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The first time Tallulah went to the beach, she made it clear she wanted nothing to do with it. She never went near the water, didn't take an interest in other dogs and remained at her person's side. She hasn't been back.

"A coton is a water dog, yet ours wouldn't get wet," her person said. "Cotons came about after there was a shipwreck off the coast of Madagascar, and all the cotons on board swam to shore. They're known to love water. But not ours. She knows what she likes and

By Lisa Crawford Watson



what she doesn't."

Tallulah, now 5, lives in Carmel Valley, where she enjoys her walks around town or at the Community Park, but even there, she walks the trail by her person's side, showing no interest in other dogs.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Hope they kept their powder dry

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 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found earring at Ocean and Monte Verde.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Loose dog in the intersection of Santa Rita and Third. Contacted the owner. Information and solutions discussed and a warning given.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a vehicle on Gibson.

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

Pacific Grove: Report for a vandalism on Eardley with no suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Civil matter occurred on Weldon Grove Place. A theft and assault were also reported.

Carmel Valley: Alleged financial abuse involving a White Oaks Lane resident reported to Fresno County Adult Protective Services.

Carmel area: Report of sexual abuse involving a San Luis Avenue resident.

Big Sur: Report of theft on Highway 1.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Carmel Valley: Medical request at a residence on Middle Canyon Road where the resident passed away.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigation of

a DUI collision on Lincoln Street south of Fifth. A 64-year-old male Turlock resident was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail.

Carmel Valley: Report of sexual abuse involving a Loma Alta resident.

Carmel Valley: Stolen property reported on Paso Hondo.

Carmel Valley: Mental abuse involving a White Oaks Lane resident.

Carmel area: Report of physical abuse on Rio Road.

Carmel Valley: Elderly resident possibly removed from a residence on Hidden Hills Road.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run collision on Eighth Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Monte Verde and Seventh per section 22651(d) CVC, blocked driveway.

Pacific Grove: Disturbance on Pacific Grove Lane.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop at Highway 68 and Haul Road for failure to stop at a stop sign resulted in the 54-year-old male driver being arrested for DUI.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition was surrendered for destruction.

Carmel Valley: Citizen reported an argument between a patron at his place of business on East Carmel Valley Road.

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The gavel falls

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

Oct. 18 — Leslie Joseph Flores, 59, an owner of multiple rental properties in the City of Monterey, plead no contest to a wide variety of felony and misdemeanor charges which were consolidated from 15 cases into three cases. The charges included: possession of a short-barreled rifle/assault weapon, failure to appear in court while on bail and while on his own recognizance, reckless evading of a police officer, resisting a police officer, various drug related charges, mail theft, assault likely to cause great bodily injury and trespassing on a renter's property without consent.

On March 18, 2022, Flores Sr. and his son, Leslie Flores Jr., assaulted a bouncer employed by the Britannia Arms in Monterey because the bouncer would not allow them inside the establishment. At one point, Flores

Jr. was strangling the bouncer while Flores Sr. prevented onlookers from coming to the bouncer's aide.

Over the course of the next two-and-a-half years, while his felony assault case was pending, Flores Sr. continued to pick up new criminal cases while out on bail. He was caught multiple times with controlled substances or drug paraphernalia. He was found in possession of his tenants' mail. He was caught on video trespassing on one of his tenant's properties without consent or proper notice to the tenant. During a traffic stop, he was found in possession of an illegal assault rifle with a shortened barrel. Because of changes to California's bail laws, Flores was able to remain out of custody despite continuously picking

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- NOCEAN T-SHIRT

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- \$125 TEJIDO GIFT CARD
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- \$100 STATIONÆRY GIFT CARD
- \$100 WALLY'S GIFT CARD
- FOXY COUTURE T-SHIRT & STICKER PACK
- CARMEL SURF SHOP T-SHIRT
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Canadians arrested for stabbing two

By KELLY NIX

A PAIR of Canadians — including one who became obsessed with a Salinas woman and traveled to the city last weekend intending to kill her — were arrested for attempted murder, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office said.

On Nov. 24, at about 10 p.m., county 911 dispatchers received numerous calls reporting a person had been stabbed. When sheriff's deputies arrived at the 300 block of Bollenbacher Drive in the Bolsa Knolls area of Salinas, they discovered three victims.

"All three individuals were transported to a local hospital with minor to critical injuries and are expected to survive," sheriff's office Cmdr. Andy Rosas said.

‘Obsession’

Detectives learned through their investigation that Devin Wolfgang Vandorhoef, 25, of Canada, and a Salinas woman, who was one of the stabbing victims, had met on a gaming site.

Rosas said Vandorhoef developed a year-long obsession with the unidentified woman, which led to him flying to California. Authorities say he was accompanied by Darius Avery Whyte, also 25.

On the day of the stabbing, Vanderhoef went to the woman's Salinas home with a package, knocked on the door and identified himself as a delivery driver. When the woman's boyfriend opened the door, Rosas said Vanderhoef forced his way in and began stabbing the unidentified man.

with a knife, resulting in critical injuries.

To try to defend her boyfriend, the woman grabbed a sharp metal object and fought back, but Vanderhoef strangled and stabbed her in the process. She received “moderate injuries.” Vanderhoef was also injured, presumably by the female victim, and had “multiple critical stab wounds,” the sheriff’s office said.

