolan Fire, which stripped hillsides bare of erosion-controlling vegetation and triggered mudslides that inundated Nacimientto-Fergusson Road. A helicopter tour in early 2021 revealed 18 places along the road that needed significant repairs.

In some locations, "heavy debris flows" soon "hardened into 1 to 3 feet of clay,"

slowing efforts to clear the pavement. The work to reopen the road included replacing culverts, stabilizing slopes, clearing rock-slides, reinforcing road support structures, repaving, and clearing numerous downed trees.

In 2022, U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta announced that the project would receive \$12.6 million in federal taxpayers' funds.

While the road is open to motorists, there is no roadside camping allowed along it, and campfire restrictions will be enforced, the United States Forest Service announced this week. Also, two public dirt roads that cross Nacimientto-Fergusson Road — the Cone Peak Road and the South Coast Ridge Road — remain closed due to unsafe driving conditions.

### Lifeline for locals

Panetta celebrated the news of the road's reopening — he had worked to secure federal funding for the repairs. Panetta described it as a "lifeline" for locals, and

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# Duo breaks into Spyglass pro shop

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

**A PAIR** of burglars — one of whom is still on the lam — broke into the pro shop at the Spyglass Golf Course in Pebble Beach early in the morning Nov. 8 and tried to steal money from an ATM, Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Andy Rosas said Monday. Deputies have arrested one person but are still looking for the other.

At around 1:30 a.m., the alarm at the pro shop was triggered, and Pebble Beach Security went to investigate, according to Rosas. They found a door had been forced open and an ATM inside the store had been damaged, so they summoned the sheriff's office.

"They had video surveillance of the incident," Rosas said, and from that, investigators were able to identify the two people who had broken into the shop. The damage the duo caused totaled around \$3,100, but they didn't manage to steal anything.

One of them, a 26-year-old woman from Pebble Beach, has been arrested and charged with conspiracy, burglary and felony vandalism, according to Rosas.

"They were able to develop a very good lead, and they followed up and were able to locate one of the persons who was positively identified, and there's one person who is still outstanding," he said.

"We are actively looking for that person."



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## Cliff-hanger sells for \$19 million

By CHRIS COUNTS

INSPIRED BY a monastery in the Himalayas that seemingly dangles off a cliff, a one-of-a-kind Big Sur home just sold for \$19.3 million.

The buyer was identified only as Condor Holdings LLC, with an address on New Montgomery Street in San Francisco, while the seller was listed as Taktsang LLC, which is located in Palm Springs, according to county records.

Located at 51700 Highway 1 about four miles south of the Nepenthe restaurant, the 3,600 square-foot home is located on 9.5 acres. Featuring two bedrooms, two baths, stone floors and large skylights, the residence is perched on the edge of a cliff and offers sweeping views up and down the Big Sur coastline. It had been listed on the market for \$25 million.

Built with steel, wood, glass, and stone in the late 1960s, the house is anchored to the earth by four two-story concrete pillars. Noted Big Sur architect Mickey Muennig

drew up plans that were used during a remodel of it in 1997.

### Has meditation cave

The home's design was influenced by the famous Paro Taktsang Monastery in Bhutan, which dramatically clings to the edge of a cliff. It even features a meditation cave. As a result, the home has come to be known as Taktsang Big Sur.

According to an article about the house at JustLuxe.com, it was originally built to be a hotel, but those plans were never realized.

The property is just the latest down the coast to sell for an eye-popping price. Riverside Campground and Cabins sold in January for \$12 million — two years after Big Sur Campground and Cabins sold for \$28 million. Three weeks ago, the Newell Ranch sold for \$18 million, and just last week, a portion of Rancho Rico hit the market with a \$100 million price tag. Three other Big Sur homes are also on the market with prices exceeding \$10 million.

## Hiker hurts knee in Big Sur, gets rescued

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A HIKER who injured his knee was rescued from a remote site along the Big Sur River Nov. 10.

A call went out at 8 a.m. that the hiker had hurt his knee the night before and was unable to walk out on his own. Volunteers from Big Sur Fire responded to the area, along with a California Highway Patrol helicopter.

### Towering redwoods

The helicopter team found the hiker near Barlow Flats Campground, which is located about eight miles southeast of Highway 1 along the river. The site is surrounded by towering redwoods, which

made the effort to retrieve him more difficult.

A video posted on online shows the helicopter hovering over a small clearing.

"This rescue was challenging due to the large trees surrounding the area," the California Highway Patrol's Search and Rescue Team reported on Facebook.

"The helicopter had to maneuver below the tree canopy and maintain rotor clearance. It utilized nearly all of its 164-foot of usable hoist cable in order to reach the hiker," they said.

The helicopter delivered the hiker to an ambulance waiting for him at nearby Post Ranch Inn.

He was transported to a nearby medical center, where he was treated.



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# Judge hearing arguments in convoluted homeowner spat

By KELLY NIX

A 15-YEAR-long feud between neighbors involving accusations of invasion of privacy, illegal tree cutting, retaliation, and a “campaign of harassment,” has finally gone to trial after Carmel homeowners filed dueling lawsuits two years ago.

Donald and Susan Rose, filed a civil complaint in July 2022 against neighbor David Hutchings, whom they accuse of taking an “obsessive interest” in them. Both homes are on Lincoln Street northwest of 9th Avenue and have views of the Pacific Ocean.

“Recent actions taken by Hutchings include aiming a camera intentionally onto the Roses’ property, entering their property unlawfully, cutting trees and shrubs on their property without their permission, making false police reports, harassing the Roses about trimming their trees, and threatening to report them for work done without permits or authorizations,” according to the suit, filed by Jeannette Witten of the law firm Hudson Martin.

## Neighbors decide to go to trial over lengthy feud

**‘Malicious’**  
Hutchings responded to the allegations two months later with his own lawsuit against the Roses, accusing them of pointing cameras at his bedroom and bathroom. The dispute “includes outrageous and malicious behavior by the Roses such as profane outbursts aimed toward Mr. Hutchings’ wife, false allegations against Mr. Hutchings, harassment, misrepresentations to law enforcement and City of Carmel officials, intentionally not maintaining their trees/hedges, and invasion of privacy,” the complaint filed by Carmel

Valley attorney Jennifer Rosenthal said. A synopsis of the neighbor feud — which has been going on since 2009 — was spelled out in court Monday during the first day of a bench trial presided over by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills.

### Home devalued

During opening statements, the Roses’ attorney, Daniel Stein, suggested his clients enjoy golf, sunsets and having people over to their home, but that Hutchings has made their life so difficult that they want to sell their house and move.

“They can’t live next to this man any longer,” Stein said.

Because of the ongoing quarrel — which the Roses are required to disclose to potential buyers — the value of their home will suffer a steep loss in value, an appraiser informed them.

The home has been assessed at roughly \$2 million, county records indicate.

The appraiser’s “expert opinion has concluded that the Roses will most likely realize the loss of value from the sale of that property in the amount of approximately \$638,000,” Stein explained.

The evidence, the lawyer said, would also include expert testimony from an arborist who determined that the illegal cutting of a tree in his clients’ yard “most likely came from somebody who was on the Hutchings’ property.”

### Relationship ‘poisoned’

Hutchings’ attorney, Joseph O’Neil, said the conflict between the parties started

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# IT REALLY PAYS TO WORK FOR PERS

By CAITLIN CONRAD

**BONUS SEASON** has arrived for top execs in charge of investing California's public pension funds and it's going to be a very merry Christmas for some.

The California State Teachers' Retirement System released details on the bonuses for its execs this month.

## Big salaries and benefits in exchange for big returns

### Cool million

Topping the list this year is chief investment officer Christopher Ailman who is bringing home a \$1.1 million bonus on top of his \$612,000 salary. Ailman is retiring and his big performance incentive is tied to investment returns over the last three years.

The Teachers' Retirement System like the California Public Employee Retirement System, hands out bonuses for a range of employees who are eligible based on performance.

The execs beat their annual investment target of 7 percent this year, securing a return of 8.4 percent for the 1 million teachers and retirees the \$341 billion fund serves.

Chief executive of the Teachers' Retirement System Cassandra Lichnock will also receive an extra payday to the tune of \$645,000, which is more than her annual salary of \$430,000.

All told, the Teachers' Retirement

System approved \$22.5 million in bonuses for investment staff this month.

Over at the California Public Employees Retirement System, the performance incentives are pretty good too. Details on bonuses for the top executives there came out in September, and for the first time since taking the job in 2016, CEO Marci Frost will earn more than \$1 million.

Frost was awarded a \$667,320 bonus on top of her regular \$578,000 salary, raising her total pay for the year to over \$1.2 million.

CalPERS has also had a solid year. The investment team managed to earn a 9.3 percent return, besting its target of 6.8 percent.

Overall, the better-than-expected returns are good news for the \$526 billion fund. If execs had missed the target, California's state and local governments would have had to make up the difference.

### In the red

In total, the Public Employee Retirement system awarded \$20 million in performance bonuses this year.

Employees at both pension funds are working to dig out of losses. The funds owe more in payouts to retirees than their assets are currently worth. The deficits are tied to a decision to increase public employee retirement benefits in 1999 during the dot-com boom.

# Vote count moves at snail's pace

By CAITLIN CONRAD

**CALIFORNIA IS** one of the slowest states in the nation when it comes to counting votes and it's on track to get even slower. On Tuesday, 570,489 ballots statewide were still waiting to be counted, two full weeks after the presidential election — and 6,362 of those ballots were sitting in Monterey County.

As the most populous state in the nation, it is understandable that processing the ballots of all California voters may take some time, but that's not the case in all large states. In Florida, the third-largest state, the vote count was finished four days after the election. So why is it taking so long in the Golden State?

California lawmakers have designed the elections to maximize voter turnout by making it as easy as possible to vote. The ease and accessibility of casting your vote

comes at the expense of not knowing the final vote count shortly after polls close.

The system now in place automatically sends all registered voters a ballot at home, gives them until Election Day to turn it in, and allows weeks to address any problems with it.

"The reason why we do this is we respect every vote that comes in," said California Secretary of State Shirley Weber during a post-election press conference to address the wait.

Mail-in ballots have to be opened individually and must then go through signature verification, as well as machine audits and manual checks. Ballots cast in person are fed directly into a scanner at a neighborhood polling station and are tabulated more quickly. It also takes at least a week for election officials to know how many

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# Craft fairs abound Saturday

By MARY SCHLEY

**THE CITY** of Carmel's 53rd annual Homecrafters' Marketplace — the go-to place for treasures made and sold by jewelers, sculptors, photographers, artists, crafters, candymakers and many other talented creators — is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 23 in the north lot at Sunset Center.

And because the popular event has inspired many other organizations in town to hold holiday sales, too, the Saturday before Thanksgiving is now officially known as Craft Fair Day in Carmel.

"Where else can you park once and walk and shop at five craft fairs?" community activities director Ashlee Wright wants to know.

### Hot lunches

The Homecrafters' event features vendors from Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties who have been approved by a jury organized by the city's community activities department, ensuring a variety of items in a range of prices, all high quality and made by the people selling them. It takes place in the lot at San Carlos and Eighth.

Just across the street from the center, the Carmel Woman's Club Annual Artisan Event will showcase unique craft items, pumpkins decorated with succulents, vintage Christmas decor and food

(carmelwomansclubca.org).

Two downtown churches get in on the fun, too. Craftapalooza, also known as the All Saints Arts & Crafts Fair, will feature "beautifully handcrafted items," as well as hot Greek and Indian lunches, in the church's community room at Dolores and Ninth (allsaintscarmel.org) and the Church of the Wayfarer Annual Holiday Faire in the Garden on Lincoln south of Ocean will offer collectibles, jewelry, baked goods and lunch items (churchofthewayfarer.com).

And new this year, the American Legion Post 512 hall at Dolores and Eighth will hold a holiday fair, too.

All are free and open to the public, and will take place rain or shine. At the city's event, the Carmel Host Lions Club will be serving hot dog meals for \$7, bratwurst with sauerkraut for \$11 and tri-tip for \$15.

For more information, contact the community activities department at (831) 620-2020 or communityactivities@ci.carmel.ca.us.

### City toy drive

Speaking of the spirit and practice of holiday giving, the community activities department has teamed up with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office to organize their annual toy drive. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the box in the lobby of the children's library at Mission and Sixth until Dec. 12.

# 2003 Carmel High graduate earns three Grammy nominations

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CARMEL High graduate who grew up in Palo Colorado Canyon, Aron Forbes has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for his work in the recording studio and behind the scenes for singer Billie Eilish.

A guitarist, music director, music producer and songwriter, Forbes was nominated for his contributions to Eilish's single "Birds of a Feather" — which is up for Record of the Year — along with his efforts on her album, "Hit Me Hard and Soft," which is in the running for Album of the Year. He also received a nomination for Eilish's "L'Amour

Aron's father, Gerald Forbes, told The Pine Cone that he's impressed by what his son has accomplished. He said his son prefers working in the studio to a life on the road doing concert tours.

"I'm very proud of him," said his father, who owns and operates Morrill and Forbes Chimney Sweeps &

Fireplaces. "He's a hardworking guy who is very talented. He's humble and doesn't toot his own horn."

The father recalled teaching his son how to play guitar when he was just four. "I showed him a few chords, and it

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PHOTO/FACEBOOK

Aron Forbes, who grew up down the coast, received three Grammy nominations for his work with singer Billie Eilish.

de Ma Vie," which is contending for Best Dance Pop Recording.

Forbes — who graduated from Carmel High in 2003 — recently announced on social media that he's "blown away and so thankful" for the nominations. "For years I hoped that if I just kept working hard for me, one day I would be a part of such a special and rare honor," he wrote.

His wife, Rose Forbes, also chimed in. "I've watched how hard you work and your journey to where you are, and I'm so proud of you," she posted.



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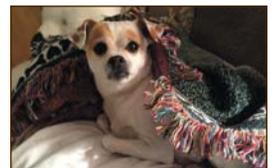
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# YOU MAY NEED A RAISE TO PAY FOR GAS IN 2025

By CAITLIN CONRAD

A NEW study from the University of Southern California forecasts drivers could see gasoline prices spike by as much as 89 cents per gallon in 2025.

USC Professor Michael Mische with the Marshall School of Business writes that drivers will need to make an extra \$600 to \$1,000 a year to keep up with his projected gas prices in the New Year.

Mische's recent study uses his own calculations and predicts the increased cost of gasoline based on a number of factors influencing the state's fuel markets. Those factors include a new special blend required in 2025 and additional regulations on refinery supplies.

On Nov. 8 the California Air Resources Board voted to tighten the state's low carbon fuel standard. The move will require refiners to produce and retailers to sell a new special gasoline blend.

The air resources board contends the blend will produce

fewer emissions and help the state achieve its goal of reducing greenhouse gases. The decision is also consistent with Gov. Gavin Newsom's push to eliminate the sale of combustion vehicles by 2035. The move will also raise fuel prices for drivers of those gas-powered cars.

The air resources board originally forecasted the move would raise gas prices by 47 cents in 2025 but experts with the University of Pennsylvania's Kleinman Center for Energy Policy estimate the increase will be closer to 65 cents a gallon.

Mische's study included the cost of additional regulatory changes for the oil industry in 2025.

In October Newsom pushed through ABX2-1, a law requiring oil refineries to keep a minimum fuel reserve to dip into rather than go offline when they're down for routine maintenance.

### Price spikes?

According to the bill's authors, supply shortages during these maintenance events create gas price spikes, and the hope is reserves will help smooth those out. However, critics, including Republican lawmakers and governors of neighboring states, say the new regulations will only drive prices up.

Mische is also a critic of ABX2-1. The professor's own calculations predict the new law will raise prices between four and 27 cents per gallon depending on the days' supply refiners must maintain.

Three days after the Governor signed ABX2-1, imposing the new storage regulations, Phillips 66 announced it will close its Los Angeles refinery in the first quarter of 2025. Operations at the refinery make up about eight percent of the state's refining capacity.

Mische writes California's demand for gasoline is unlikely to drop eight percent in the new year and the closure will have an impact to the tune of another eight to 14 cents a gallon.

"Policy has consequences," writes Mische in his study.

Republican lawmakers in Sacramento chimed in on Mische's study this week advising Californians to start saving up money now for gas next year.

"I'm concerned Californians will face major sticker shock and be unprepared for the rapid gas price spike in 2025, which could be an additional 90 cents per gallon, thanks to Gavin Newsom's political agenda to drive up gas prices and force Californians into electric vehicles," said State Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones.

The move will certainly impact low-income residents the most as many of those households can't afford a new electric vehicle. Californians stretched thin by escalating rents and inflation can now add higher fuel prices to their budgets in the New Year.

If Mische's predictions become reality Californians will be paying an additional \$222 to \$449 for gasoline next year, hence why the professor says you'll need that \$600 to \$1,000 raise in pretax income.

## Man who caused fatal overdose gets jail

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A MAN who caused the fentanyl overdose of a Marina woman last year will spend time in jail and be placed on felony probation, Monterey County prosecutors said.

On Oct. 29, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Jennifer O'Keefe sentenced Matthew James Hurley, 29, to more than a year behind bars for the March 2023 death of Melody Brazil. Hurley, who pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and giving Brazil fentanyl, faces six years in prison if he violates his probation terms.

Marina police officers were called to a report of an unconscious woman, Brazil, on the night of March 24, 2023. Officers gave Brazil several doses of Narcan, which can reverse fentanyl overdoses, and revived her. She was taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and placed into a medically induced coma, but was removed from life support several days later.

### On probation

An investigation by Marina police to find where Brazil got the opioid led detectives to Hurley, who they determined gave her the lethal fentanyl dose. Hurley — who was on probation for a 2022 conviction for being under the influence of the drug — had drug paraphernalia in his home, prosecutors said.

Four days after Brazil's overdose, detectives arrested and interviewed Hurley, who admitted he was still using drugs and "was fully aware of the dangers associated with fentanyl use," and that he supplied Brazil with crushed M30 pills, a form of fentanyl. Hurley told investigators that a family member had recently died from a fentanyl overdose.

The investigation also determined that Brazil had asked Hurley to stay with her while she used the fentanyl because she didn't want to overdose, but that he refused, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office said.

Monterey County Jail records show that Hurley is in custody.

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# LAWSUITS

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and retaliation, and intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, and requested “special and general damages, back pay, front pay, exemplary and punitive damages, and prejudgment interest,” as well as legal fees and costs.

According to court documents filed last month, Doe’s case was settled Sept. 27. She is receiving a \$250,000 lump-sum payout, as well as receiving her usual pay through the end of the school year, a source said.

Martinez was paid \$100,000 to “retire” at the end of June 2023.

## Other allegations

In a similar case filed three weeks after the first Doe’s and represented by the same attorney, a second custodian complained of ongoing harassment, including lewd comments, unwanted groping, retaliation and intimidation, perpetrated by Martinez and another employee, Gustavo Alvarado, and lack of concern by administrators at the campuses and the district office.

According to the suit, Doe was hired as a substitute custodian in 2019 and “was a good and hardworking employee and received positive feedback until she rejected and resisted harassment from the individual defendants.” She alleged that in 2021 at Carmel High, Martinez frequently talked about sex in front of her, threw panties at her, made suggestive comments as she cleaned the girls’ locker room, and slapped her on the buttocks when she was bent over.

When she objected, he warned her that no one would believe her complaints, according to the suit.

At Carmel Middle School, where Alvarado was the lead custodian, he asked her personal questions that made her uncomfortable, and his behavior became more aggressive once she was there full-time, according to the complaint.

He would stand and watch her work, come up behind

her and smell her hair, wrap his arms around her waist from behind, slowly scratch her back, and at one point forcibly attempted to kiss her, she alleged. After she rejected his advances, he retaliated.

Feeling unsafe, she complained to the district’s facilities director, who said he would refer the complaint to CUSD human resources for investigation, but after two months of hearing nothing as the retaliation continued, she went to the CMS principal and vice principal, both of whom also referred her to HR. But department head Craig Chavez did nothing about it, nor did her union, and a month later, Chavez called Doe into his office and fired her, according to the complaint.

She has alleged sexual harassment, discrimination, retaliation, failure to investigate and prevent the mistreatment, and wrongful termination, and is asking the court to award her damages, pay, and attorneys’ fees and costs.

The named employees and the district have denied all of her allegations in court filings and are asking the court to award the plaintiffs nothing and to award CUSD its litigation costs and any other relief. A mandatory settlement conference has been scheduled for August 2025.

## CVHS case

In the third lawsuit, another Jane Doe — also represented by Fitzpatrick — alleged harassment by her boss and officials’ failure to stop it. Working as an administrative assistant since 2002, the unnamed woman accused Carmel Valley High School principal Tom Parry of engaging in inappropriate conversations, showing up unannounced at her house, and refusing to stop interacting with her in such ways when she told him she was uncomfortable.

She complained that Parry over-shared about his personal life, texted her about seeing her at Del Monte Center, repeatedly talked about buying lingerie for his wife and their private life, and after asking him again to stop, she called Chavez to make a complaint, but the HR boss never called back. A complaint to the then-superintendent also went nowhere.

After he dropped food off at her house when she was sick, she thanked him but asked him to never show up

uninvited and unannounced again. After another request from Doe, Chavez said he would talk to Parry, who then angrily confronted her and said he was just trying to be a good colleague and friend, according to the complaint.

For the rest of the 2021-2022 school year, she did her best to stay away from him, decided to seek a transfer and was given the opportunity to work from home.

Doe is suing the district for sexual harassment, sex discrimination, retaliation, failure to prevent harassment and retaliation, and intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, and like the others, she’s seeking extensive funds.

In September, in an effort to obtain information from Chavez’ personal cell phone beyond what he’d already provided, Doe’s attorney filed a motion to “compel further responses to requests” for the production of records, but Monterey County Superior Court Judge Tom Wills concluded that Chavez and the district had fulfilled their obligations and denied the motion.

Both sides also last month signed an agreement to keep many of the records that will be produced during discovery, such as payroll records, confidential.

The next court dates in this case are set for February, with a potential jury trial scheduled in April.

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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.

ing names as follows: A Present name: LEAH SUNSHINE LANDRY Proposed name: LEAH SUNSHINE JULIAN 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.

NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: Dec. 20, 2024 TIME: 8:30 a.m. DEPT: 14 The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.

(s) Thomas W. Willis Judge of the Superior Court Date filed: Oct. 31, 2024 Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024. (PC 1116)

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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241975 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: CALIFORNIA TONGUE-TIE COLLECTIVE, 675 PINE AVE. PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24CV004574 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LEAH SUNSHINE LANDRY, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24CV004423 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JACKELINE RUBY HINOJOSA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: Dec. 13, 2024 TIME: 8:30 a.m. DEPT: 13A The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.

(s) Thomas W. Willis Judge of the Superior Court Date filed: Oct. 21, 2024 Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024. (PC 1119)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241968 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Craft Collective, 4 Seminole Ct., Seaside CA 93955, County of Monterey Registered Owner(s): Hummingbird Productions 831 Inc. CALIFORNIA This business is conducted by a corporation.

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.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20242007 Filing type: ABANDONMENT: County of Filing: Monterey Date of Original Filing: Oct. 31, 2022 File No.: 20222192

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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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241984 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Bermudez Family Cremations & Funerals, 475 Washington Road, Suite A, Monterey, CA 93940.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242102 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUPER SCOOPERS LLC, 471 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242019 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUPER SCOOPERS LLC, 471 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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:

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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.

NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: Jan. 7, 2025 TIME: 10:00 a.m. DEPT: 15 The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.

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.

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File No. 20242102 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUPER SCOOPERS LLC, 471 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242102 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUPER SCOOPERS LLC, 471 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24CV004755 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, CHERYL LYNN EISNER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: Jan. 7, 2025 TIME: 10:00 a.m. DEPT: 14 The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242054 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SAN MIGUEL WATER SYSTEMS 26, 2057 San Miguel Canyon Road, Salinas, CA 93907.

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# Man who made death threat to school staffer released from jail

By KELLY NIX

A MAN who trespassed onto two Pacific Grove school campuses in 2023 and threatened to kill the former principal of P.G. High was put on probation last week and freed from Monterey County Jail.

On Nov. 13, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler sentenced Riley Elvin, 29, to felony probation. The order means he must abide by a strict set of conditions, including abstaining from drugs and alcohol, seeking and maintaining employment, and staying 100 yards away from Pacific Grove High School.

Elvin, who wandered onto the high school campus last

November, made a death threat against its then-principal after being confronted. He was charged with two related felonies and a misdemeanor for illegally walking into P.G. Middle that same month.

### No firearms

Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Katelyn Bourdo said that Elvin's probation terms also include a prohibition on owning any firearms or deadly weapons and a requirement that he participate in county behavioral health treatment programs.

"Riley Elvin issued a very short statement saying that he is willing to attend programs," Bourdo told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

Elvin acknowledged in September that he was aware he

could be sent back to jail for three years if he violates his probation terms.

In January, Butler found that Elvin lacked "the capacity to make decisions regarding antipsychotic medication," and because of his "psychotic condition, presents a danger of inflicting harm to others." She found him unable to stand trial and ordered him committed to a state mental hospital for treatment.

About five months later, after being treated in Patton State Hospital in San Bernardino, the judge concluded that based on a report from the Department of State Hospitals, Elvin was fit to face the criminal charges.

Elvin's criminal history includes battery, assault, drug possession, lewd conduct and numerous shoplifting charges.

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File No. 20242066  
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County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):  
Dr. Aubrey Taow, Osteopathic and Sports Medicine, Inc, 222 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

This business is conducted by a Corporation

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

Dr. Aubrey Taow, Chief Executive Officer

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ERIN COLEEN HERNANDEZ

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S/Erin Hernandez

Date signed: Nov. 12, 2024

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

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

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024, on or after 4:30 p.m.**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

#### SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**PERM EN 23-077 (Givens)**  
Lewis Builders, Attn: Jay Auburn  
Southeast corner of Torres Street and 5th Avenue

Block 60; West half of Lot 2 & 4  
APN: 010-092-012-000

Consideration of a partial after-the-fact Permanent Encroachment Permit, PERM EN 23-077 (Givens), for development in the public right-of-way which includes a series of terraced retaining walls, a new staircase with handrail, and a new driveway retaining wall located on the

southeast corner of Torres Street and 5th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

#### Housing Update

Location: Citywide  
Update on the progress of exploring and developing alternative affordable housing sites and programs to support a Housing Element amendment that allows the city-owned sites to be removed from the list of potential housing sites.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

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The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us>. The Council meeting will be televised live on the City's website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding City Council meetings, please contact the City Clerk's office at (831) 620-2016.

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

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Nova Romero, MMC City Clerk  
Dated: 11/19/2024  
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## WILLIAM G. SCHRAMM

May 14, 1935 – Nov. 10, 2024

William George Schramm passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Nov. 10, 2024, aged 89. He was born and raised in Huntington Park, California by his parents, William Joseph Schramm and Virginia Schramm. In high school Bill was named to the All Los Angeles City Football team and was also named the outstanding graduate of his class. He then attended the University of Southern California on an NROTC scholarship, where he played on the Trojan freshmen football team and was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. During his freshman year, he obtained a Congressional appointment to the Naval Academy and chose to leave USC for Annapolis in the summer of 1954. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1958 as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Company and the day after married the love of his life, MaryAnn (Mimi) McIntosh Schramm.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and reported to flight training in Pensacola, after which he became a patrol plane commander on various aircraft (P5M Marlin, P2V Neptune and P3 Orion). In 1964 he was selected to attend the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a master's degree in oceanography and meteorology. He was then selected as a geophysics special duty officer and in subsequent assignments taught at the Naval Academy in his role as head of the Oceanography Department, served as commanding officer of Oceanographic Unit One, attended the Naval Postgraduate School a second time in a doctoral program in oceanography, served as a department head at the Navy's Fleet Numerical Meteorology Oceanography Center and in his final tour was commanding officer of the Naval Environmental Prediction Research Facility.

After 24 years of active duty, Bill retired in 1982 as a Captain U.S. Navy, and moved the family to Geneva, Switzerland where he was employed by the World Meteorological Organization as a senior program officer/diplomat. He retired from the United Nations in 1988 and returned to Monterey to lead the National Ocean Service, part of NOAA. In 1995 he retired from the Federal Civil Service and joined the founding faculty at the California State University of Monterey Bay where he taught environmental science.

Throughout his life, Bill was active in numerous local clubs and organizations, in most cases volunteering for leadership positions. Alongside his wife Mimi, he was a volunteer at the Monterey Bay Aquarium for many years and was awarded Volunteer Emeritus status for his service. He served on the Board of directors of Dorothy's Kitchen, a local charity that feeds the homeless, was president of two clubs for retired men and was also president of a local garden club. He is survived by Mimi, his wife of 66 years; daughters Kathleen, Karen and Kristin and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Betty Schramm and his daughter, Kelly. Memorial services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and a celebration of life ceremony will be organized at a later date. Inurnment will be at the San Carlos Cemetery.

## LOTTIE WESTON SACKS

March 21, 1933 — June 11, 2024

Lottie was born in La Verne, California to Viola Sellers and Richard Olsen. After graduating high school she married Dewey (Duane) Weston who had recently joined the U.S. Air Force. Most of her time as a military wife was spent in the southwestern US — California, where her first daughter, Terri, was born. Then to Washington where her second daughter, Dana, and son, Gregg, were born. Even with three young children — 18 months to 6 years old, she was excited and, a little apprehensive, when they were transferred to Ankara, Turkey. While living in Turkey she got to travel through Europe which was the beginning of her love of travel. Returning to the U.S. she lived in Roswell, N.M. where not only was her third daughter, Michelle, born but it was also to be the longest assignment living there for six years. After returning to California and the ending of her first marriage she spent most of the next 40 years living in the San Diego area.

Her energy and love of life defined her. She was very social and loved being around people. She had a great sense of humor, loved to laugh, loved fashion, and loved being near the ocean. She married Colonel Max Sacks in the early '90s and lived in Carlsbad, CA until his death in 2015. She then relocated to Monterey to be near her two oldest daughters where she continued to love life and travel. And then as luck would have it, she and Jim McCoy — who were friends for decades — found each other again late in life. Their long distance relationship — he in Virginia and Lottie in Monterey — allowed them to travel and spend their time on one coast or the other until she got ill. And at 91 years of age she loved to casually mention she had a boyfriend to watch people's reaction. She always got a big kick out of their surprise.



Lottie is survived by her four children — Terri (Bryan) of Carmel Valley, Dana of Carmel, Gregg (Jill) of Lake Elsinore and Michelle (Gina) of Arcata; her seven grandchildren — Nora (Rob), Emily (Robin), Sarah (Andrew), Molly (Schuster), Lizzy, Griffin, and Dylan; and her six great-grandchildren — Emma, Grace, Jack, James, Finley and Weston. Her sister, Joyce, and brother, Jim, also survive her. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. And her very best friend of over 75 years — our sweet Louise. She also leaves behind her boyfriend, Jim.



Our family wishes to thank Ivy Park for providing such a lovely setting and the incredibly kind and caring staff. We can't thank you enough for your support and caring for our mother and the kindness you showed us at such a difficult time. And to her awesome caregiver, Jimmie, who always went above and beyond, we are forever grateful. We also thank Continuum Hospice for your care and support.

## MICHAEL WAYNE STANSBURY

Sept. 25, 1944 – Oct. 26, 2024

Michael Wayne Stansbury, a beloved father, veteran and mentor, passed away on Oct. 26, 2024, after a courageous two-year battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born on Sept. 25, 1944, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where his father played a critical role in the Manhattan Project, serving as the town's judge while the atomic bomb was being developed. Michael grew up with his younger brother Tommy, who was not only his sibling but also his closest friend.

After high school, Michael initially attended the University of Houston, though his interests in girls, cars and pool sidetracked him. Seeking a path and purpose, he joined the Navy, where his exceptional IQ earned him a place in the prestigious Nuclear Power School and admission to Mensa. Shortly after his training, Michael was deployed to Vietnam aboard the USS Enterprise. Both he and his brother served in the war, but only Michael would return. Tommy, a decorated helicopter pilot who bravely flew rescue missions, was shot down and killed in action — a loss that left a profound mark on Michael.

Following his war experience, Michael's anti-war convictions led him to Berkeley, California, where he became involved in the peace movement and met his future wife, Dina Stansbury. They shared a passion for chess, motorcycles, fell in love, and embarked on a new venture together, opening a clock business called The Clockadial. Seeking a place to raise a family, they moved to Pacific Grove and opened a new store, The Timepeace, in Carmel. They had two children, Todd and Lee, who became the center of Michael's world.

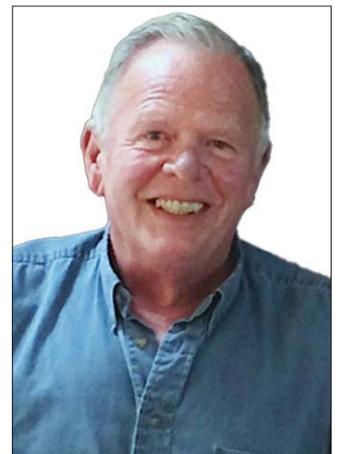
Over time, the clock store and his marriage came to an end, and Michael found a new path running Bow Tie Billiards, eventually buying and rebranding it as Easy Street Billiards. Known as a great teacher, Michael shared his knowledge and passions generously. A highly skilled chess player with a rating of 2100, he started a chess club at Robert Down Elementary School, mentoring young players and taking them to tournaments across the state. An avid pool player with a USPPA rating of 110, he offered lessons to anyone interested at Easy Street and played in national tournaments.

Above all, Michael was a devoted father who never missed his children's games, coached their teams, and spent endless hours playing catch and shooting hoops in their backyard. To his children, he was not just a father but a hero.

Michael's passions extended beyond games and sports. With a mathematical and mechanical mind, he was also a gifted artist, reaching semi-professional levels in photography, selling his work and showcasing it in galleries. He was an enthusiast of calligraphy, a collector of Venus flytraps and a lifelong clock repairer. His intellect and curiosity were matched only by his wit and humor, often tinged with a bit of irreverence. Though sometimes stubborn and impatient, he was at heart a dreamer, a seeker of beauty, and a man of immense integrity.

Michael's legacy lives on through his children, Todd and Lee; and his four grandchildren, Cooper, Summer, Claire and Sloane. He will be profoundly missed by his friends, colleagues, former students, and his loving longtime companion, Karen Brown.

A celebration of his life will begin at 2 p.m. on Nov. 26, 2024, at Easy Street Billiards. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association in his honor.



# SHOOTING

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“We watched him and made sure he stayed in the yard while we waited for additional units,” Tomasi recounted this week. “We talked to his mother, who stated he wanted to harm himself, and that he wanted us to harm him.”

It wasn't the first time she'd called, according to Tomasi. “About three weeks earlier, the mom called for assistance,” the chief said, but when officers got there, along with someone trained to deal with crisis negotiations, “they wouldn't let us in the house or even the yard.” “They refused any assistance,” he said.

## Escalation

On the morning of the shooting, Tomasi said officers went door to door to evacuate people from nearby homes due to the presence of “a subject with a gun,” and kept watch as Marshall apparently tried to barricade himself in the backyard.

Not knowing Carmel P.D. was already there, Marshall's mother called again and asked where the officers were. “Obviously, we were not going to rush into this,” Tomasi said. Instead, they were waiting for the crisis negotiator to get there “so we could have a peaceful resolution.”

But that changed when Marshall left his yard again and walked toward the Golden Bough, where he pointed his assault-style rifle, which turned out to be a BB replica, at a group of painters and threatened them.