Meanwhile, Whyte, who deputies interviewed near the scene of the stabbing, pretended to not know what had happened. But the investigation, Rosas said, later determined that Whyte was Vanderhoef's accomplice, and he was aware of his friend's intentions.

Handcuffs

The package that Vandrohoef brought to the house contained handcuffs, duct tape and knives, but officials said it's not clear precisely how the suspects had intended to use the items and on whom.

Whyte was arrested Monday as he sat on an airplane at a San Jose airport preparing to fly back to Canada.

Whyte, who is being held in Monterey County Jail on \$1 million bail, and Vandrohoef are charged with attempted murder and conspiracy to commit a crime. Vandrohoeff, who has a \$4,150,000 bail, is also charged with mayhem, stalking and burglary.

The Pine Cone requested Vandroheof's booking photo, but the sheriff's office said he's being treated for injuries and it's unknown when he'll be taken to the county jail in Salinas.



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HOMEOWNER LAWSUIT FRACAS RESOLVED

By KELLY NIX

A DRAWN-OUT dispute between Carmel neighbors that ended up in a Monterey courtroom last week was settled the day the trial began, attorneys for the homeowners told The Pine Cone this week.

In mid-2022, Lincoln Street residents Donald and Susan Rose filed a lawsuit against neighbor David Hutchings, whom they accused of a host of misdeeds. In turn, Hutchings filed a complaint against them, alleging the couple were also bad neighbors. The row had been going on for 15 years.

The bench trial, presided over by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills, began Nov. 18.

But Larry Biegel, an attorney for Hutchings, told The Pine Cone that hours after each attorney provided opening statements, the parties decided to resolve their differences and end the trial.

“By the end of the day, we settled the case,” he said, adding that “ending 15 years of animus is really a good thing.”

Man gets 20 years for abuse of child

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A LOS Banos man was sentenced to two decades in prison for sex crimes with a girl who was a family member, prosecutors said this week.

On Oct. 30, Samuel Angel, 49, pleaded no contest, essentially the same as a guilty plea, to two felony charges of lewd acts upon a child under 14 years old in Monterey and Santa Clara counties, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office said Thursday.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office in January 2023 received a report from another family member that Angel had abused the victim, Jane Doe, when she was between 9 and 16 years old.

Details of the settlement were not disclosed.

The Roses had claimed that Hutchings intentionally aimed surveillance cameras at their property, entered it unlawfully, trimmed their trees and shrubs without permission and did other things, while Hutchings said the couple had pointed cameras at his bathroom and bedroom, made false allegations against him and harassed him.

Both parties live northwest of Ninth Avenue and have ocean views.

The Roses said an appraiser estimated they would lose nearly \$640,000 of the value of their home if they sold it, since the row would have to be disclosed to potential buyers. Hutchings said the dispute had taken a toll on his mental health.

The Roses wanted a court order to stop Hutchings from asking them to trim their trees and shrubs, remove or adjust their cameras and other behavior. Hutchings alleged invasion of privacy, nuisance and in summer 2022, said he began treatment for “intense anxiety and depression” because of the protracted quarrel.

“He was subsequently apprehended by Monterey County Sheriff’s detectives as he left his residence in Los Banos with personal luggage in his vehicle,” the DA’s office said.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office agreed to have Monterey County prosecute Angel for the sexual assaults that occurred in its county.

The convictions constitute two strikes pursuant to California's three strikes law. Angel will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

The case was investigated by Rosio Silva with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. Jane Doe was assisted by DA investigator Alicia Cox and DA victim witness program manager Alma Sanchez.





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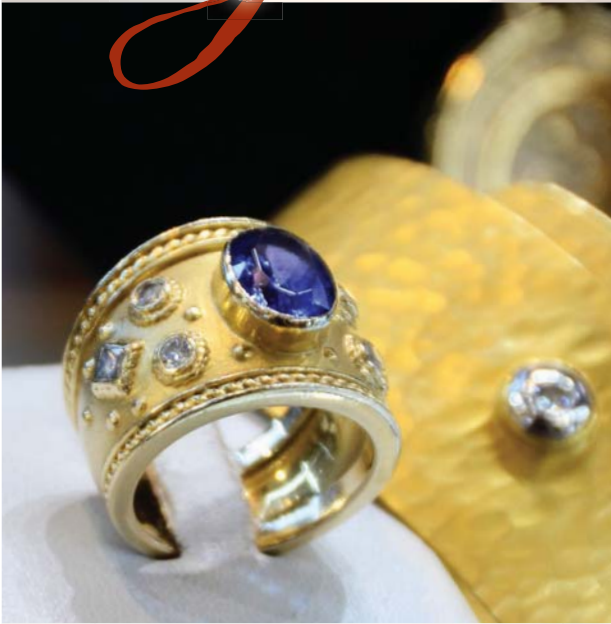


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Gas station canopy collapses

By CAITLIN CONRAD

THE CANOPY at the Valero gas station in Marina crashed to the ground Monday morning, pinning two vehicles. No one was hurt, but it was a close call for one driver.

“She sort of saw it coming down and she ran out and away,” said Marina resident Jay Naicker, a friend of the woman forced to make a run for it.

Naicker lives nearby and went to the station after the collapse to help his friend.