“That obviously changed the whole dynamic,” Tomasi said. His plan was to try to get Marshall's attention so that Maldonado, who was carrying a beanbag launcher, could use the device to subdue him without seriously injury.

“That's how we planned to deescalate it,” he explained.

## No effect

While Tomasi told Marshall to drop the gun and the crowbar he was carrying, Maldonado fired a couple of beanbag rounds, but neither the orders nor the beanbags seemed to have any effect, he said.

When Marshall dropped the BB rifle and returned to the backyard, Tomasi, Maldonado and Guevara followed, but more orders for Marshall to drop his crowbar and get on the ground, along with the firing of additional beanbag rounds, continued to be ineffective.

“I've never seen that before,” Tomasi said, observing that it usually takes just one beanbag round to bring a suspect into compliance. “There was absolutely nothing.”

When Marshall charged toward Sgt. Maldonado with his crowbar, Tomasi said, Guevara “justifiably used lethal force to protect him.” But even then, with Marshall wearing body armor, “We didn't think he was hit, because there

was no real response.”

For a moment, Marshall stopped walking forward, but then tried to leave the yard again, which was when Guevara tackled him.

After subduing him, the officers cut the Marshall's protective vest off, and that's when they saw he'd been shot in the upper right chest/shoulder area, Tomasi said. “That was the first we knew he'd been hit.”

They rendered first aid until an ambulance crew arrived and took over. Marshall was taken to Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, where he was pronounced dead.

## Suicide by cop

Marshall's mother had said the rifle he was brandishing was a BB gun, Tomasi said, and the officers' strategy to pursue a peaceful outcome took that into account, but they also weren't sure they could trust that information.

“We were treating it like maybe it is,” he said, and in the end, the issue was moot, since “we didn't use force on him while he was holding the rifle. It was the crowbar that he was then armed with.”

The end result was Marshall's intention, Tomasi observed, “not ours.”

After the incident, the three officers were separated for individual questioning by the district attorney, and Monterey P.D. took over securing the scene, according to Tomasi.

“Our concern of course was for the community and this young man. It was a tragic end to this,” he said, adding that he hopes others who are suffering from mental illness

or their family members can seek effective help and avoid anyone being harmed.

In the weeks since the shooting, Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon has revealed many of the details and released the footage captured by the bodycams worn by Guevara and Maldonado. Tomasi said he has not yet watched the videos.

Maldonado has returned to work, while Guevara, who fired the fatal shot, is still on leave, and Tomasi said Brannon has advised it could be a couple of months before the DA's investigation is wrapped up and results are formally

announced. Such reviews take awhile due to the wait for toxicology and autopsy results and reports from various investigators, he said.

In the meantime, the chief is focused on ensuring his officers and employees, as well as anyone else who was affected, are healing.

“My concern is for the staff and for the community — I just want to move toward the recovery stage,” he said, adding that he is also “incredibly proud” of Maldonado and Guevara and the way they handled the situation.

“I think we used all the resources we could to try to avoid the inevitable,” he said. In addition, Tomasi lauded those from other agencies who came to help and expressed gratitude for the community's support and understanding.

“This is a shocker for Carmel,” he said. “We're not used to violence — we're not used to this type of incident,” he said. “We have a resilient village. I know we're going to recover, it just might take a little while. That's what I really want to emphasize.”

# REPAIRS

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caps to support new steel column posts, and replacing all of the woodwork and the grape-stake fence, as well as restoring the pathway itself.

“It's three months of construction, but obviously weather could delay that, and we will be shutting down for the AT&T Pebble Beach golf tournament in late January/February for that week,” Harary told The Pine Cone this week. “I would assume that the field work will be done in March.”

In the meantime, the city continues to receive complaints from residents regarding the temporary detour for southbound traffic, according to Harary, who said that based on public comments and observed traffic conditions, the city has decided to detour drivers southbound on Carmelo, rather than on Camino Real as previously planned, for the remainder of the project.

**‘We used all the resources we could to try to avoid the inevitable.’**

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## VICTORIA FASH

Victoria Fash, one of the first female chief executive officers of a Fortune 500 Company who led the way for future generations of women executives in business, passed away on Oct. 9, 2024, in Carmel California.

Catalyst, a global nonprofit focused on advancing women in the workplace, highlighted Victoria Fash's legacy as “a trailblazer for women in leadership in business, rising to a CEO position at a time when women were less than 1% of Fortune 100 CEOs, alongside women like Carleton S. Fiorina of Hewlett-Packard Company and Andrea Jung of Avon products.”

At the height of her career, Fash served as president and chief executive officer of IMS Health (NYSE: RX), a Fortune 500 Corporation valued at \$14 billion with more than 8,000 employees working in 102 countries worldwide.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a bachelor's and master's (1979) degree from the University of Illinois, Fash began her career in the newly emerging field of computer science. She was hired by the Georgia Institute of Technology to install its computer mainframe software and Management Science of America (MSA), a computer software company, recruited her shortly thereafter.

Subsequently, Dun & Bradstreet Corporation (NYSE: DNB), a Fortune 500 conglomerate, acquired MSA and added the company to its holdings of household names such as D&B, Moody's, Nielsen, Gartner Group, and IMS.

However, D&B's growth had slowed, and Wall Street concluded it should be broken up to release shareholder value. Robert E. Wiseman, COO of D&B, assigned Fash to the strategic planning team. Thus began her meteoric rise through the executive ranks. Starting as vice president of business operations planning in 1994, Fash quickly achieved promotion only a year later to senior vice president of business strategy, becoming the only woman on D&B's executive management team.

D&B then made a uniquely daring move — splitting into three separately traded companies: D&B, A.C. Nielsen, and a new corporation, Cognizant. For her leadership in the trivestiture, Fash was appointed chief financial officer of Cognizant (NYSE: CZT), a Fortune 500 Corporation, in 1996.

Cognizant became a darling of Wall Street for rapid growth, excellent bottom-line results and consistent performance. CZT subsequently spun off Nielsen Media Research (NYSE: NMR) and Gartner Group (NASDAQ: GART), producing IMS Health (NYSE: RX), a pure play technology information provider to the healthcare industry.

In 1998, Fash was appointed executive vice president of IMS Health. Within one year, Fash was promoted to president and chief executive officer at age 48. Fash managed IMS Health from its global headquarters in London. The company continued its unparalleled run of performance, generating \$1.2 billion in revenues in 1998.

At the peak of her career, age 49, a spinal disease forced Fash to retire in 2000. Born in Stillwater, Oklahoma on Nov. 29, 1951, she died in Monterey, California on Oct. 9, 2024.

During Fash's tenure in executive management, she met or exceeded all financial targets to Wall Street, establishing a consistent reputation for delivering results, thus increasing shareholder value: the ultimate measure of a CEO.

As a little girl, Fash walked for a mile down a dirt road to reach a one-room schoolhouse, rising out of humble beginnings to achieve the American Dream.

Fash is survived by her brother, William L. Fash, Jr., Bowditch Professor of Archaeology, Harvard University; sister, Lauren Victoria Fash, an independent film director in Hollywood; daughter Quaker Melanie Warwick, an entrepreneur; and granddaughter Ruby A. Clark, a child psychologist.



# Padres advance in playoffs, Pirates shine in water polo and golf

**HUDSON RUTHERFORD** threw five touchdown passes — three to Simeon Brown, two to Ty Arnold — to help Carmel to a 56-46 conquest last Friday over San Mateo in the first round of the CCS playoffs at Monterey Peninsula College.

Brown and Ashton Rees returned kickoffs for touchdowns as the top-seeded Padres (11-0), moved to Friday night's 7 p.m. semifinal game against No. 5 Hollister (5-6). Carmel built a 42-13 halftime lead against the Bear-

## ■ Pirates 4th at golf championship

Isabella Sun shot a 1-over-par 73 Wednesday to lead Stevenson to a fourth-place team finish at the CIF Girls State Golf Championships at San Gabriel Country Club.

Sun's score was good for an eighth-place tie, but was just four strokes behind Rina Kawaski of Palos Verdez and Zoe Jiamanukoonkit of Torrey Pines, who shot 69. Kawaski won the individual crown on the second playoff hole.

The Pirates recorded 392 (32 over par) as a team to finish behind Torrey Pines (375, 15 over par) and Santa Margarita (382). Central Coast Section champion Valley Christian took fifth at 395.

Ashley Gettleman shot 77 to tie for 24th place, followed by teammates Lucinda Wu (78, tied for 28th), Coco He (81, tied for 37th), Nicole Iniakov (83, tied for 46th), and Allison Chan (85, 50th).

With birdies on the 1st, 4th, and 9th holes, Sun made the turn at 34, but birdied just once on the back nine, and carded four bogies (including one on No. 18).

## ■ Pirates reach semis in water polo

Second-seeded Stevenson advanced to the semifinal round of the CIF NorCal Division 2 Girls Water Polo Championships on Tuesday with a 10-9 victory over No. 7

Buchanan on Tuesday in Pebble Beach.

The triumph sent the Pirates to Thursday's second-round home-pool showdown with No. 3 Leland.

A victory over Leland would put Stevenson in Saturday's 1 p.m. finals against No. 1 Davis (a road game) or No. 5 San Ramon (at home).

In their first-round victory, the Pirates were sparked by Miranda Salinger, who scored her third goal of the game as time expired. Sienna Cimoli and Emmerson Ferreira (2 goals each), and Arielle Dale, Charlotte Morrow and Jaqui Powers (1 apiece) were other offensive standouts for Stevenson.

Goalkeeper Anna Mitchell was credited with 12 saves for Stevenson, which improved to 20-9 for the year.

The Pirates won the NorCal D-3 championship in 2023, becoming Monterey County's first-ever regional champ in the sport.

## ■ Aldi takes on state's best in cross country

Carmel senior Mack Aldi, the third-place finisher at last week's CCS Cross Country Championships, will run with the state's best Saturday at the Woodland Park facility in Fresno.

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## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

cats, who scored 26 unanswered points in the second half, reducing the margin to 3, before Brown's 83-yard kickoff return reversed the momentum with less than two minutes remaining.

The Haybalers bring an offense that has passed for 1,032 yards, led by quarterbacks Cruz Raquet (40-for-77, 528 yards, 3 TDs, 4 interceptions) and Daniel Martinez (34-62, 500 yards, 5 TDs, 3 interceptions).

Hollister's top rusher, Stephen Seymour, has gained 607 yards on 109 carries, with 7 TDs.

The Padres have played Hollister just once in 42 years, a 41-14 Carmel win in 2019.

No. 3 Palo Alto is playing No. 7 Aptos in the other semifinal game. Both teams have 6-5 records.

### Pirates fall

Senior quarterback Fin Mink completed 22 of 35 passes for 290 yards Friday in Stevenson's 30-20 loss to Leland in the opening round of the CCS Division 5 playoffs.

Mink completed 12 of his passes to Caden Olson, who gained 205 yards, giving the Pirates a 7-3 overall record for the season after going 6-0 in the PCAL's Santa Lucia Division.



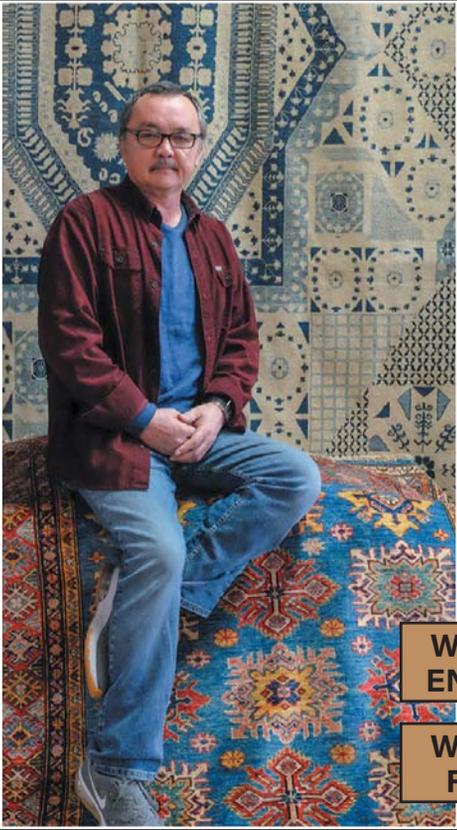
Ty Arnold (left photo) snagged two touchdown passes from quarterback Hudson Rutherford against San Mateo. The Carmel Padres (right photo) carry an 11-0 record into Friday's 7 p.m. CCS semifinal game against Hollister at Monterey Peninsula College.

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# SPORTS

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Aldi's time of 15 minutes, 50.02 seconds, brought him to the finish line behind medalist Eli Fitchen-Young of Santa Cruz (14:23.50) and Scotts Valley's Aaron Weiss (15:42.07) a week ago at the CCS meet in Belmont, where Carmel teammate Jasper Bolante (16:18.10) also qualified for state with an eighth-place overall finish.

## Kostkova falls tennis quarters

Stevenson's Tereza Kostkova defeated Katelyn Gee of Evergreen Valley, 7-5, 3-6, 12-10, in the opening round of the CCS Girls Tennis Championships, but was eliminated in the quarterfinals by Anika Malik of Cupertino, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Both matches were played Monday at Bay Club Courtside in Los Gatos.

## Postseason honors

### Flag football

PCAL Mission Division – **First team**



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Ashton Rees, carrying the football, was one of two Padres who returned kickoffs for TDs against San Mateo. Simeon Brown, not pictured, was the other.

**offense:** Delilah Herro, Carmel, running back. **First team defense:** Josie Hanson, Carmel, safety. **Second team offense:** Bella Rodriguez, Carmel, defensive back. **Sportsmanship:** Lola Marciano, Carmel.

### Boys water polo

**PCAL — MVP:** River Lyon, Pacific Grove. **Co-Offensive Player of the Year:** Laird Welch, Stevenson, Boston Fisher, Carmel. **First team:** Laird Welch, Will Bufkin and Beckett Heywood, Stevenson, Boston Fisher and Jack Balas, Carmel, River Lyon, and Matias De La Garza, Pacific Grove, Henry Vetter, Palma, Dylan Elsaesser, Salinas. **Second team:** Alan Qian, Matias Higgins and Andy Wu, Stevenson, Marc Kalman-Zulik and Landon Onitsuka, Carmel, Zach Pechan and Kenji Gonzalez, Pacific Grove, Jayden Nelson, Salinas. **Sportsmanship:** Finn Reilly, Stevenson, Alex Frederick, Carmel, Stony Griffin, Salinas. **Team Sportsmanship:** Monterey.

### Girls water polo

**PCAL — MVP:** Emmerson Ferriera, Stevenson. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Miranda Salinger, Stevenson. **Defensive Player of the Year:** Delaney Reeder, Monterey. **First team:** Emmerson Ferriera, Miranda Salinger, Anna Mitchell and Arielle Dale, Stevenson, Quinn Connolly, Santa Catalina, Jayda Sherratt, Carmel, Izzy Turner and Lilikoi Wright, Pacific Grove, Delaney Reeder, Monterey. **Second team —** Jacqui Powers, Sienna Cimoli and Charlotte Morrow, Stevenson, Georgia Morrison, Santa Catalina, Ciara Nardone and Isa Jones, Pacific Grove, Myla Avila, Monterey, Avery Rocha, Hollister. **Sportsmanship:** Colette Duarte, Stevenson, Eva Bradley, Santa Catalina, Rainn Nachbar, Carmel, Lilikoi Wright, Pacific Grove, Cristina Terrones, Hollister, Sophia Millette, Salinas. **Team Sportsmanship:** Carmel.

### Girls volleyball

PCAL Gabilan Division – **First**



Jackson Lloyd (center), a 6-7, 285-pound tackle, has helped the Padres' offense average 44.7 points per game this season.

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**team:** Riley Imamura, Carmel, outside hitter; Charlee Riddle, Carmel, middle blocker; Lizzy Descalzi, Carmel, outside hitter; Cambria Lyon, Pacific Grove, outside hitter.

### Field hockey

**PCAL — Most Valuable Player:** Macey Torres, Stevenson. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Macey Torres, Stevenson. **Defensive Player of the Year:** Grace Ishii, Stevenson. **First team:** Macey Torres, Georgia Bonifas, Grace Ishii and Lucy

Aiello, Stevenson, Ava Mangiapane and Chloe Lemaster, Carmel, Piper Butler and Sofia McHugh, Santa Catalina. **Second team:** Molly McAfee, Charlotte Schipper and Sydney Holland, Stevenson, Emily Limoges, Olivia DaSilva and Isabel Fujita, Santa Catalina, Ava Staehle, Carmel. **Sportsmanship:** Iris Burch, Stevenson, Delilah Fujita, Santa Catalina, Ella Gallagher, Carmel.

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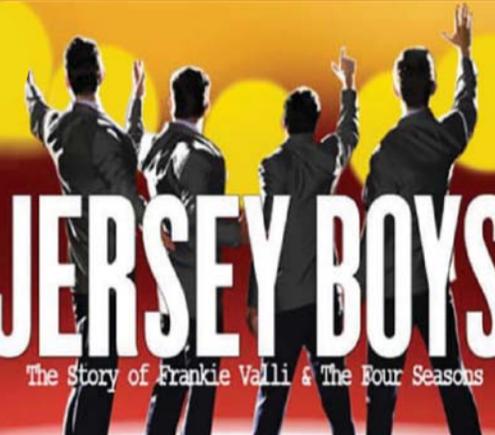
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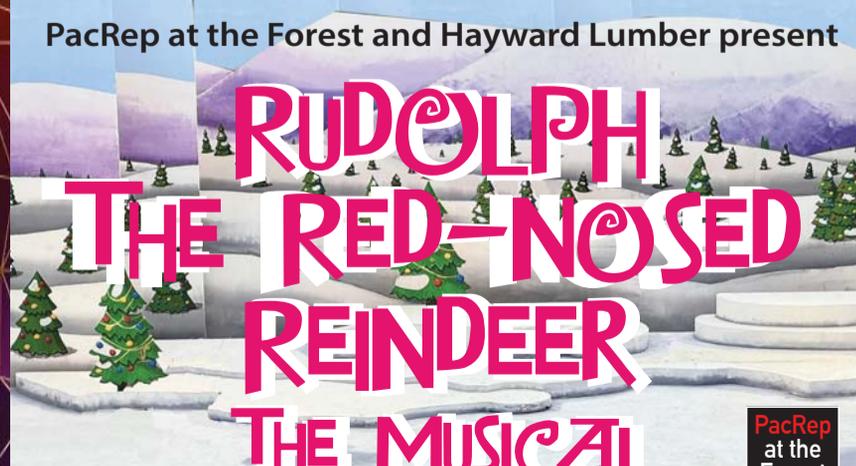
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# Editorial

## Not so golden

BY THE skin of its teeth, Sacramento isn't facing a big budget deficit, according to the state's Legislative Analyst's Office, which told Bloomberg Wednesday that a boom in tech stocks earlier this year generated so much wealth, a \$27 billion hole in the budget that existed just a few months ago is no longer there.

"In the first half of 2024, stock pay alone at four major technology companies accounted for almost 10 percent of the state's total income tax," the legislative analyst said. Those companies are Nvidia, Alphabet, Meta Platforms and Apple. Where would California be without them? The LAO had an answer for that, too.

"If sentiment around Nvidia were to change quickly, we could see a pretty significant reversal in the revenue gains that we've had over the last year or so," said Brian Uhler. "It could be billions of dollars of revenue impacts from even just a correction in Nvidia's stock."

Time was, California was a booming place with a highly diverse economy, including not just tech, but the military, aerospace, civil aviation, agriculture, higher education, recreation and, of course, entertainment. All that, plus the state's temperate climate and gorgeous scenery, made California the preferred destination for millions from around the world seeking prosperous and happy lives.

In a piece for CalMatters this week, Dan Walters said the 1980s were California's best years, a time when the population boomed 25 percent, soaring from 23.8 million to 30 million in a single decade, fueled not only by immigration, but by natural reproduction.

"There was a baby born every minute," Walters said.

The result wasn't just a booming economy and burgeoning cultural dominance, but an explosion of political power, and a shift from Republican to Democrat.

"Population growth granted California seven new congressional seats after the 1990 census, increasing from 45 to 52," according to Walters. "In 1992, Bill Clinton claimed the state's 54 electoral votes, becoming only the fourth Democrat to win the state in the 20th century.

While Democrats have continued to win California electoral votes in every election since, California's boom years are a distant memory — which means the Democrats no longer have a new harvest to reap every 10 years. More than 30 years after the 1990 boom, California still has the same 54 Electoral College votes. Kamala Harris won all of them on Nov. 5, almost one-quarter of all the votes she garnered.

But thanks to high taxes, a hostile business climate, and an epidemic of crime and homelessness, California's economy is no longer a golden goose and its population is actually shrinking while other regions are experiencing rapid population growth. The changes portend a dramatic shift in the state's political clout.

"California lost 433,000 people between July 2020 and July 2023," Walters reported, citing predictions that, after the 2030, it could lose numerous seats in Congress, and therefore in the Electoral College.

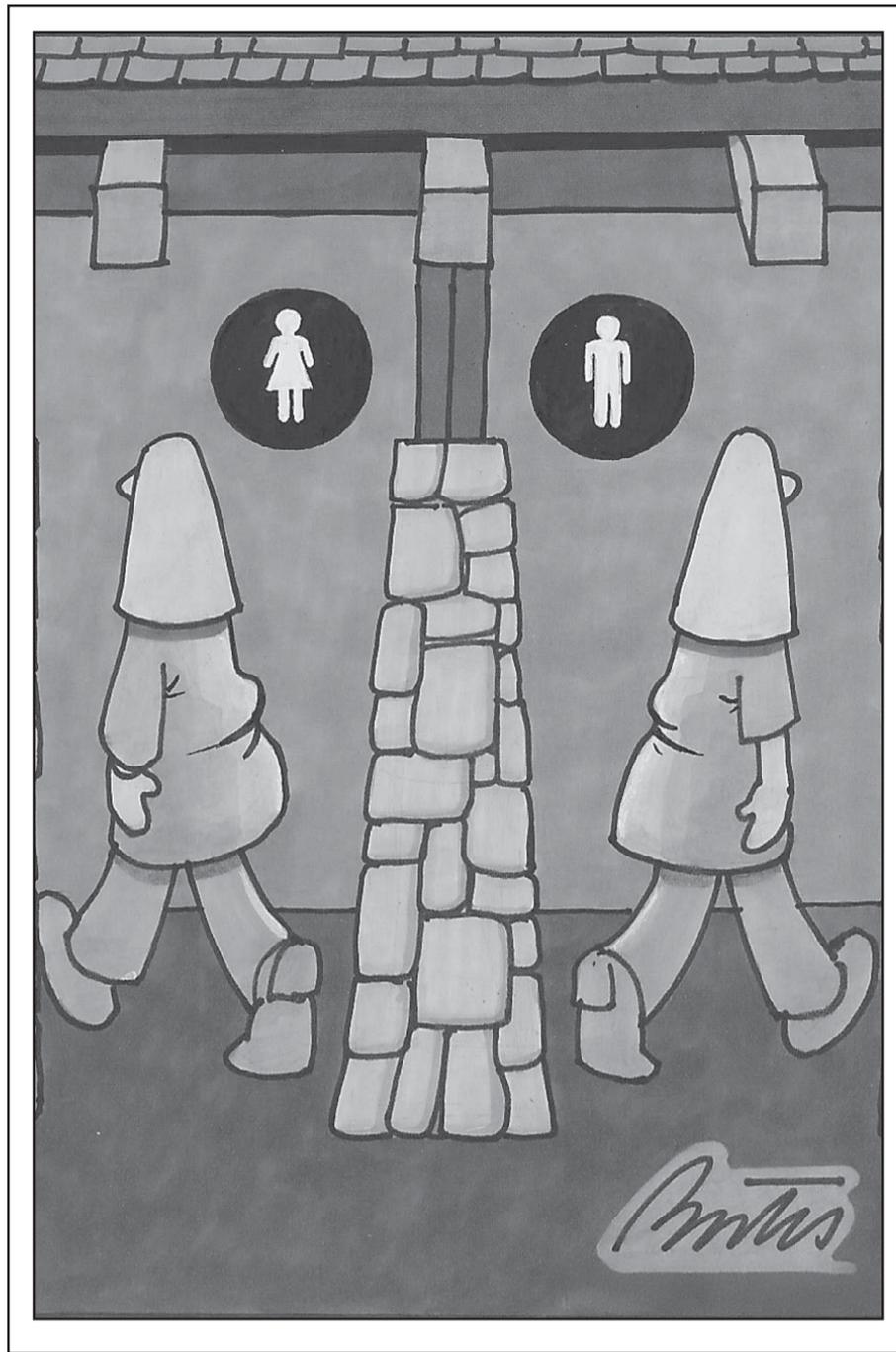
"A 2023 analysis by the liberal Brennan Center estimated that California will lose four seats, while the conservative American Redistricting Project pegged the likely loss at five seats," Walters said. And places like New York and Illinois are in the same boat.

"The brute reality is that blue states are shrinking, and red states are growing," notes John Hinderaker on powerlineblog.com. "Failing states like California, New York, Illinois and Minnesota will lose representation, and therefore electoral votes, while thriving states like Texas, Florida and Tennessee will gain electoral votes. So time is on the Republicans' side."

Walters agrees. Based on projections for the 2030 census, "were the 2032 Democratic nominee for president to carry the same states that Harris did this year, he or she would win 12 fewer electoral votes," he says.

The phrase "demography is destiny" has usually been applied to the entire developed world, where so few babies are being born, it's seen as inevitable that places like India and Africa will play dominant roles in the world of the not-so-distant future, while Europe, Japan and North America fade. But there's another way, besides not making babies, to lose influence: Use high taxes, over-regulation and soft-on-crime policies to drive a big portion of your population away.

## BEST of BATES



## Letters to the Editor

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

The Pine Cone only accepts letters to the editor by email. Please submit your letters to mail@carmelpinecone.com

### Nailed it

Dear Editor,

You Nov. 9 editorial on rent control nailed it. You effectively outlined the numerous insanities and counter-productive results that accompany ill-educated and misguided attempts to control the rental market. The answer is more supply.

Yes, among the many reasonable results in the Nov. 5 election, the defeat of Prop 33 stands tall for common sense. Along with Prop 36 (cracking down on crime), the likely passage of Prop 34 (prescription drugs) should also help. Provided it withstands the inevitable Constitutional challenges, Prop 34 should take off the board a troublesome and vexatious 'Proposition Promoter' who has misused healthcare

funds earmarked for patient care.

We can only hope that the politicians are listening to their sensible constituents.

Peter Nielsen, Pebble Beach

### Reasons to give thanks

Dear Editor,

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, let us all take a few moments to express gratitude and thanks to our special village — 108 years old and still going strong.

After a spirited municipal election, we extend our thanks to those who have served and offer high hopes and optimism for the newly elected representatives who will fill their seats. We desire success for our city, along with continued stability and unity.

At this time, we also thank our veterans for their service to our country, our first responders for their service to our city, and the countless local volunteer groups for all they do in various ways to enhance our village.

We are all blessed to call Carmel-by-the-Sea our home. Each of us in our own way strives to preserve our village and maintain its character. We cherish the heritage, traditions, and eccentricities that make our village a unique, magical, one-of-a-kind place.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Alissandra Dramov, Carmel City Council member

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## Resolute belief and the universe's power led back to the stage

IT IS not uncommon for a love/hate relationship to exist between people engaged in theater and their passion for it. By its nature, theater is extremely demanding. Sometimes, you have to put your heart and soul into it to make it work, and often, it's emotionally and physically draining. John Newkirk, development and marketing executive for Pacific Repertory Theatre, has lived that as an actor, director, musician and vocalist while in New York state and here on the Monterey Peninsula.

"There have been times when I've had to take a break from it, when I'd grown weary, feeling like I lost my soul," said Newkirk. In 2013, with a resolute belief in fate and the power of the universe, along with a desire for travel and his liberal leanings, he stepped away from the stage and volunteered for the Peace Corps. "The notion of going overseas to help people was right up my alley," he added. At age 56, he was working in Mozambique, but even there, the theater found him. We'll come back to that in a bit.

### Being a turtle

The Newkirk family moved from Detroit — John's birthplace — to New York, where his father worked at IBM's world headquarters. "I consider myself a New Yorker because I lived there from infancy until I was 24, in Chappaqua, N.Y., an hour-and-a-half from Yankee Stadium," he offered.

was mesmerized by the magic of it and was enrolled in theater classes for children. "I remember being a turtle in an African folktale about animals," he recalled. On the family's return to New York, Newkirk was immersed in drama programs every summer. In his high school and college years, theater was the dominant theme. At 16, he was on the board of directors of one of the two theater companies in Chappaqua, a town of 5,000 people.

Newkirk graduated from nationally

## Great Lives

By CARLIN JARDINE

ranked Horace Greeley High School in 1975, and from Hamilton College in upstate New York in 1979 with a Bachelor of Philosophy degree. "I had a tremendous four years there, and I'm not talking academically," he acknowledged. The drinking age was 18 in New York State at the time.

Two years later, he was living back home alone — his parents had divorced and his sisters had moved on — and supporting himself as a school bus driver. One day in February 1981, Newkirk's mail included an advertisement from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, now the Middlebury Institute. It was minus 12 degrees outside, and the bus was regularly covered with 2 inches of ice, making him stressfully late for pickups.

"Enough of this," he said to himself. "Oh, look, a school in Monterey, California — sign me up." He enrolled in graduate school in 1981, moved to Monterey (which he still calls home) and, two years later, graduated second in his class.

### Seduced

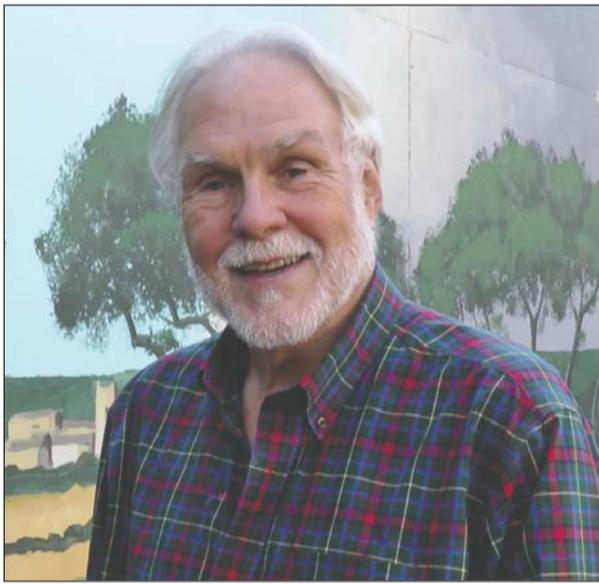
He thought at the time that theater was behind him, that he'd work for the State Department and become a diplomat. Instead, Newkirk fell in love with Monterey after walking into the Wharf Theater in summer 1982. He auditioned for "The Music Man," and was cast as the lead, Harold Hill. "I allowed myself to be seduced back into that world and all I've been doing since is working during the day to afford my fevered addiction at night," Newkirk professed.

After four shows at the Wharf Theater between 1982 and 1984, he was hired to be in the pit as a keyboardist for Monterey Peninsula College's production of "Pippin."

"Then, I auditioned there and ended up

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



PHOTO/CARLIN JARDINE

PacRep's John Newkirk thought he'd step away from theater and work for the State Department. The theater disagreed.

IBM wanted a presence in Africa and sent his father and the family to Nigeria for two years when Newkirk was 6. "It was still a British colony, and I remember singing 'God Save the Queen' at school every morning. I vividly remember my nanny, Clara, who I adored to the end of the world," Newkirk mused.

His mother loved theater and took him to productions at every opportunity. He

## CAUTIONED TO 'DREAM SMALL,' SHE ENDED UP LIVING PRETTY LARGE

IN THE 1950s, as Cherie Stock was growing up in a small rural town near Toledo, Ohio, little girls were cautioned to dream small.

An enduring memory, she said, is the retort she got from her father when she expressed her desire to become a lawyer someday: "My dad just kind of winked at me, and said, 'Uh ... yeah ... sure.'"

"And, of course, it was silly in those days for a little girl to imagine becoming a lawyer, or a doctor, or anything like that. Maybe a nurse, or a teacher."

But then, when she was in her late 20s, she discovered that her future was actually a blank canvas — an epiphany that conspired with serendipity and pluck to change her life.

Stock, an award-winning Peninsula artist, is otherwise retired from a journey highlighted by a surreal career as a big-market rock 'n' roll disc jockey in Southern California.

She interviewed movie stars and music idols, she had backstage access at major concerts, she dated Burt Bacharach, visited Michael Jackson, Charlton Heston, and Shelley Winters at their homes, and did interviews with Billy Joel, the Eagles and Fleetwood Mac.

It was an exciting ride for Stock, who personally put cracks in the "glass ceiling" of a rock 'n' roll radio world where very few females were on-air personalities.

### Medical professional

A studious child, she left for college at age 16, earning a nursing degree from Case Western Reserve University Medical School in Cleveland.

In 1975, at 27, Stock was a registered

greatest: Gary Owen of "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In," radio personality Robert W. Morgan, who has a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, game show host Wink Martindale, and Dick Whittinghill, an actor, musician, and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, among others.

### Invitation to L.A.

"All of the major jocks at KMPC were big names," Stock said. "And, out of the blue, I get this call, 'Hi, I'm Sonny Melendrez,' and I said, 'Uh, OK.'" Melendrez invited Stock to L.A. to do one show with



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Cherie Stock was a registered nurse, L.A. radio DJ, and PR specialist before focusing on the multifaceted art she creates for 480 Lighthouse in P.G., Cheryl Watts Gallery on Cannery Row, and the Haute Enchilada Gallery in Moss Landing.

him — apparently an audition — a confusing overture she shared with a colleague at the Monterey station.

"Sonny Melendrez? You're kidding! Really?" the fellow jock exclaimed. "No, you can't turn this down."

"So I went to Los Angeles and did a show with him," Stock said. "I had no idea what I was stepping into. I was the only estrogen in the building."

No job offer was forthcoming, but a spark had been ignited. Not long afterward, local bartender and future Los Angeles DJ Haagen Higgins alerted her that B-100, a big-market rock

station in San Diego, was looking for a female voice.

Stock flew to San Diego to meet with program director Bobby Rich, who auditioned her on-air at 2 o'clock in the morning.

### 'Welcome to B-100'

"The phones blew up because their audience hadn't heard a woman on B-100 before," she said. Nevertheless, Stock recalled that Rich, the decision-maker, seemed glum when she met with him after her audition.

"Well, at least you'll have a good tape to take back home with you," he told her with a shrug. "I'll take you out to breakfast before you catch your plane." When Stock and Rich arrived at the restaurant, all of the B-100 DJs were waiting at the table.

"And Bobby said, 'Welcome to B-100 — you've got two weeks, and then you're on the air,'" said Stock, who, as Cherie

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## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

nurse in the emergency room of Carmel's old community hospital.

As the single mom of a 5-year-old son, Aaron, and separated from her first husband (Dr. David Resneck-Sannes, now a general practitioner in Scotts Valley), she also worked a second job caring for patients at a local convalescent facility.

And, as Cherie Sannes, she hosted a weekend public-service interview show, "Radio Free Women," at Carmel's KLRB.

A year later, she became "Cherie the Midnight Lady," spinning Top-40 hits till sunrise at KMBY in Monterey — a gig that was about to change her life dramatically.

Sonny Melendrez, destined to be named one of the top 100 radio personalities of all time by the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, was driving through the Monterey Peninsula when he heard "the Midnight Lady" on his car radio.