The station attendant, who was there at the time, said the woman was about to fillup her car and was beneath the canopy seconds before the roof came down.

The attendant, who only wanted to be identified by his first name, Jesus, was inside the small convenience store when it happened.

“I heard a noise, I looked over and I saw that,” said Jesus.

Division Chief Carlos Vega with the Marina Fire Department said the station attendant acted fast, shutting off fuel to the pumps. Fire crews inspected the pumps, and no leaks were found. All of the pumps were damaged with the frames

left crumpled beneath the weight of the canopy.

According to the station attendant, the roof came down around 7:15 a.m., and fire crews arrived at the Del Monte Boulevard Station just before 7:30.

‘This is crazy’

Several hours later, the site of the fallen canopy had many passersby stopping to take pictures.

“We did a U-turn because we were, like, ‘That is crazy,’” said Michael Turner of Atlanta, Ga.

Turner and a friend were staying in Carmel on vacation. The pair were taking a day trip by car to Moss Landing when they spotted the fallen structure and decided it warranted documentation.

“We had a bad storm, but it wasn’t the storm of the century to do this,” said Marina resident Nancy Black, who also made a pit stop to check out the damage.

The city of Marina’s building division is investigating the accident. Heavy wind and rains did impact the Monterey Peninsula in the early morning hours Monday, but the cause of the gas station collapse has yet to be determined.

The roof over the pumps at a gas station in Marina suddenly gave way Monday morning, damaging two vehicles and barely missing a woman.

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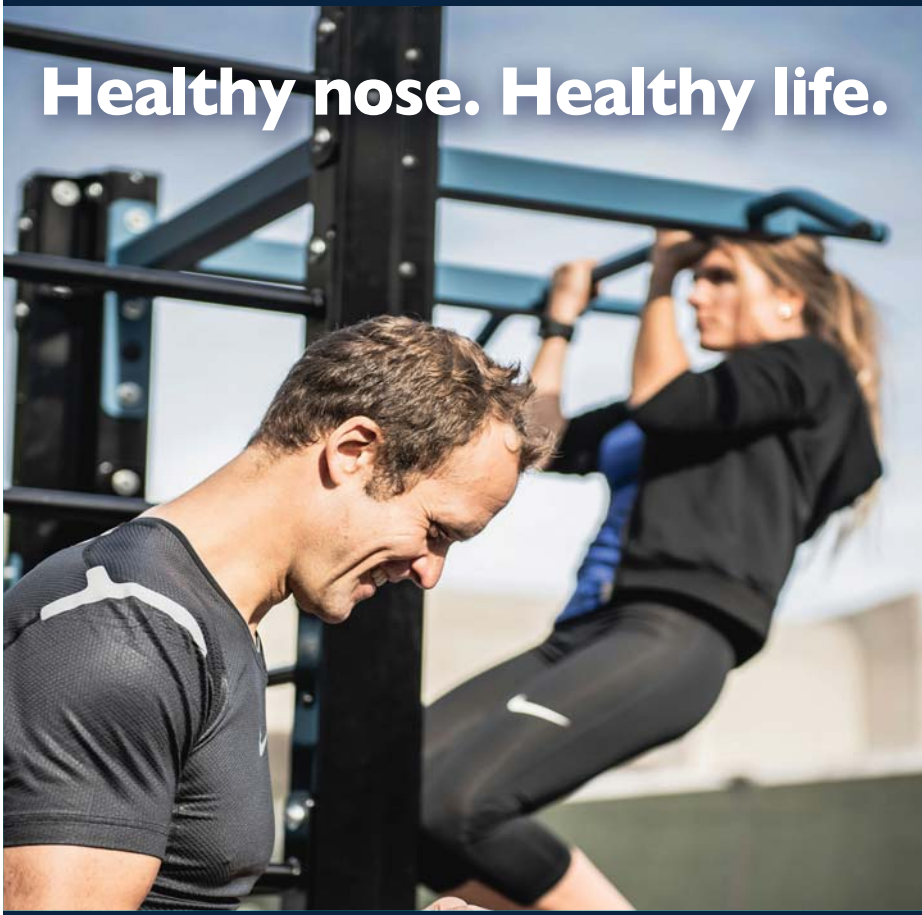


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Every orca tooth tells a story

■ Researcher strikes gold at P.G. museum

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR A researcher studying the most fearsome animal on earth, the discovery of an orca tooth in the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History’s collection of artifacts was akin to finding a trove of secrets.

In search of an orca tooth to study, researcher Kelly Bowen recently visited the P.G. museum, where she found one in its collection — a tooth that had washed up in Pebble Beach in 1982. According to the museum, it is one of a “relatively small number held in institutional collections” along the California coast.

‘Rings on a tree’

It turns out that an orca’s tooth can reveal much about its life history, including its eating and foraging habits, and when it bred and gave birth.

“Orca teeth are like rings on a tree,” Bowen aid. “They grow year by year, and can tell us what years were great for them and what years they struggled in, and we can correlate that with known climate data for those years and extrapolate what’s really impacting these animals.”

Orcas are generally divided into three “eco-types” based on several factors, including the shapes of their dorsal fins and their habitats — resident, transient and offshore. The offshore variety, which can be found in the open ocean, is the least understood of the three. So it was good fortune for Bowen that the tooth in the museum collection belonged to an offshore

orca.

“I was excited when I saw this specimen,” she said. “I had a feeling it was an offshore orca, which are really hard to get samples from.”

When the teeth of offshore orcas are found, they are generally in poor shape — unlike the one in the museum’s collection, which came from a young orca and is in relatively good condition. Offshore orcas’ teeth are often damaged by the sandpaper-like skin of sharks, which are the main item on the whale’s menu.

Died at just 20

From studying the tooth, Bowen discovered it died at 20 — relatively young for an orca — due to a dental infection. She also was determined to be female, but not



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An orca skull, along with a tooth that aided a researcher, is displayed at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

a mother.

Because these whales are “notoriously difficult” to study, Bowen’s work will help all varieties of orcas and perhaps boost funding for their protection.

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Homeowner sues city over fallen tree

By MARY SCHLEY

A TREE that fell on a house at Santa Rita and Fourth during widespread storms early this year was a hazard that the city knew about but ignored, according to a lawsuit filed by the homeowner in Monterey County Superior Court Nov. 14.

Shelly Barnard, who bought the home with Stephen Barnard in March 2013 for

\$1,139,000, according to Monterey County records, accuses the city of a “longstanding failure to properly maintain its trees growing on public property it owns, controls and/or maintains.”

According to the complaint filed on behalf of Barnard by Ventura attorney Courtney Vasquez, a large Monterey pine fell onto her house during a Feb. 4 storm that saw dozens of public and private trees fall or suffer broken limbs and other damage. The tree caused “severe property damage,” according to the complaint.

“Defendants had actual notice of the existence of the dangerous condition as early as January 2023, giving defendants sufficient time prior to the injury to have corrected it, but defendants failed to do so,” the complaint reads.

That was when a large tree fell across the street next to her home.

Former city forester Sara



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After a city-owned pine fell on her house in February, Shelly Barnard sued the city, arguing it has been negligent.

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Inflation-fighting strategies for retirees

Inflation may run high or low, but it’s pretty much always around — and it’s particularly concerning if you’re a retiree. How can you help protect yourself from a rising cost of living?

Start by looking at your investment portfolio. Even if you’ve adjusted it to a more conservative approach when you retired, you’ll still need some investments that offer growth potential, keeping in mind that stocks and stock-based instruments carry market risk.

Here’s another idea: Delay taking Social Security, if you can afford it. You can start collecting at 62, but your checks will be much larger if you wait until your full

retirement age, between 66 and 67.

Also, you might consider doing some part-time work or consulting.

One final suggestion: Don’t overload your accounts with cash. It’s good to have about a year’s worth of cash or cash equivalents in an emergency fund, but beyond that, too much cash leaves you vulnerable to loss of purchasing power when the money could be used for growth opportunities.

When you’re retired, inflation is a constant issue — so make the right moves to defend against it

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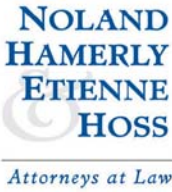
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CSUMB students compete to find new uses for out-of-this-world inventions

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO TEAMS of students from Cal State Monterey Bay are traveling to Houston Dec. 3-4 to compete against teams from other colleges in a contest to find new and creative uses for the materials developed by the national space program.

Called the Minority Innovation and Tech Transfer



PHOTO/CAL STATE MONTEREY BAY

Students at Cal State Monterey Bay seek ways to repurpose technology that was developed by NASA.

Idea Competition, the contest offers teams of students “life-changing experiences” and “opportunities to gain or show off your entrepreneurial skills, a chance to win money, and bragging rights for your schools” — along with a \$20,000 cash prize and a private tour of National Aeronautics and Space Administration facilities. The students can be from any academic major, and teams can have from three to six students.

Two teams out of 12

The contest is only open to students from universities that are considered “minority-serving institutions.” While individual students can be Asian or White, to qualify, a team must come from a college that enrolls at least 25 percent Blacks, Hispanics or other minority groups. In the case of CSUMB, 47 percent of its student population is Hispanic.

Business professor Dante Di Gregorio, who is

overseeing the two teams, said he’s thrilled to see them make the cut and face competitors from 10 other schools in the Houston finals.

“To have two of the 12 teams chosen in this nationwide competition is pretty amazing, especially when you consider this is the first year we’ve participated,” Di Gregorio said. “It shows our students can compete with the best. And it speaks to the strength of our programs here.”

The competing teams include UC Davis, San Diego State and Texas A&M.

Last year’s winning team from the University of St. Thomas in Houston showed how NASA tech could be used to make longer-lasting pacemaker batteries, reducing the need for expensive surgeries to switch them out for

heart patients.

Eight-week deadline

The students were given access to “a trove” of NASA patents — and a deadline to come up with new uses for the products. “In eight weeks, they were able to sort through this vast patent portfolio, make sense of the technology and try to develop novel applications,” Di Gregorio explained.

One of the teams is led by student Marco Hernandez. “He and his colleagues are proposing the use of a NASA-patented plastic for encasing car batteries,” spokesperson Mark Muckenfuss said. “This particular polyamide

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Big Sur mourns passing of volunteer firefighter

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE BIG Sur community is mourning the unexpected passing of Michael Handy, a longtime local who died Nov. 12 in Morro Bay.