Melendrez was program director and an evening DJ at KMPC, the No. 1 Top 40 rock 'n' roll station in Los Angeles, featuring an on-air lineup loaded with all-time



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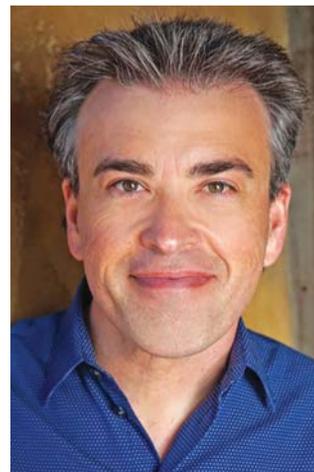
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# BILL

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as middlemen and use the money to fund terrorism.

While materially supporting a terror organization is already illegal, hearings held in the Ways and Means Committee uncovered how some tax-exempt organizations have abused America's tax code to fund disruptive and illegal activity nationally and terrorism in other countries.

If the legislation is made into law, it would allow the Treasurer to enforce the law via the tax code.

## 'Dangerous'

After Thursday's passage, the ACLU issued a statement about the bill, which it calls "dangerous."

"This legislation would grant the Secretary of the Treasury the unilateral power to investigate and effectively shut down any tax-exempt organization — including news outlets, universities, and civil society groups — by stripping them of their tax-exempt status based on a unilateral accusation of wrongdoing," the group said.

The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 gave the Secretary of State authority to designate

# TICKETS

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from authorized vendors, "never provide personal information," avoid using instant payments apps, "be wary of overly discounted tickets," and "do your research."

"Jersey Boys" continues on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 22. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$49, with special discounts for students, seniors, military, teachers and groups.

foreign terrorist organizations whose activity threatens the security of United States nationals or the national defense, foreign relations or economic interests of the country.

Before the Thursday House vote, Republican Rep. Jason Smith from Missouri said his Democratic colleagues would still be supporting the legislation if Harris had won the election.

The bill also includes a much less controversial provision that offers relief from missed federal tax deadlines for people who are being held hostage or have been wrongfully detained in another country. The proposal heads to the Democratic-majority Senate for consideration.

# FORBES

From page 13A

started off from there," he said.

When he was 11, Forbes and three others started a blues band, the Blue Tones. Two years later, the band played at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem.

In 2000, Forbes was mentioned in The Pine Cone when the band won a talent contest at Martin Luther King Middle School in Seaside. He made the news again a year later when he was named to a regional honors choir.

After graduating from Carmel High, Forbes attended USC's Thornton School of Music. After college, he began to pursue music professionally, although it was a few years before his career took shape.

## Sweet spot

After touring as a guitarist for several acts, Forbes found a sweet spot supporting other recording artists as a producer and director behind the scenes, and he has worked with Eilish and her brother, singer Finneas, for more than a decade. During that time, Eilish has emerged as a global pop music icon.

In 2021, Forbes was nominated for two Primetime Emmy Awards, for Music Direction and Sound Mixing, for his work on the documentary, "Billie Eilish: The World's a Little Blurry."

Forbes isn't the first Carmel High graduate who grew up in Big Sur to receive a Grammy nomination. That honors goes to cellist Rushad Eggleston, who was nominated in 2002 for his work on "Fiddlers 4," an all-acoustic collaboration that also showcased the talents of world-class fiddlers Darol Anger, Michael Doucet and Bruce Molsky.

The 67th Annual Grammy Awards are set for Feb. 2, 2025.

# REOPEN

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a "gateway" to recreation in the Los Padres National Forest. "This milestone marks an essential step forward for the quality of life, safety, and connectivity of our region," he said.

While he's happy to see the road open again, Panetta said he'd like to see work done to make it more resilient against future storms. He noted that it's frequently closed for "slides, floods and fires."

"While the road is now structurally repaired and reopened, our work is far from over," he added. "The next step is to secure additional funding to repave and further enhance the road's long-term usability."

# COUNCIL

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3,529 votes, and elected newcomers Tina Rau, who received 3,526 votes, and Paul Walkingstick, who got 3,843 votes. Councilman Luke Coletti, who received 3,446 votes, was not reelected, while former candidate Carmelita Garcia told The Pine Cone this week that she is not interested in applying for the open seat left vacant by Beck.

Smith triumphed over former city councilman Dan Miller and nonprofit operator Dionne Ybarra, the other two council candidates.

# PARKLETS

From page 1A

owners Kelvin and Liz Jacobs oppose it. The couple said they're planning on hiring an attorney to "challenge the legitimacy" of the project and are asking the public to help pay their legal bills.

A subcommittee composed of P.G. City Council members Debby Beck, Luke Coletti and Lori McDonnell developed the Lighthouse Avenue Widening Project.

The Victorian Corner parklet had to be removed to comply with a new state law that prohibits parking within 20 feet of the approaching side of a crosswalk.

# Good Samaritan Center hosts groundbreaking

THERE WILL be a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., at 800 Scott St. in Sand City for the remodel of the Salvation Army's Sabu Shake Sr & Family Good Samaritan Center.

"Our remodel will enhance essential spaces like counseling offices, restrooms, and the laundry area, along with important site upgrades to ensure lasting community benefit," the Salvation Army announced. "Help us celebrate

this impactful project."

The center provides services to the homeless like showers and laundry during the day — Monday through Friday — and hands out food boxes on weekdays from 1-4 p.m. "These meals are served to anyone in need," according to the Salvation Army. "This includes homeless people of all ages, as well as individuals and families who may be down on their luck and in need of a helping hand."



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# COUNTING

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there are to count, because ballots post-marked by Election Day can arrive up to seven days later and still be accepted.

After all the mail-in ballots are counted, officials move on to tabulating those cast by voters who registered the same day they voted. The rule is in place to make sure no one votes twice. However, as same-day registrations have increased, they, too, are further slowing the process.

According to the Associated Press, California has historically processed an average of 38 percent of the vote after Election Day, and by the 2022 mid-term election that number had grown to 50 percent.

More Californians have been voting by mail in recent years and, according to the Secretary of State, almost 90 percent of voters in the March primary cast their ballots by mail. The change came following 2021 legislation from Assemblymember Marc Berman, a Menlo Park Democrat, requiring all Californians receive a mail-in ballot.

“When voters get a ballot in the mail, they vote,” Berman said.

The state tested the system during the pandemic in 2020 when it mailed every registered voter in the state a ballot and

saw record-breaking participation. It also took a long time to count all those ballots. According to the Associated Press, one-third of California ballots went uncounted on election night in 2020, compared to Florida reporting 99 percent of its count within hours of the polls closing.

One full month after Election Day, the Golden State was still updating the vote count in 2020, and it is on pace to do the same this year.

### Races remain uncalled

On Tuesday, eight key contests were still too close to be called, including two Congressional races, five legislative races and one statewide ballot measure.

The slow count has fueled distrust in elections among those looking for signs of a rigged system.

In the race to represent California’s 45th District, Democrat Derek Tran has a razor-thin lead over incumbent Republican Michelle Steel, after trailing her for weeks. In response to the race reversal news this week, Republican Congresswoman Majorie Taylor Greene, who has been known to push a conspiracy theory or two, fired off a tweet on X.

“The Democrats are stealing a House seat right out from under us in California, we barely control the House and will have a 1 seat majority in January when Trump takes office, while we fill 3 seats through

special elections,” Greene said. “We have to stop election rigging, this is a continuing battle.”

Also on social media, California Republicans have called the slow vote count “dumb.”

In a tweet this week, State Assemblymember Joe Patterson, a Rocklin Republican, lamented the fact that the election won’t be certified until after lawmakers are sworn into office in Sacramento.

“Elections won’t be certified until Dec 13, yet I’ll be sworn in for a second term on Dec. 2, and county elections officials have to certify by Dec. 3. If we said no one could be sworn in until certification, things would change,” wrote Patterson.

### Speeding up the count

So how has a large state like Florida sped things up? For starters, residents must request a vote-by-mail ballot in the state.

Following the infamous “hanging-chad” 2000 presidential election in Florida, the state cleaned up its system and geared it towards efficient tabulation.

In 2001 the state-mandated optical ballot scanners in every precinct and required all ballots to arrive by 7 p.m. local time on Election Day in order to be counted. The onsite optical scanners catch problems earlier, such as a ballot with too many candidates selected, and those mistakes can be fixed onsite by the voter.

As for mail ballots with mistakes like a missing signature, Florida only gives voters two days following an election to fix the error. Californians have four weeks to address the issue.

So, if you messed up the signature on your ballot, no worries. Just get it fixed with the Monterey County elections office by Dec. 1 — just two days before the county must certify the 2024 election.

## GOP lawmakers are calling the slow vote count ‘dumb.’

# GAVEL

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determined. Both defendants face up to life in state prison and a fine.

**Oct. 23** — Erik Bjorn Olson, 42 years old, pleaded guilty to murdering his uncle, Greg Leonard Kolbo, 68, of Seaside. Olson pleaded guilty to second degree murder, and he will be sentenced on Jan. 28, 2025. He is facing a term of 15 years-to-life in prison. This conviction is a violent and serious strike within the meaning of California’s three strikes law. Judge Rafael Vazquez presided over the entry of plea, and he will be the sentencing judge.

In early 2019, Kolbo, an Air National Guard Veteran, invited his nephew, Olson, an unemployed Army veteran, to live with him in his duplex housing unit on old Fort Ord. At that time, Kolbo was very active in his community, serving diligently on the Monterey County Grand Jury. Friends and family closest to Kolbo said that he offered for Olson to live with him to help Olson get his life in order and to help Olson find a more permanent living arrangement eventually.

At approximately 3 p.m. on March 7, 2019, neighbors saw black smoke billowing out of Kolbo’s home and immediately called 911. Olson was seen fleeing the fire, leaving behind a suitcase. The

Presidio of Monterey Fire Department arrived at the scene and quickly put out the fire. During their efforts, they discovered human remains, later identified through fingerprints to be Kolbo’s. He was found wrapped in a blanket, partially burned, and reeking of gasoline. A subsequent autopsy would attribute his cause of death to blunt force trauma to his head and neck with no signs of smoke inhalation in his lungs — indicating that he died before the fire.

During the criminal investigation and manhunt that ensued, numerous local, state and federal agencies cooperated to locate Olson within 48 hours. He was hiding in a tent in a secluded area of San Jose.

Olson would later admit to the murder. The suitcase that he left behind at the crime scene contained a conspicuous blood-stained hammer later determined to be the murder weapon.

This case was investigated by the Army Criminal Investigations Division, the Presidio of Monterey Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, the California Department of Justice, and the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office. Kolbo’s surviving relatives were assisted throughout the investigation and criminal processes by the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office Victim Assistance Advocate Kristin Peterson. The lead detective for this case was district attorney investigator John Magana.

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# SPAT

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after his client complained to Carmel city officials about a basement remodel the Roses had done, which resulted in an “enforcement action” against them.

“I believe the evidence will show that the result of that enforcement action really poisoned the relationship between the parties,” O’Neil said, adding that “we are not going to pretend that Mr. Hutchings is without blame. There were things that definitely could have been done better in this case.”

### Intent questioned

Stein suggested that videos recorded by the Roses’ surveillance cameras to make sure their plants were not being illegally cut captured incidental images and did not reveal much of the Hutchings’ backyard. But O’Neil told Wills that he would play the video footage so the judge could decide whether the Rose’s motivation for the cameras — including one that was installed in a birdhouse — was meant to protect their plants or to make the Hutchings feel “uncomfortable and afraid.”

Hutchings repeatedly complained that the Roses had refused to trim shrubbery planted in 2015 that’s grown to more than 20 feet.

“As a result, Mr. Hutchings’ ocean view on the main floor of his home is being blocked in his front patio, living room, dining room, kitchen, and back deck,” his complaint says, “as well as the ocean view in the den located on the second floor of his home where his windows face south and west.

While O’Neil said his client tried to be the “adult in the room” and proposed solutions to end the quarrel, such as

requesting the Roses remove two of the cameras and trim their hedge to the roof line, the Roses alleged the communication “constituted harassment.”

### Cameras watching cameras

The Roses said that because of “repeated trespassing and trimming” of their trees, Carmel Police officers suggested they aim their cameras toward their trees and shrubs. The couple accused Hutchings of using a pole to move them “so that he will not be captured on camera trimming their trees and bushes.”

“The Roses have also placed additional cameras aimed at other cameras to capture anyone moving them,” their lawsuit said.

After they were installed in 2019, the Roses say the illegal tree trimming on their property ceased.

“However, Mr. Hutchings has begun a campaign of harassment toward the Roses to force them to trim their trees and remove the cameras,” the couple said.

The Roses also say Hutchings admitted to placing a camera on his roof, aimed toward the couple’s property, solely to “antagonize” them.” His attorney said “there needs to be a context to how Mr. Hutchings was feeling” in 2019 when the incident occurred. The Roses, he said, installed their surveillance cameras in 2009.

The Roses allege nuisance, trespass and invasion of privacy and are seeking general damages and punitive damages, which can be awarded involving cases of fraud or malice. They’re also seeking a court order to stop Hutchings from asking them to trim their trees and shrubs, remove or adjust their cameras and other behavior.

Hutchings alleges invasion of privacy, nuisance and intentional infliction of emotional distress, and said that in summer 2022, he began treatment for “intense anxiety and depression” because of the ongoing row with his neighbors.

# LIVES

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stomping on the boards at MPC for 15 years. That’s where I did most of my really big musical roles.” His crowning achievement was the lead in Stephen Sondheim’s “Sweeney Todd.”

“I can’t even tell you how monumental that was. That role — oh my God!” he exclaimed.

In the late 1990s, Newkirk was hired to write, direct and perform in a dinner-theater musical review that was presented in the barn at Mission Ranch. It was one of the more than 20 PacRep productions he was involved in as an actor, vocalist, musical director, vocal director, stage director, musician, or some combination thereof.

In 2013, he returned to Africa, this time in Mozambique with the Peace Corps. “The toughest job you’ll ever love,” he added, quoting the group’s slogan. “But it felt so right for me.” Fate stepped in again when another volunteer — who knew nothing of Newkirk’s background — asked him to take over his local theater company, as he was returning to the United States. “I did, and that became my focus: producing, coaching and sponsoring this group of a dozen young actors. They were fascinating,” he said. The troupe wrote their own 10-minute plays with social messages — don’t beat your wife, take your meds, don’t drink in excess — and performed them in surrounding villages.

“It was an amazing experience for me. I was humbled and grateful to have the opportunity to explore my passion in a whole different way. I never anticipated that would be one of the outcomes of joining the Peace Corps,” he said.

### ‘Deeply gratifying’

When Newkirk returned from Mozambique, he wasn’t through helping people. He took a position as kitchen manager and chef at Dorothy’s Kitchen in Salinas, serving 500 meals a day to those in need — 250 at breakfast and 250 at lunch, seven days a week.

“We served over 900 Thanksgiving Day meals during each of my four-and-a-half years there, with turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, pie — the works. It was spectacular, deeply gratifying and exhausting.”

In the 1990s, he did “Pajama Game” and “Follies” at Hartnell’s Western Stage. He was the first artistic director for the Forest Theater Guild. “Before recorded soundtracks took over, I would hire and conduct the orchestra for their musicals — one of the greatest thrills of my life,” he recalled. “To take a feeling and manifest it in sound is a transcendent experience.”

Since his arrival on the Monterey Peninsula, Newkirk estimates he has performed in more than 150 shows and a vast number of concerts, musical performances, and even fashion shows.

Maintaining he has never made a plan for anything in his life — except for the Peace Corps — he said, “I’ve often thought I’ve lived an unintentional life, but I can’t have it any other way. Follow your bliss — that’s me.”

He added that there is “no greater pleasure on the planet for me than to stand on a stage in a spotlight, with an orchestra and an audience. It’s when I’m most alive, and I’m eternally grateful for every moment of it,” he concluded.



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# ARTIST

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Sannes, became the station's first female voice.

"It was like, 'What the hell is happening?'" she reminisced. "I went from wiping people's behinds at a nursing home to this!"

Ten months later, she seized an opportunity to become one of L.A.'s first female daytime DJs at K-Earth, where colleagues included legends "Shotgun" Tom Kelly and "Brother" John Rydgren. She also hosted weekend interviews with A-list celebrities.

Five years later she joined Power-106 FM, teaming on the air with Hall-of-Famer Robert W. Morgan, and she hosted a syndicated program about "ordinary people doing extraordinary things." She also did production and commercial voice-overs and eventually became promotions director at the station while simultaneously teaching at the Los Angeles School of Broadcasting.

### Time for a change

In 1986, ready for a career change, she returned to healthcare as public relations director at Downey Community Hospital.

With that experience on her resume, she came back to the Peninsula in 1987 as a marketing and public relations specialist at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, winning multiple regional and national awards for innovative and creative campaigns.

But another major life change was in store when Cherie Sannes returned to the Monterey Peninsula.

"I had met Bob Stock when I was doing my interview show in Carmel. He was a DJ there at the time and was engaged to my best friend," she said.

"When I took the job at Natividad, my friend called him and said, 'Guess who's back?'"

"He called and asked me out to lunch. I said no, because I was still in my probation period at Natividad, but he kept calling."

They finally went to lunch in January 2008, and five months later, she married Stock, a former KSBW-TV news anchor who was creative services director there at the time.

### Full-time artist

That same year, after 22 years at Natividad, Cherie Stock retired, turning her full-time focus toward creating art — initially mixed-media assemblage sculptures, then alcohol ink renderings and, eventually, acrylic paintings. She considers herself mostly self-taught, but credits Peninsula art icon Dick Crispo for instruction that has accelerated her progress.

"Someone once said, 'Art keeps us from dying of reality,'" said Stock, paraphrasing philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. "I had a lot of health problems — including breast cancer — after I left Natividad, and I wound up having eight surgeries.

"When things got rough, I would paint for hours, sometimes until 2 in the morning. Painting, for me, is meditation. It's very cathartic."