Handy, 33, was a valued volunteer for Big Sur Fire. “It is with a heavy heart to share with you the passing of one of our firefighters,” the fire brigade announced this week. “Mike gave more than a decade of service to Big Sur Fire and had many notable accomplishments during his time here, including his recent promotion to captain. He exuded a profound level of commitment and love for the department and the Big Sur community alike. Mike cared deeply for his fellow firefighters and that love was easily reciprocated as he had a contagiously fun, light-hearted and creative energy surrounding him. We are devastated by this loss and our hearts are with his wife and family as they navigate this difficult time. Mike will be greatly missed by all of us at Big Sur Fire.”

‘Always in motion’

Besides his work for the fire brigade, Handy was involved in producing musical events in Big Sur and elsewhere.

Handy leaves behind his wife, Katie, his mother, Corinne, his father, John, his sisters Megan and Camille, and his twin brother, Luke. His family, which owns Treebones Resort, posted on social media about his passing, and said he was “deeply committed” to both Big Sur Fire “and the community it serves.”



PHOTO/BIG SUR FIRE

Longtime Big Sur resident Michael Handy, who was a valued volunteer for Big Sur Fire, died Nov. 12 at 33.

A photograph of two women standing in front of a large, vibrant, abstract mural. The woman on the left has blonde hair and is wearing a dark blazer over a white top. The woman on the right has dark hair and is wearing a grey and white striped cardigan over a black top. They are both smiling at the camera. The mural behind them features bold, colorful shapes in blue, yellow, red, and white.

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Stevenson kids work with city, Carmel Cares

By MARY SCHLEY

SEEKING TO fulfill its role as part of the federal Ocean Guardian School Program, Stevenson’s Dolores Street campus — which serves in kindergarten through eighth grade — is teaming up with the City of Carmel and the nonprofit Carmel Cares to undertake numerous projects in town.

Overseen by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, the program includes schools that commit to protection local watersheds, the world’s oceans and protected areas like the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

According to the federal agency, an Ocean Guardian School undertakes projects that involve students and community members, provides opportunities for the whole school community to “participate in a range of environmental and sustainable activities,” offers relevant educational opportunities, and comes up with ways for students to promote strong environmental practices.

Carmel Cares founder Dale Byrne arranged to meet with several Stevenson teachers, administrator Nifemi Ogunsuyi and city forester Justin Ono to make a presentation to the students at a morning assembly marking the launch of their Ocean Guardian Program partnership.

“This will be an ongoing program with lots of interesting components,” he said before the meeting, which was held Nov. 5 — the day he was elected mayor of Carmel.

According to Carmel Cares spokesman David O’Neil, Stevenson students are officially adopting Forest Hill Park and will keep it litter free, collaborate with Ono and horticulturist Alan Wheat to establish sustainable wildlife habitats by planting trees and native flora, and “develop park maintenance and upgrade plans by working with Carmel Cares and the City of Carmel.”

The kids are also helping the city’s residents and businesses do a better job of recycling by working with downtown restaurants to create branded, reusable to-go containers and collaborating with the city’s waste hauler, GreenWaste, on an ad campaign.

Narigi to end Laguna Seca management run

By MARY SCHLEY

JOHN NARIGI, manager of WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca and the recreation area surrounding it since 2020, will step down at the end of the year. A nonprofit, Friends of Laguna Seca, will assume the role and retain the staff who have been working under Narigi, according to an announcement Friday.

“Termination of the management agreement is the best step forward for Laguna Seca and for Friends to execute its long-term vision for the facility,” according to a statement from Narigi and Friends of Laguna Seca.

In summer 2023, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved a concession agreement with Friends of Laguna Seca to provide “an independent, privately funded operating solution” for the raceway, campgrounds and other facilities at the county-owned recreation area. After the group raised \$6 million, the contract took effect in August, shifting the responsibility for all operations, maintenance and capital work from the county to the Friends of Laguna Seca. The deal runs for 55 years and entails a \$50 million-plus investment in the property.

At first, Narigi, who was hired by the county in 2019 to run Laguna Seca, remained in charge of day-to-day operations, but he will now depart at the end of the year.

The Friends’ six-member board includes major figures in local industries and motorsports, including ag producer Ross Merrill, attorney Jason Retterer, car restorer and racer Bruce Canepa, McCall Motorworks Revival founder and all-around car guy Gordon McCall, longtime real estate developer and auto enthusiast Ned Spieker, and venture capitalist Jon Feiber.



John Narigi

Staff will stay

In May, the group announced it had hired Lauri Eberhart to be its CEO. Eberhart spent the past three decades in Charlotte, N.C., building a career that included overseeing the day-to-day operations of Charlotte Motor Speedway, serving as general counsel of Speedway Motorsports and the track, and founding Apollo Sports and Entertainment Law Group. She moved to Pebble Beach in August, just in time for Car Week.

On Nov. 22, Friends of Laguna Seca and Narigi jointly announced Narigi’s management agreement will end on Dec. 31.

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NEW YEAR TO BRING LODGE REMODEL

By KELLY NIX

THE PEBBLE Beach Company will launch a significant renovation in a few months that includes changes to the entrance of The Lodge and two restaurants, the CEO told The Pine Cone this week. Construction is expected to be completed in October 2025.

Following the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am from Jan. 30 to Feb 2, construction crews will close The Lodge’s main building for a complete remodel of the front desk area and Stillwater Bar & Grill. Other features include a new kitchen and expansion of The Tap Room.

“Beginning in February, Pebble Beach Resorts will be undertaking several projects to ensure the enjoyment of future generations of guests,” the company’s website explains. “These projects will be centralized in The Lodge main building, and the overall Pebble Beach experience will not be impacted as the work is concentrated to one area.”

Restaurant reno

Pebble Beach Company CEO David Stivers said that the biggest element of the project is the entire redo of Stillwater Bar & Grill. When it’s completed, people sitting at the bar will face the ocean instead of having their backs to it, and two new rooms along the south side of the restaurant will be available for dining, including for private events.

Pebble Beach’s iconic Tap Room, one of the Monterey Peninsula’s most eminent watering holes and steakhouses, will remain the same, Stivers said, but with

an added private dining room, which will have 25 to 30 more seats. The room will occupy what is now the kitchen’s dishwashing area.

A brand-new main kitchen — which services The Tap Room, Stillwater Bar & Grill, banquets and in-room dining — will



PHOTO/PEBBLE BEACH COMPANY

This rendering depicts a remodeled Stillwater Bar & Grill in Pebble Beach. Bar patrons will face the ocean with the restaurant’s redo.

be built to accommodate more customers, Stivers said. While the work is underway, The Tap Room will be relocated to the Fairway One meeting facility — the same spot it was during the Covid pandemic — and indoor and outdoor seating will be available.

Two other restaurants near The Lodge will remain open during construction. Hay’s Place, which offers views of Stillwater Cove, serves Mexican-inspired cuisine for lunch and dinner, and the Gallery Café, will be open for three meals a day instead of two.

The Terrace patio at the back side of the Lodge, which overlooks the 18th Hole, will get a larger footprint to accommodate more people, while the Library Room, which is 1,000 square feet, will also be expanded, Stivers said.

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Short-term rental group sues supervisors and county over new ordinances

By CHRIS COUNTS

THREE MONTHS after the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved a set of ordinances that will strictly regulate legal short-term rentals, the Monterey County Vacation Rental Alliance is suing

the supervisors, along with the county. The new rules — which passed Aug. 27 by a 3-2 vote after more than a decade of public hearings and contentious debate — make it relatively easy for people to operate hosted vacation rentals where the owner is on site during the stay, but much

more difficult to operate otherwise. They also prohibit short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods in Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands and Big Sur if the owner isn't there.

According to the lawsuit, which was filed Nov. 20 in Monterey County Superior Court, the two ordinances violate a clause in the U.S. Constitution that prevents states from passing laws that discriminate against interstate commerce.

The lawsuit also contends the ordinances violate due process and equal protection clauses in the Constitution and the California Constitution.

One of the ordinances identifies which zoning districts allow short-term rentals, while the other requires a business license and a vacation rental operation license, along with other restrictions.

The group that filed the lawsuit blamed the supervisors for unfairly targeting their industry.

"Three supervisors caved in to intransigent demands of a vocal subset of STR opponents," board member Chuck Stein said. "Draconian restrictions and outright bans were rammed through without support

in hard data and objective fact-finding."

'Oppressive' and 'overreaching'

The lawsuit contends the two ordinances are "arbitrary, discriminatory, unreasonable and preempted by state law" and place "drastic restrictions" on short-term rentals in unincorporated parts of the county. "The board, through an oppressive compilation of overreaching, sometimes draconian regulations, created a de facto ban on STRs extending over vast geographic areas," the lawsuits argues.

The Monterey County Vacation Rental Alliance is asking the court to declare that the two ordinances "are arbitrary, discriminatory, unreasonable, and preempted by state law; and are therefore invalid, void and unenforceable."

The plaintiff is also asking the court to grant preliminary and permanent injunctions that order the county to "refrain from conducting or engaging in any activity and acts, further administrative processes and code enforcement actions" pertaining to the ordinances.

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that he is now “directing the greatest show.”

“Anytime I heard he was directing a show, I made sure to audition and be in it,” Afifi recalled.

“He was a pleasure to work with and just to hang out with as well — his energy and sense of humor were just magnificent.”

Moved here in 1988

DeFaria — who moved to Carmel from Los Angeles 36 years ago — wrote, directed and/or produced an impressive array of family-friendly musicals at Forest Theater, the Golden Bough Playhouse and on other local stages. A partial list includes “The Wizard of Oz” (director, 1998), “Magic” (writer and producer, 2000), “Peter Pan”

(director, 2001, 2007 and 2013), “Oliver!” (director, 2002), “Beauty and the Beast” (director, 2012), “Annie” (director 2012 and co-director, 2020), “Big the Musical” (director, 2016-2017), and “Hello Dolly” (director and producer, 2019).

He worked frequently with the Forest Theater Guild and PacRep Theatre, and served as president of the Forest Theater Foundation.

In 2018, DeFaria was named a Champion of the Arts by the Arts Council for Monterey County, which gave him a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Carmel-based group described him as a “mentor, leader and guide” who generously shared his “knowledge of business, love of everything theater and music, and joy for life and art.”

“His caring and generosity has touched generations of lives,” the group added.