Stock's career highlights have included first-place awards at the 2024 Monterey County Fair Art Competition, the 2018 Avery Gallery Digital Art Fall Competition, and the Central Coast Art Association's all-member juried show in 2015. She also received the Commissioner's Prize at the 2017 Avery Gallery Fall Art Competition at Seaside City Hall.

Her styles range from expressionism, to realism, to abstract, and her portfolio includes seascapes and landscapes, still lifes, birds, and the beloved feral cats she cares for around her Oak Hills home.

Stock's art can be found at the Cheryl Watts Gallery (417 Cannery Row in Monterey), the 480 Lighthouse Gallery in Pacific Grove, and the Haute Enchilada Gallery at 7902 Moss Landing Road in Moss Landing.

Images of her work can be found online at [Instagram.com/cheriestock](https://www.instagram.com/cheriestock).

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# HEALTHY

## Lifestyles

### Hard-wired to remove unwanted hair since 1875

By ELAINE HESSER

**SOME WOMEN** bleach unwanted hair or use chemical depilators (like Nair) to remove it. Others shave, including their faces, while their friends might go for regular waxings at a spa. Many women have ongoing relationships with magnifying mirrors and tweezers so that no unwanted hair that sprouts on their faces will long remain. Men, meanwhile, seem resigned to having those little tufts that begin growing from their ears as they age.

Another weapon in the battle of hair removal has been around since 1875, even though it doesn't receive as much attention as it used to: electrolysis.

#### Impressed with results

Andrea Snellen is an electrologist — one who performs electrolysis — on Cass Street at her Lux Electrolysis Studio in Monterey. She was making a living in the business world when she had “some bikini work” done and was impressed by the permanent results. Intrigued, she enrolled in the Monterey Bay Institute of Electrology and became a clinical instructor there for a time after she graduated.

“Women in their 70s and 80s have had it, and some of the younger women hear about it from their moms,” she said. But when laser treatment for hair became available in the 1990s, many people abandoned electrolysis.

“It's faster, and you can cover a lot of area with it,” said Snellen of the newer technology. While she said lasering is useful for removing hair over large areas like legs or underarms, electrolysis remains the only FDA-approved method for permanent hair removal. Medical News Today reported that some practitioners have taken to calling the laser method “long-term removal” rather than permanent, because it often damages follicles instead of destroying them, so the hair returns. In addition, said Snellen, the la-

pers target melanin, so they work best on fair-skinned people with dark hair, but can burn darker-skinned clients.

Snellen called electrolysis a “tedious” but worthwhile process. An extremely slender needle, which can be thinner than a human hair, is inserted into the opening of one follicle at a time and electric current is applied using one of three modalities. The original version, “galvanic,” uses direct current to create a chemical reaction inside the follicle. Per Snellen's website, “The moisture within the follicle acts as a conductor for the electrical current, and when they come into contact, a chemical reaction occurs. The salt and water break into individual elements and then rearrange to form” new substances — “sodium hydroxide (lye), hydrogen, and chlorine gas.” The lye “causes destruction within the follicle; it's not the current.”

#### Different cycles

The second approach, invented in 1923, is called thermolysis. It's applied the same way, but uses alternating current, which creates heat to cauterize the follicles. It has a higher rate of regrowth, but can be done more quickly, taking about four to six seconds per hair, as opposed to six to eight seconds for galvanic. Finally, a blended method combines efficacy and speed, which Snellen referred to as “the best of both” modalities.

On average, she said, it takes three 16-week treatments to complete hair removal, depending on the size of the area and how much hair there is.

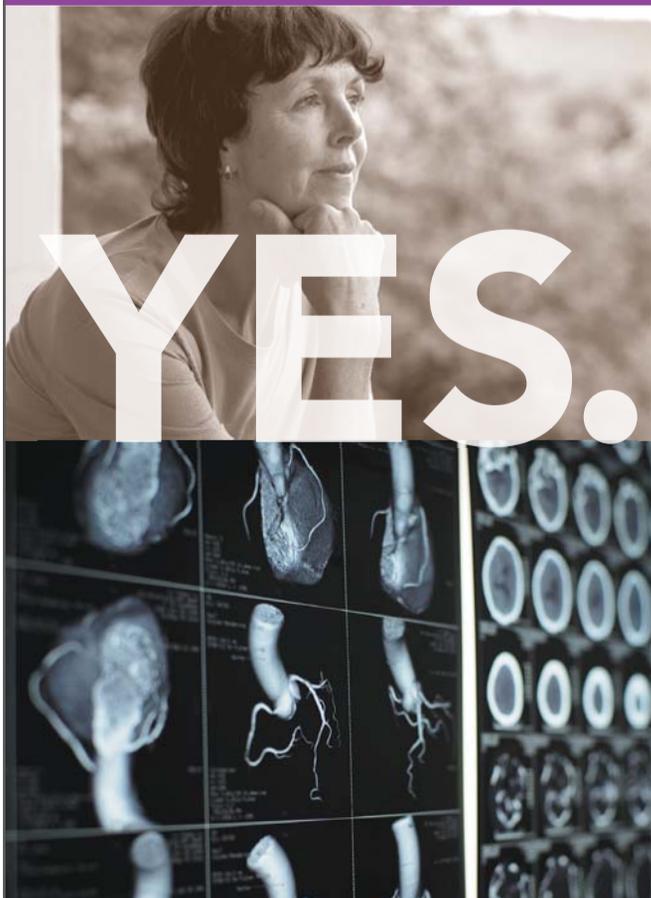
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# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

## Awareness and cleanliness are keys to safer mani-pedis

By LISA LAPIN

**IT SEEMS** simple enough: Saunter into any nail salon, walk out with beautiful, sparkling hands and feet, and feel a bit pampered, too.

But there is a degree of risk in any manicure or pedicure. The procedures often involve roughing up fingers, toes and cuticles and exposing them to potential infections — even if the skin damage is microscopic. According to podiatrists and public health officials, even the nail polish applicator brush that has previously been used on someone else’s nails can carry germs.

“The phrase ‘death by pedicure,’ sadly, is a real thing,” said local podiatrist Alan Smith, a 50-year practitioner in foot health. “Fungal infections are very easy to get and easy to treat. But a staph infection can be much more difficult, and people can develop serious hepatitis from exposure to contaminated water.”

Some people have what Smith called “foot shame” and avoid getting pedicures or having anyone even look at their feet, limiting the ability to detect potential problems. This is especially true for those who no can longer reach and see their feet easily, or who have limited sensation there.

“In my practice, I’ve had women say they would rather go to the gynecologist

than have someone look at their feet. And men want privacy. They don’t want to be seen at a salon taking care of their nails,” Smith said. “But nails have to be trimmed or they go wild. And feet are like organs. Good foot health is like anything else. It enables you to feel better in

shoes and socks, so you can then walk better. Our feet are what keep us going.”

Smith had so many patients ask him for referrals to safe nail salons that about 20 years ago, he added a nail technician to his podiatry practice “to give people a safe place to go where they could regularly take care of their feet and trust the care.” The demand steadily increased, so Smith opened the separate Smith Medical Pedicures in Monterey 15 years ago and recently opened a Salinas branch staffed with nail technicians he trained.

### Ask questions

Health problems that can occur during manicures and pedicures include skin boils and abscesses from foot whirlpool spas, or nail fungus such as athlete’s foot that can cause pain, itching or deformed nails and swelling. Most dangerous is a staphylococcus infection that may not be easily treated by antibiotics.

Ignoring nail care can lead to problems like ingrown nails, nails that cause injury to surrounding toes or skin, or nails that break and are more prone to infection. Skipping the salon altogether, especially if you can’t maintain your own nails, isn’t a good option either.

Don’t despair. There are proactive ways you can keep your hands and feet looking good and healthy while protecting yourself from potential hazards.

In California, nail salons and employees are regulated and licensed by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. So, when you enter a salon, look for a valid state license. That helps ensure that the proprietors have been trained to follow state law and infection-control standards.

Customers also have the right to ask basic questions about how the salon pro-



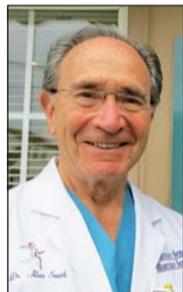
Medical pedicures, like those done at Smith Medical Pedicures in Monterey and Salinas, are done for medical as well as cosmetic reasons. The procedures are necessary for people who can’t reach or safely trim their toenails, as well as those, like diabetics, who have lost sensation in their feet and may be unaware of injuries or infections. Smith’s office performs medical pedicures under the strictest hygiene protocols — clients even bring their own polish so that no brushes are shared.

pects its clients. The surroundings should be clean, and employees should wash their hands often, including between clients.

Salon staff should also be able to demonstrate how tools are disinfected, and anything that can’t be disinfected, like buf-

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## Many avenues to one destination — clearer skin

By ELAINE HESSER

**THE BRITISH** Association of Dermatologists ran an article in June 2023 that said, “The search for an effective treatment for acne dates to 1550 B.C. with the Ebers Papyrus, one of the oldest medical documents in the world.” The story goes on to describe remedies — legitimate, sketchy and just plain wrong — that have been tried since then. In one, a Greek physician named Theodosius recommended wiping the blemishes with a towel while watching a star fall from the sky, suggesting that the spots would likewise fall from the person’s face.

The American Academy of Dermatology says acne affects 40 to 50 million adults in the United States, including about 85 percent of people between 12 and 24. However, more and better treatments have been developed, and you don’t have to wait for a meteor shower.

According to Yale Medicine, “Acne develops when hair follicles — the small, tube-shaped cavities near the surface of the skin from which tiny hairs grow — get clogged with oils, dead skin cells, and bacteria.” The university’s website goes on to explain that genetics, hormones, medications, stress, diet, and even some skincare products can play a role.

### Start with prevention

The psychological, emotional and social issues that can arise from acne — especially for teenagers — are well documented. It was precisely that angst and misery that led Monterey esthetician Julia Dominguez, owner of Beauty Mark skin studio, to find all the training and information on the condition that she could. Along the way, she said, she became a certified acne specialist with Face Reality, a company that makes and sells skincare prod-



Whether it afflicts adults or teenagers, acne affects people’s confidence and ability to interact with others. Fortunately, research has led to more knowledge about the condition and how to treat it.

ucts, and Dominguez continues to seek out other seminars and classes. As a mom of two teenagers, she’s especially interested in ensuring young people have confidence and thrive in school.

At her peaceful studio on Cass Street, Dominguez offers a variety of adult facials for men and women, as well as one called

“Teen Clean.” She describes it as an opportunity to introduce teenagers and tweens to skincare, with an emphasis on cleansing, exfoliation and sunscreen.

“Most kids don’t listen to their parents,” she said with a smile, explaining that she can provide guidance her young clients might “hear” better, because it’s not

coming from Mom or Dad.

Some readers who may vividly recall the smell of Clearasil might also remember when glossy teen magazines suggested all sorts of ways to avoid and eliminate blemishes. Among them were lists of foods

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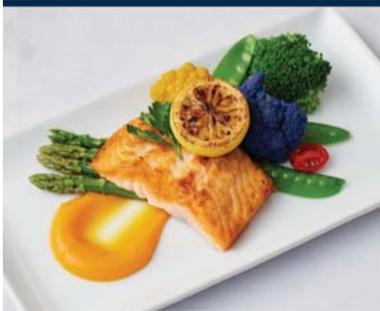
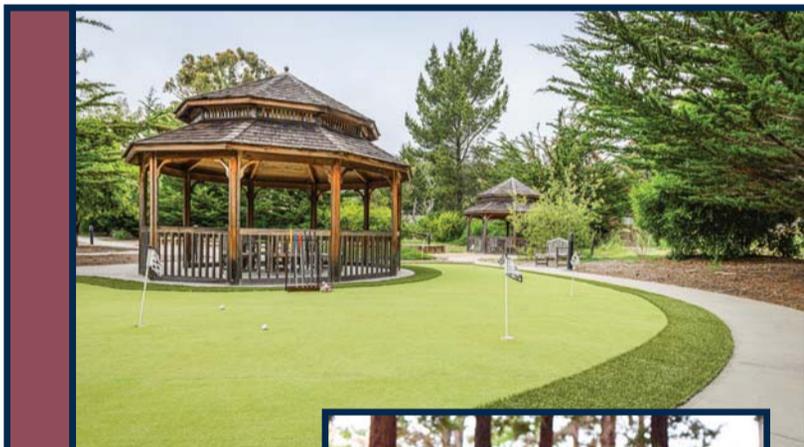


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## Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Pomegranate and Walnuts

Courtesy Fuad Al-Qudsi, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

**SINCE THIS** issue of Healthy Lifestyles focuses on beauty, we turned to Fuad Al Qudsi, a registered dietitian nutritionist and occasional columnist, to see if he could suggest something delicious that might also nourish everyone's good looks. He sent us this autumn-themed dish just in time for Thanksgiving.

"The primary reason for choosing this recipe is that the key ingredients, Brussels sprouts and pomegranate, are in season and offer excellent skin benefits," he said. Brussels sprouts are high in vitamin C and antioxidants, which help combat skin

aging and support collagen production. Pomegranate's loaded with antioxidants that protect the skin and enhance hydration.

Finally, he said, walnuts are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which contribute to maintaining skin elasticity and hydration.

Pomegranate seeds can be purchased in the refrigerator sections of most larger grocery stores. Or, you can buy a medium (around 1 pound) pomegranate and remove the seeds yourself. Most recipe writers suggest that a fruit that size will yield between 3/4 and 1 1/2 cups of seeds, more

than enough for this recipe.

Breaking down a pomegranate isn't difficult, but it is a bit messy. Put on an apron, fetch a chef's knife and a large wooden spoon, fill a large bowl about halfway with water, and, as Julia Child might say, confront your fruit with the courage of your convictions.

The point of this procedure is to keep as many of the juicy seeds intact as you can — squeezing the fruit or digging them out with a spoon or knife releases the juice and leaves you with flavorless seeds.

Slice the pomegranate in half horizon-

tally. Set one half aside (cut side up, so it doesn't "bleed") and turn the other half cut-side down over the bowl. Hold it there with one hand and whack the top of it repeatedly with your wooden spoon. The seeds will fall out into the bowl. Once you've gotten most of them, you can cut the hemisphere in half again and use a small spoon or your fingers to gently remove the hangers-on. Repeat with the other half.

If any of the white pulp falls into the bowl, it will float, while the seeds will sink. Skim off the top, strain out the seeds, and you're all set.

### INGREDIENTS

(Serves 4-6)

- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved**
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt**
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper**
- 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds**
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped**
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar**
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup**
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped, for garnish**

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a large bowl, toss the halved Brussels

sprouts with olive oil, salt, and pepper until well coated.

Spread the Brussels sprouts on a baking sheet in a single layer. Roast for about 20-25 minutes, or until they are golden brown and crispy, stirring halfway through.

In the last 5 minutes of roasting, add the chopped walnuts to the baking sheet to toast them lightly.

In a small bowl, whisk together the balsamic vinegar and maple syrup

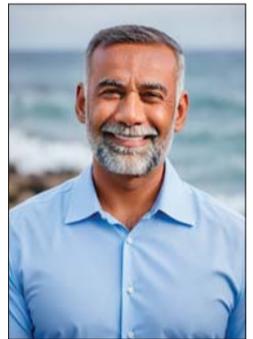
Once the Brussels sprouts and walnuts are done, remove them from the oven and let them cool slightly. Drizzle the balsamic mixture over the top, add the pomegranate seeds and toss gently. Garnish with fresh parsley before serving.

### Chef Bio

**FUAD AL Qudsi** is a registered dietitian and nutritionist and a certified fitness trainer, but above all, he is a food enthusiast. Growing up in Saudi Arabia in a family that loved to cook influenced his connection with what people eat from a young age.

Even though he was interested in food and nutrition, his professional path took a different turn when he obtained a degree in geology and worked as an environmental engineer. Twenty years ago, when he moved to San Francisco, he decided to become a certified personal trainer. His interest in healthy, tasty food grew, prompting him to pursue and earn a degree in nutrition and dietetics, and he relocated here from the San Francisco area in summer 2020. He's the founder of FuadFit, a private practice for nutrition counseling.

Al Qudsi says he specializes in weight management for adults and older adults, as well as "sports nutrition and all the nutrition-related diseases associated with undesirable body weight. This includes pre-diabetes, diabetes, elevated blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and coronary heart disease."



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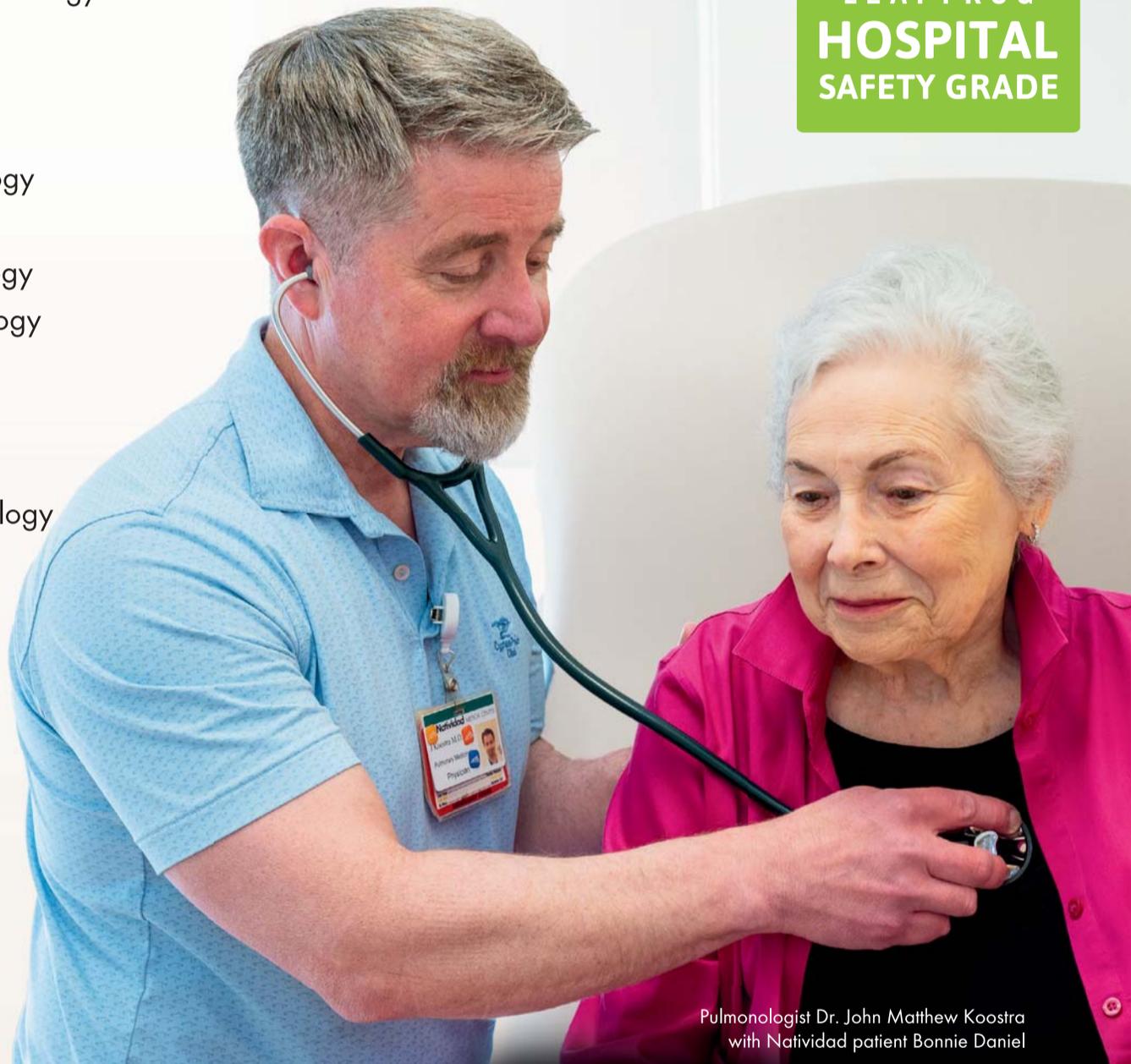
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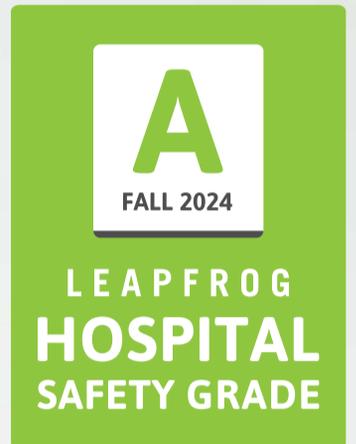
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have different cycles. Each follicle grows hair, sheds it and then replaces it, so at any given time, you only see a fraction of the hair that could grow on your body. Electrologists can only treat the hair they can see.

According to Snellen, the first 16 weeks are a “clearing” process of all the hair growing in one area. It involves weekly treatments of 30 to 120 minutes, although she said that depending on their skin tolerance and budgets, some clients may schedule multiple sessions each week and/or longer sessions to move the process along. In the next two 16-week periods, the quantity of hair to be removed diminishes and appointments become less frequent.

### ‘Tolerable’

When preparing for electrolysis, avoid shaving or trimming hair for three to five days and skip exfoliation for two weeks. The day of your appointment, take a full shower or bath and wash your face, then don’t apply lotions, oils, deodorants or makeup to the treatment area. Snellen also recommends skipping caffeine and avoiding rushing to the appointment, since too much stress can make pain more intense.

Does it hurt? It depends, said Snellen. She called it “annoying but tolerable,”

cautioning that the location of the treatment and the client’s pain tolerance make a difference. The upper and lower lip, eyebrows, toes and anything close to the centerline of the body, where there is an abundance of nerves, can be more painful. Menstrual cycles, anxiety, depression, illness and fitness level can also increase sensitivity. Over-the-counter topical agents can “help take the edge off,” and Snellen said that if necessary, prescription painkillers can be obtained and used with the assistance of medical professionals.

After treatment, people can expect a little redness and swelling for about one to two hours. Scabbing, on the other hand, is a sign of overtreatment and although the scabs should heal, Snellen recommended seeking another provider.

Finally, Snellen said she wants people to know that while shaving doesn’t cause more hair to grow or make it more coarse, tweezing, threading and waxing can cause those problems in “hormonal hair.” As the term implies, that’s growth caused by excess male hormones in women, typically in a “male pattern” — mustache, beard, sideburns — and is usually somewhat dark and coarse. Some research has shown that plucking or otherwise pulling out these hairs can cause greater regrowth.

And yeah, she can help the guys with furry ears, too.



“Hormonal hair,” caused in this case by ovarian cysts, is shown before and after six months of treatment using electrolysis.



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fers, pumice stones, toe separators, gloves, cotton pads, sponges, and emery boards, should be discarded after use. If tools come out of a plastic pouch that has already been opened and you didn't witness the unsealing, request fresh tools.

Smith Medical Pedicures lead technician, Lindsey Whistler, said the staff autoclaves all its metal instruments, ensuring proper sterilization. She said, "We don't use anything twice, including nail polish. We don't share anything for sanitary reasons." If customers want polish, they are instructed to bring their own.

State law also permits salons to use a disinfectant solution, which should be in a clearly labeled container, to sanitize tools.

Another area to closely inspect is

foot spas. It is fine to ask how they are maintained or to be shown how they are cleaned. Some local nail salons use new plastic liners for each customer. But if there are massage jets, bacteria and germs can hide in the pipes, which are difficult to clean. A salon that adheres to state standards will clean between each customer and keep a cleaning log, which customers may inspect.

It is best not to get a pedicure if you are experiencing any itching, redness, pain or discomfort in your feet. And it's especially important not to get a pedicure if you have open wounds on your feet or legs, and not to get a manicure if you have any cuts on your hands or fingers.

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from a skin-on-skin hand or foot massage, not unlike germs that can be passed by shaking hands. Nail technicians should wear gloves. If they don't, wash your hands immediately following a manicure.

Whatever you do, "don't shave your legs before your appointment. And don't get a pedicure if you have broken skin on your lower legs," according to the state board. State regulators also recommend that you not allow salon employees to use any types of cutting tools on your skin to pick at cuticles or to scrape away dead skin or callouses. In particular, the regulatory board recommends against using razor blades or cheese-grater-type scrapers to wear away stubborn callouses.

### House calls

Then there are issues with acrylic nails, which are glued onto the nail bed. If acrylics are left on too long, they can also become infected, even at home and with just everyday use. The glue can wear away, and the acrylic nail can separate from the nail bed, allowing bacteria to enter and fester where air cannot reach the nail.

"Nails are living things and a part of the body that continuously grows. They need to breathe, and they need regular care," Smith said. His salons use a waterless system to soften and treat nails. And he has trained his technicians to inspect feet closely while doing a "medi-pedi," including looking between toes.

"If they see something, they say something and refer the customer to a podiatrist or dermatologist," Smith said.

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who might not otherwise be taking care of their feet. But we also want people to be educated about how important it is to keep their nails and feet healthy."

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Dr. Christina Bolante

believed to cause breakouts — usually things like pizza and candy.

They may have been onto something. Some clinical research supports an association between high-glycemic diets — those that contain a lot of things like simple carbohydrates and sugars that cause spikes in blood sugar — and acne, and dairy consumption has also been correlated with it. Vitamin B12 has been reported as a possible contributor, too.

Indeed, Dominguez said, while "different people respond differently" to what they eat, "dairy tends to be one of those things" that exacerbates the problem.

However, her clients have also reported plenty of personal experiences in which everything from iodized salt and certain dietary supplements, to some types of laundry detergent and swimming pool chemicals, have been implicated in breakouts. She said she's seen several situations in which someone has experienced dramatic improvements in their skin after reducing or eliminating exposure to the suspect substance.

### Severe breakouts

Of course, teens aren't the only ones who get acne. For

example, since hormones can play a big role in skin condition, some menopausal women struggle with it.

Certain medications and medical conditions can also be worsen acne, and, of course, those are topics that should be discussed with a doctor, along with severe breakouts and moderate acne that lasts three to six months and doesn't seem to be going away, said Christina Bolante, the dermatologist who owns Parasol Dermatology in Monterey. If there's evidence of scarring, she added, it's important to see a doctor as soon as possible, because those marks are permanent.

For mild acne, however, she said people should look

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for products “with salicylic acid or benzoyl peroxide” for washing the face, a “benzoyl peroxide spot treatment, and retinols or adapalene, which is an over-the-counter retinoid.”

The American Academy of Dermatology describes retinoids as vitamin A-based products used on the skin, and retinols as a subset of retinoids. They’re used “to spur faster turnover of surface cells and boost collagen,” as well as improve skin tone.

Bolante noted that “acne is one of the top reasons for dermatology visits nationwide,” and added that it’s “a chronic disease that is easily seen and difficult to disguise. A single lesion can last for weeks and develop into permanent scarring. Acne can be socially isolating and is also a stigmatized disease where affected individuals may be incorrectly viewed as having poor hygiene or an unhealthy lifestyle.”

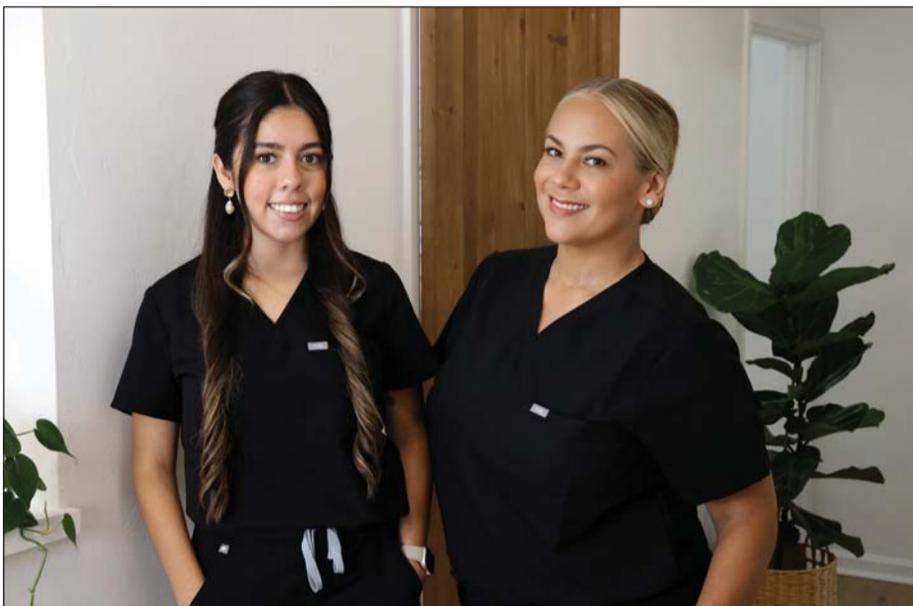
Since there are so many possible causes

and contributors, it’s unsurprising that Bolante said there are “a multitude of treatments,” from an array of cleansers and topical remedies, to a variety of oral medications. She said her approach “depends on several factors, including the patient’s age, location of the acne and severity of acne.”

Of course, as many folks around here know, the Monterey Peninsula hasn’t been exempt from the nationwide shortage of dermatologists. It can sometimes take weeks to get an appointment, and many practitioners simply aren’t accepting new patients.

However, Bolante said, “primary care physicians (pediatricians, family practitioners and internists) are often well-versed in treating acne until you can get in with a dermatologist.”

Like Dominguez, Bolante derives a lot of satisfaction from her work. “I enjoy treating patients with acne because as their skin gets better, patients often seem happier and more self-confident.”



Marissa Castaneda (left) and Julia Dominguez are licensed estheticians who specialize in acne.

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# This Week

Live Music,  
Clubs and Events

## Jazz jam raises \$\$ for music school, Sunset Center welcomes classical trio

BRINGING TOGETHER 35 local women who love to sing, **Aria Women's Choir** presents its fall concert Saturday and Sunday — the music starts at 4 p.m. both days — at the First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove.

Titled "Sacred Words for Sacred Hearts," the program includes "a tapestry of music that uplifts, inspires and connects us all," according to **Sean Boulware**, who leads

and active military, and \$12 for students under 18. The church is located at 915 Sunset Drive. For more details, visit [ariamonterey.org](http://ariamonterey.org).

### ■ Jammin' for a good cause

The final Jazz Jam of the year at Embassy Suites in Seaside Sunday at 1 p.m. will raise money for the Dennis Murphy School of Music.

Led by singer and bassist **Dennis Murphy**, the school offers young musicians a "comprehensive and fun approach to music education, while promoting a lifelong appreciation and love of music."

The lineup for Sunday's jam features singer **Laurie Hofer Romero**, keyboardist **Bob Phillips** and drummer **Mike Shannon**, along with Murphy. The gathering will showcase past and current students of the school. "As always, performers from near and far are invited and encouraged to join in," singer and co-host **Lee Durley** said.

Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

### ■ Turn off your oven

A trio from Scotland that puts an original stamp on traditional Scottish music, **Kalos** plays Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's-by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove.

The ensemble features singers and multi-instrumentalists **Ryan McKasson**, **Eric McDonald** and **Jeremiah McLane**.

"Don't stress about your Thanksgiving preparations," **Jackie Pierce** of St. Mary's suggested. "You will still have plenty of time to bake your pies. Instead, come chill out with us."



A Celtic music trio from Scotland, Kalos takes the stage Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's by the Sea in Pacific Grove.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for kids. The church is located at 146 12th St.

### ■ Trio plays Sunset Sunday

In the latest concert presented by **Carmel Music Society**, a trio of classical musicians plays Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.

The performers include violinist **Siwoo Kim**, cellist **Michelle Djokic** and pianist **Daniel Fung**. Together, they will present music by Chopin, Mendelssohn and contemporary composer and longtime local **John Wineglass**.

Besides earning a Grammy nomination as a cellist, Djokic is founder and artistic director of the Sand Box in Sand City. Kim is a rising young star who has earned criti-

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## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

the choir he founded 12 years ago. It will debut a new arrangement of Beethoven's "Joyful, Joyful" by associate conductor **Jon-Mark Hurley**.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for seniors



Violinist Siwoo Kim performs with cellist Michelle Djokic and pianist Daniel Fung Sunday afternoon at Sunset Center.

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## Monterey has free feasts, ASB wins awards, and wine sounds relaxing

THANKSGIVING IS wonderful, especially when you can share it with family and friends. But not everyone can get out and about, nor does every household have the means to produce a Norman Rockwell-esque feast. Happily, the Kiwanis Club of Monterey, the Food Bank for Monterey County, and the City of Monterey are teaming

terey Recreation at (831) 646-3866 and leave a message for the staff, or email [montereyrecreation@monterey.gov](mailto:montereyrecreation@monterey.gov).

### Pickup at the Fairgrounds

On Thanksgiving Day, hot meals to go will be distributed from noon to 2 p.m. at the Monterey County Fairgrounds (2004 Fairground Road) in front of the Monterey Room, next to the administration office.

If you'd like to volunteer to help prepare the dinner, call Tiffany at (831) 233-2780 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., or for more information or to donate food items or money, call Rich at (831) 757-5709 or Trish at (831) 238-1460.

### DIY plus

Bruno's Market at Sixth and Junipero still has Diestel turkeys available, or you can stop by Thanksgiving Day and pick up entrees to go "with all the fixings" for \$19.99 apiece. And as locals know, the shop also carries all sorts of other delightful and delicious offerings for your table. Bruno's will be open for the holiday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday, stow the leftovers in the fridge or freezer and stop back starting at 4 p.m. for takeout baked salmon dinners on Friday, leg of lamb on Saturday, and prime rib both days — all with scalloped potatoes, a vegetable medley and garlic bread. Entrees are \$19.99 per person and are available until sold out. For more information, call (831) 624-3821.

### The elusive reservation

There are still some spots left at Carmel Valley Ranch's buffet, which promises roast turkey, prime rib and ham with all the trimmings for \$150 per adult, \$55 for diners ages 6 to 12 and no charge for those 5 and younger, all plus tax and an 18 percent gratuity. Visit [exploretock.com](http://exploretock.com) to reserve.

Alila Ventana Big Sur (formerly the Ventana Inn) is offering two options at its beautiful spot at 48123 Highway 1. Brunch will be served at The Sur House 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Build your own omelets, dig into French toast, or visit the seafood bar and traditional carving stations, all for \$150 per person.

From 5 to 8 p.m., dinner offerings will include pickled beet tartare, grilled filet mignon and pumpkin panna cotta for \$135 per person, with an optional wine pairing for \$90. Call (831) 667-4242 to reserve.



Believe it or not, some people don't like pumpkin pie, so Paris Bakery invites Thanksgiving hosts to think outside the crust with a giant cookie. The little shop in Monterey has plenty of other treats, too.

The buffet at the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street is still taking reservations. We've covered the options at Peter B's and Jacks (where there are also seats available), but there's a big to-do in the Bonsai Ballroom from 1 to 8 p.m., where Dave Conley will provide live piano music and diners can select from an array of appetizers, traditional Thanksgiving fare and lots of sweet finishes. It's \$89.95 for adults, \$79.95 for those 65 or older and \$39.95 for kids 6 to 12, plus tax and an automatic 20 percent gratuity. Required reservations may be made by calling (831) 649-7892 or emailing [BrianHein@portola-hotel.com](mailto:BrianHein@portola-hotel.com).

### Save oven space

Are you trying to figure out how to roast a 16-pound bird and bake a pumpkin pie? Some people start the night before, but that's a lot of work, especially since so many bakers are already on the job.

On Ocean Avenue between Mission and San Carlos, the folks at Café Carmel say they're "baking up a storm"

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## Soup to Nuts

up to deliver Thanksgiving meal kits that, when prepared by the recipients, will feed at least four people. Deliveries will be made between 10 a.m. and noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Volunteer drivers from the City of Monterey and the Kiwanis Club will bring meals to Pacific Grove, Monterey, Carmel, Seaside and Marina.