Born in Sacramento in 1926 to parents who had

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CONCOURS

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the Year at the Nov. 22 gala. That award is the only category chosen by the public, not a panel of judges, and goes to “the car — classic or new — that has made the greatest impact on the collector car world this year.”

A Concours Best of Show nominee, the 1948 Talbot-Lago T26 Grand Sport Saoutchik Fastback Coupé owned by Robert Kudela of the Czech Republic, received the award for Restoration of the Year, and longtime Concours advisor and collector Bruce Meyer was recognized for Personal Achievement.

For the kids

The night of celebration and recognition followed the announcement that the Pebble Beach Concours, which has raised more than \$41 million for charities since its founding in 1950 as a small show of contemporary cars, hit a new high, bringing in \$3,130,240 this year.

At its annual charity luncheon at Casa Palmero Nov. 14, the final amount was announced, and donations were distributed to many of the Concours’ participating charities.

“A shared love of cars brings a world of people to Pebble Beach each August, and it is heartening to see how much that community of car people also cares for children in need,” Button said.

Alongside her, Pebble Beach Co. CEO David Stivers praised the many people who come together to make the event a success, including the professional staffs of the company and the Concours, entrants, judges, sponsors, hundreds of volunteers, and “the strong support of our local community.”

The event specifically benefits “nearly 100 of the region’s best youth-focused nonprofit educational programs,” including Rancho Cielo, MY Museum, Seneca adoption agencies, and United Way Monterey County.

It also supports several educational programs that encourage the next generation of enthusiasts and experts while celebrating the legacies of automotive leaders like Phil Hill, Jules and Sally Heumann, John Lamm and Don Williams.

The 74th Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance is set for Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025, and will celebrate the centennials of Invicta, Chrysler and Moretti, the creations of Virgil Exner, the 75th anniversary of Formula 1, and Japanese Concepts and Prototypes, with other features to come. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit pebble-beachconcours.net.



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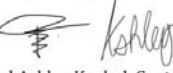
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Crews working quickly on new P.G. dining area

By KELLY NIX

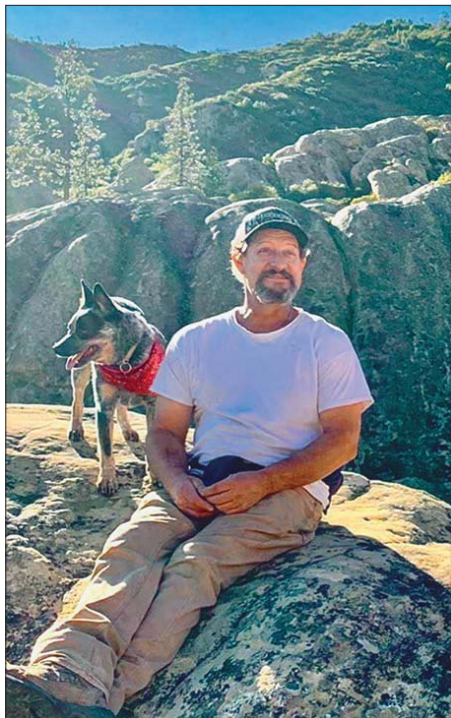
THE LAST of three parklets in Pacific Grove that the city council said should be removed to make way for a new outdoor dining configuration was demolished this week.

On Monday, construction crews tore down the wooden dining parklet in front of Wild Fish restaurant following last week’s demolition of adjacent parklets owned by restaurants Victorian Corner and Rudolfo’s Café. On Tuesday morning, a worker in a small John Deere

excavator near the parklet used the vehicle’s bucket to fracture concrete, before lifting it up and dropping it into an awaiting dump truck. The Lighthouse Avenue Widening Project, as it’s called, includes open-air seating separated by fencing in front of the three restaurants. Pedestrians will be directed onto an 8-foot pathway between the outer portion of the dining areas and Lighthouse Avenue. New trees with metal-grated wells, new pavement striping and markings, and the relocation of a light pole and street signs are also part of the construction.

RODNEY KEITH LAMBERT

Rodney Keith Lambert, born May 14 1971, Mother’s Day week, went over the hills and through the woods to be with the Lord on Nov. 13, 2024, after a long valiant fight with cancer.



Roddy, “Rad Rod,” Hot Rod, The Roddy had a heart as mountainous as the mountain he so loved, that radiated warmth like the sunbeams that streamed through the Carmel Valley oak and madrone tree boughs. His laughter was so earthy, genuine and contagious. His love for family, and especially for his children, Paisley and Trace, kept the fight for life within him ever a-going. Roddy grew up in Cachagua and Tassajara. He has been such a legend in motocross, and, as a dirt bike mentor, his passion for rough country, mountain life, friends and brothers in motocross across the entire Monterey County, has been at its most exceptional absolute. This has made him one of the most beloved, kindred human beings — a genuine gift to all of us! He worked for Apquip Company for several years, and he was a patient mentor for many young riders. In addition to that patience, he had outstanding skills driving a bulldozer in rough country, and as a hobby enjoyed remote-controlled mountain trucks and mud cars.