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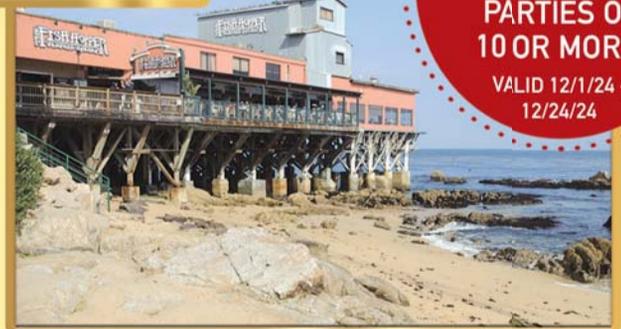
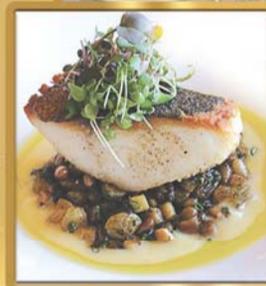
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with artful cookies, delicious cheesecakes, pumpkin and pecan pies and freshly baked breads for your holiday table. Order by Nov. 22 by phone at (831) 624-3870 or in person.

In Monterey, several spots are taking your carb orders. Ad Astra at 479 Alvarado St. has brown butter dinner rolls, a four-pack of gooey cinnamon rolls, cranberry-walnut sourdough bread, chocolate pecan pie, pumpkin Basque cheesecake, and several other sweet and savory items. Go to [adastrabread.com](http://adastrabread.com) and click on "Thanksgiving Menu" to browse and order for pick up on Nov. 26 or 27.

### Dessert boards

Parker-Lusseau Pastries is offering pumpkin apple cinnamon cakes, baked pear and quince tarts, and pumpkin 'n' cream individual cream puffs. Orders must be pre-paid by Nov. 25, either in person at 539 Hartnell St. or via phone, (831) 641-9188.

Perennial favorite Paris Bakery at 271 Bonifacio Place has "a variety of delectable breads, rolls, pies, cakes, cupcakes, and decorated cookies all made in-house." Order by Nov. 24 for pick-up on Nov. 27. Order in person or call (831) 646-1620.

In addition to an assortment of special-oc-

casian cakes, Freedom Bakery Boutique at 305 Webster St. has a variety of dessert boards with cookies, brownies and other treats, starting at \$67.95. All items must be pre-ordered; visit [freedombakery.com](http://freedombakery.com) to get your sugar fix, or call (831) 722-5223.

### Alvarado accolades

Alvarado Street Brewery won the hearts and tastebuds of the readers of Craft Beer & Brewing, earning awards in several categories and putting Monterey on the map

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Carmel Valley Ranch's setting, with its beautiful views, is a reminder of the many blessings for which people around here give thanks — and it's a great spot for dinner



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**BREWS**

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as a beer city.

In this year's CB&B Readers' Choice awards, Alvarado Street came in third for small regional breweries, defined as producing between 5,000 and 25,000 barrels per year, following Outer Range (located in Colorado and France) and Burial in Asheville, N.C.

It also landed in the Top 10 for Favorite American or West Coast IPA Brewer, Favorite Hazy IPA Brewer, Favorite Sour or Wild-Ale Brewer, Favorite Pale Ale Brewer and Favorite Stout or Porter Brewer, and was 13th in the Favorite Lager Brewer category. All of those scores were improvements over last year's results, and the brewery made it onto the Lager and Pale Ale winner lists for the first time.

Adding to that, the Alvarado Street's well known Mai Tai IPA came in sixth on the list of readers' Top 25 Beers of 2024, and Monterey as a whole was voted No. 13 of

their favorite 20 Beer Cities in the United States.

Alvarado Street Brewery has brewery/restaurants in Carmel, Monterey and Salinas — all with different bills of fare and atmospheres — not to mention Alvarado at the Pitch at Cardinale Stadium, home of the Monterey Bay FC. The company also runs a taproom in its production facility in Salinas, and its beers are found in local stores and served on tap or in the can at restaurants.

■ **Nicklaus Club holiday tasting**

Surf N Sand and Bruno's Market owner and El Jefe Tequila proprietor Ryan Sanchez is hosting his 10th Annual Wine Tasting Event at Nicklaus Club — Monterey on Highway 68 just west of Laguna Seca raceway — Thursday, Dec. 5, with VIP access at 4:30 p.m. and doors open to everyone else at 6.

"Get into the festive spirit with a delightful evening surrounded by fine wines and good company," Sanchez says. "Whether you're a wine connoisseur or a novice enthusiast, this event offers a perfect opportunity to indulge in some of the best wines of the season."

Guests will have the chance to taste their share of more than 300 wines, as well as a variety of champagnes and

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Perennial bakery favorite Parker-Lusseau Pastries offers some elegant twists on traditional holiday favorites, including pumpkin cream puffs, baked pear and quince tarts, and pumpkin apple cinnamon cakes. Just order by Nov. 25.




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## TASTING

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sparkling wines, and hang out in the El Jefe Tequila Lounge and the beer garden. A selection of cigars will be available, and everyone will enjoy the gourmet appetizers created by the culinary team at the club, which recently sold and subsequently readopted the “Nicklaus Club — Monterey” moniker first given to it by its former Chinese owners more than a decade ago.

The evening will also include live music and a lot of festive flair, and at the conclusion of the main event, an after party will follow with a DJ and dancing.

Great discounts will be given on featured wines at the event, and Maker’s Mark bottle etching will be available, too — just in time to satisfy those picky people on

your holiday list.

Tickets are \$55.20 for general admission and \$81.88 for VIP and can be purchased through eventbrite.com. Search under “holiday tasting Pasadera.”

### Take a break

Before the guests arrive and everything goes a bit crazy, treat yourself to a sound bath meditation in the carriage house at Holman Ranch on Sunday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The 60-minute meditation, accompanied by “various sound frequencies” also includes a glass of Holman Ranch wine.

Tickets are \$25 for wine club members and \$40 (plus fees) for everyone else, and can be purchased at Exploretok.com. Phew.

Mary Schley and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week’s column.

## MUSIC

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cal praise, while Fung is executive director of Youth Music Monterey County.

Tickets start at \$41.50. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. carmel-music.org

### Live music Nov. 22-28

#### Big Sur

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

**Fernwood Resort** — **Junk Parlor** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

#### Carmel

**Barmel** — **Jazville** (jazz, Sunday 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** — singer and guitarist **Kip Allert** (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** — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

**The Links Club** — **Octane** (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **The**

**Wharf Rats** (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** — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m. and Thursday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Folktales Winery** — singer and guitarist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 4 p.m.), **Magenta Spreen** with singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** and singer **Kristen Gradwohl** (“dreamy soundscapes, vocal harmonies, storytelling, and mindful melodies,” Saturday at 2

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Ventana Alila Big Sur’s location along Highway 1 makes it a gorgeous spot to celebrate Thanksgiving. Since the hotel offers brunch as well as dinner, you can enjoy the drive and be back before dark.



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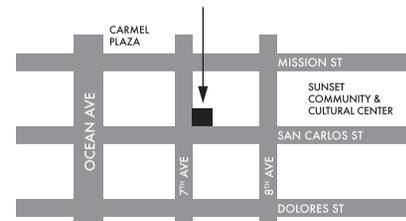
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# LIVE

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p.m.), **The Jesse DeCarlo Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.), 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

**Hidden Valley Music Seminars — The Johnson Brothers** play a benefit Boots & Barrels Barn Dance for Hidden Valley (country, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$35. 104 W. Carmel Valley Road. For tickets or more details, visit [hiddenvalleymusic.org](http://hiddenvalleymusic.org).

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

**Trailside Cafe** in Carmel Valley — **The Mighty Maple** (“acoustic jams and cool grooves,” Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

## Monterey

**Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen** — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zach Freitas** (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.

**First Presbyterian Church** — **Ensemble Monterey** (classical, Saturday at 7 p.m.). Tickets are \$60 for general admission, with discounts for seniors, students and children. Visit [ensemblemonterey.org](http://ensemblemonterey.org) for details.

**Golden State Theatre** — **Postmodern Jukebox** (swing and jazz, Saturday at 8 p.m.). Tickets start at \$40.

417 Alvarado St. (831) 649-1070.

**Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel** — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Thursday at 2 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

**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** — multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos**

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# CALENDAR

**November – AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Volunteer Sign-up.** Grab the shift you want by signing up soon! Shifts are available Jan. 29- Feb 2. Volunteers receive access to the tournament on the day/s they volunteer and a meal. Sign up on our website [www.carmelyouth.org/cyc-volunteer](http://www.carmelyouth.org/cyc-volunteer) or email [info@carmelyouth.org](mailto:info@carmelyouth.org).

**Nov. 23 – Ordering deadline for Baum & Blume's Thanksgiving-to-Go!** Whether you need “The Whole Nine Yards” or just appetizers/desserts, let B&B's chefs give you a hand! But don't delay – orders taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. View full menu @ [www.baumandblume.com](http://www.baumandblume.com). Baum & Blume Catering, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400.

**Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 – ShellShades Holiday Open House.** **Desiree Gillingham** opens her gallery and studio to the public for the first time in years, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Overlooking Carmel Valley Village, 220 Punta del Monte, 93924. Refreshments. More info at [shellshades.com](http://shellshades.com) or text (831) 747-7482. Do come!



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**Nov. 29-Dec. 1 – Big Sur Grange Harvest Fair:** local artists coming together in a community fair fundraiser for the Big

Sur Grange. Open 2 to 5 p.m. Nov. 29; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 30 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1. At the Big Sur Grange, 26 miles south of Rio Road, 1 mile north of River Inn and south of Pfeiffer state park. For more information: Follow us: [IG@bigsurcraftfair](mailto:IG@bigsurcraftfair) [FB@bigsurgrangeharvestcraftfair](https://www.facebook.com/bigsurgrangeharvestcraftfair) [BigSurGrangeHarvestFair@gmail.com](mailto:BigSurGrangeHarvestFair@gmail.com), <https://bigsurgrange.org>

**Nov. 30 – Carmel Valley Art Association presents a Beyond the Fog Block Party,** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley Village. The Money Band will perform 2:30 p.m. Look for CVAA Holiday Mini Art and Gift Baskets Raffles, hands-on crafts, handcrafted gifts and wine tasting. Children's exhibit features works by local students. Details: (831) 659-2441 or visit [cvartassoc.org](http://cvartassoc.org)

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**Dec. 31 – Carmel Mission Inn presents the ultimate New Year's Eve party,** 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 3665 Rio Road, Carmel. Event features a welcome cocktail, entertainment by Scarlet and a champagne toast to the new year at midnight. Cover charge is \$25 and a portion of proceeds will benefit Max's Helping Paws Foundation. Also, overnight accommodations can be made directly at [carmelmissioninn.com](http://carmelmissioninn.com)

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At a public reception Nov. 23 at 4 p.m., awards to the winning photographers will be handed out. Forty-five of the 90 images will be displayed in the gallery, with another 45 shown online.  
 “This year’s International Juried Exhi-

tion is a beautiful show with a diverse array of images, processes and genres,” executive director Ann Jastrab said. “This is a must-see exhibition which includes the finest of contemporary photography, incredible portraiture and printmaking, and a quick lesson in the history and the possibilities of the medium.”

raphers. Avedon described choosing the winning images as a “very daunting task.”

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

### Daunting task

The judge of the exhibit is book and exhibit designer Elizabeth Avedon, whose late father, Richard, was considered one of America’s most respected portrait photog-

Jastrab, meanwhile, encouraged people to check out the show — just in time for the gift-buying season. “We’ll also be open on Black Friday this year in case anyone wants to buy photographs instead of elec-

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The Youth Arts Collective welcomes its annual Winter Show, which includes a drawing (above left) by Melanie Blaha. A photo by Sal Taylor-Kydd (right) is a finalist in a new juried exhibit. Also displayed here is another entry in the photo show, Walter Plotnick’s “Watching Blossoms” (top).



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## Chamber to announce winners Dec. 4

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

**NOMINATIONS** FOR its annual Awards of Excellence were announced this week by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, with winners to be celebrated during a gala dinner at Quail Lodge Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. The winners, from among 18 categories, will be picked by the chamber's roughly 500 member businesses.

The chamber's board of directors will choose the Business of the Year from last year's category winners, including Adventures by the Sea, Bernardus Lodge and Spa, Bernardus Winery, Bruno's Market & Deli, Carmel Art Festival, Carmel Magazine, Carmel Mission Basilica, Carmel Valley Athletic Club, The Crossroads Carmel, Cypress Inn, Grasing's, Judie Profeta/

Carmel Realty Company, Max's Helping Paws, Montage Health, Monterey Bay Whale Watch, Pacific Repertory Theatre, Pine Inn, Sotheby's International Realty, Wells Fargo Bank and Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop.

The Awards of Excellence gala always has a theme, and this year's is "A Night in Hollywood," so guests are encouraged to dress the part for "an evening inspired by the elegance and splendor of Old Hollywood as we honor outstanding businesses and organizations that have demonstrated true excellence," organizers said.

Tickets are \$225 apiece, while a table for eight can be had for \$1,800, and the deadline to order is Nov. 30.

Quail Lodge is located at 8000 Valley Greens Drive. Visit [carmelchamber.org](http://carmelchamber.org) for more information.

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**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 — **Cement Ship** (acoustic rock, Friday at 5:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adam Behan** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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**PG's Meetinghouse** — bassist **Zach Westfall** (hip-hop, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The Steve Robertson 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 Lighthouse Ave.

## ■ Pebble Beach

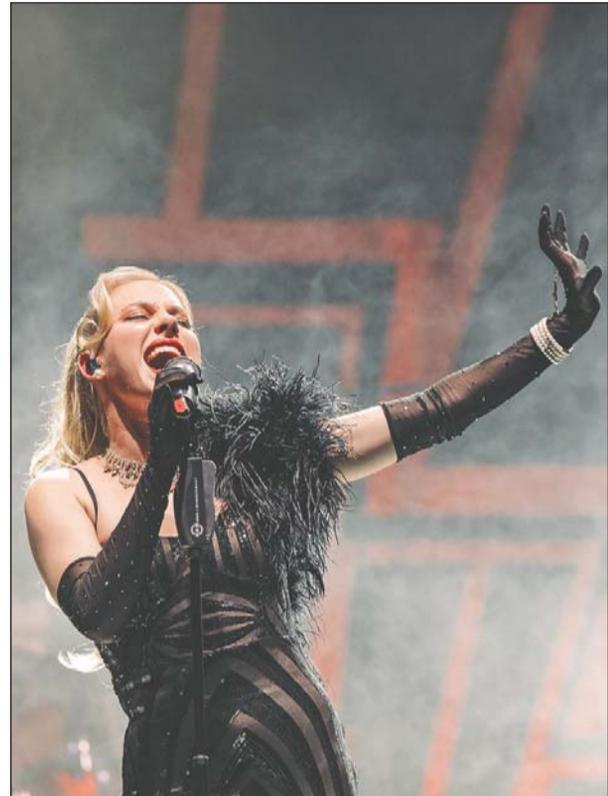
**The Lodge at Pebble Beach** — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, Thursday at noon), guitarist **Javier Sanchez** (Latin, Thursday at 3 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

## ■ Seaside

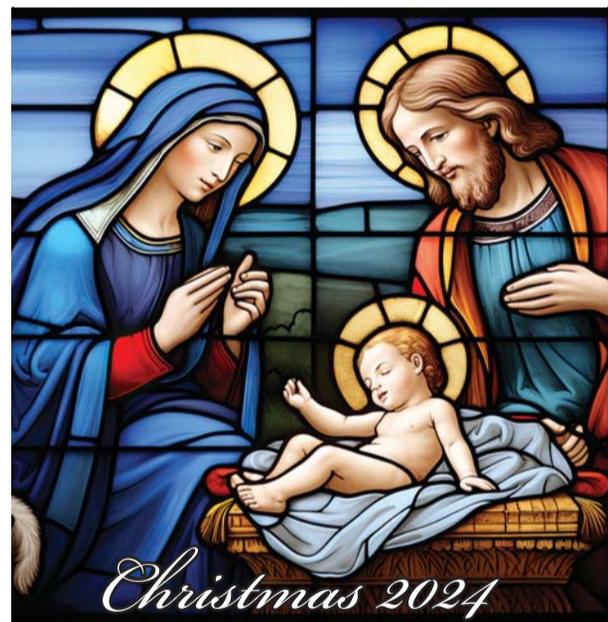
**Gusto Pasta and Pizza** — **Andreas Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

**Deja Blue** — **Al James Band** (r&b and blues, Saturday at 3 p.m.), **The Minor Williams Band** (blues and r&b, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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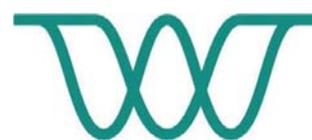
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# ART

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tronics," she added.

The show will be on display through Dec. 29. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

Also during Saturday's reception at the Center for Photographic Art, the recipient of a new honor, the Salon Jane Award for Women in Photography, will be named. All

women who are finalists in the show are eligible, and the winner will receive a \$1,000 prize.

The award is sponsored by the photography group, Salon Jane, which encourages women to explore fine art photography.

## ■ Youth is served

Shining a spotlight on the creative talent of the future, the Youth Arts Collective in Monterey presents its annual Winter Show Friday at 6 p.m.

Founded in 2000, the group has mentored more than

1,000 local high school and college artists — offering lessons in art and life and providing them with studio space.

"Warm up at our cozy studio, where you can enjoy hors d'oeuvres while browsing over 100 exceptional works from artists and mentors," the group invited.

"It's a perfect opportunity to find unique holiday gifts," they added.

The Youth Arts Collective is located at 472 Calle Principal in Monterey. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 3-7 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. The show will be on display through Dec. 21. You can also view it at [yacstudios.org](http://yacstudios.org).

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