He beheld a childhood love for Evel Knivel, listened to KPIG, Chris Stapleton (favorite album, Traveller), The Highwaymen, and many other music artists. Roddy will live long into our memories. He is survived by his wife, Mary; and his children, Paisley and Trace; his mother, Brenda Lambert; father, Rodney Lambert; and sister, Joleen Lambert (children Wesley and Ezra Skinner); brother, Daryl Lambert (wife, Katherine, with children Lucia, Theo and Arlo); and many cousins, nieces and nephews, motocross brothers and lifelong friends. There will be a celebration of his life, one last ride, in May 2025. Further notice will be made.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAROSLAV JERRY STEPANEK 1956–2024

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Jaroslav Jerry Stepanek, a beloved husband, father, father-in-law, son, brother, friend and colleague who left us on Friday, Oct. 11, 2024.

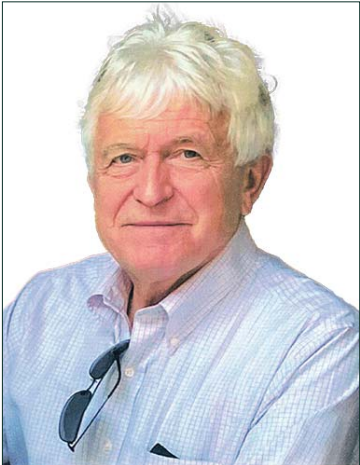
This was a tremendous and unexpected loss for his family, friends, employees and all the people who knew him and loved him, here in the United States and in the Czech Republic. He was a devoted husband to his wife of 50 years, Hana, a cherished and proud father to his twin daughters, Michelle and Christine, and an inspiring mentor to his sons-in-law, Evan and Tyler.

Born in 1956 in Czechoslovakia, Jerry grew up in a country under the shadow of communism. In 1985, seeking freedom and a better life, together with his wife he courageously escaped the oppressive regime and made his way to California, where he would soon plant new roots in Pebble Beach on the Monterey Peninsula. Through hard work and perseverance, he built a successful career as an award-winning general contractor, becoming well-known in the Monterey Peninsula community for his integrity, craftsmanship, and dedication to his clients. His work not only improved homes but also helped shape the community he loved. Over the years, he formed lasting friendships with many of his clients.

Jerry’s life was defined by resilience, courage and an unwavering commitment to his family. He was a man who never shied away from challenges and always found a way to turn adversity into opportunity. Those who knew him will remember his kind spirit and beautiful heart, going out of his way to help others, his infectious smile and a unique sense of humor. He was a true renaissance man with a great knowledge of history, literature, music and science. Though he has left us far too soon, Jerry’s legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the family he loved, and the many homes where his craftsmanship endures. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered for his inspiring journey and the mark he left on the world. He will always be loved and never forgotten.

*Rest in peace, Jarku.
You will be forever in our hearts.*

The celebration of Jerry’s life will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at Center for Spiritual Awakening, 522 Central Ave., Pacific Grove.
In lieu of flowers, feel free to make donations to your favorite charity in Jerry’s name.



TREE

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Davis told Barnard that the city “would monitor the other trees on public property that sat in front of plaintiffs’ residence, including the subject tree that fell on Feb. 4,” according to the lawsuit, but “that was never properly done.” And as a result, the Monterey pine fell on Barnard’s house, causing not just damage to the structure, but “discomfort, annoyance, inconvenience and mental anguish, nuisance, loss of quiet enjoyment, and emotional distress.” In addition to maintaining a dangerous condition on public property, the suit accuses the city of inverse condemnation because it failed to maintain the trees on its land, trespass for allowing the pine to fall on her residence, and “private nuisance” for “creating and/or permitting a condition that was harmful and injurious to health and was a foreseeable obstruction to the free use” of the property.

Fix it and pay

Barnard is asking the court to force the city to repair her damaged house and compensate her for the “loss of the use, benefit, goodwill and enjoyment” of her property, as well as for the expenses she accrued in evacuating and finding lodging elsewhere. She’s also seeking all costs of the suit, including attorneys’ fees, prejudgment interest, and payback for “personal injury, emotional distress, fear, annoyance, disturbance, inconvenience, mental anguish and loss of quiet enjoyment of property.” Any judgments awarded by the court, as well as the costs of responding to the suit, would be borne by taxpayers via the city’s insurance coverage. Barnard is also demanding a jury trial. City attorney Brian Pierik told The Pine Cone the city has not been served with the lawsuit.

STRs

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County spokesperson Maia Carroll confirmed the county has received the lawsuit, “but has no comment on this litigation at this time.”

Industry defends itself

Aside from the lawsuit, it’s uncertain how the California Coastal Commission will ultimately respond to the ordinances. The watchdog agency’s staff have previously shown some resistance to them. The rise of short-term rentals, particularly in upscale neighborhoods in popular tourist destinations like the Monterey Peninsula, have led to many complaints from residents who say the industry is bringing unwanted noise, traffic and safety issues into their neighborhoods. Others contend STRs are causing rising rents, which, in turn, force workers into longer commutes. But a member of the Monterey County Vacation Rental Alliance insists the practice of renting out homes for short stays is reasonable and fair. The group also suggests the county’s aversion to the industry is bad economic policy. “It’s counterintuitive for the county to exclude families and friends traveling together and force them to find vacation rentals somewhere else,” said Lowell Strauss, a member of the group’s legal committee. “For many families and groups that can’t afford to stay in a hotel or prefer to stay in a home, what else can they do? How does decimating STRs possibly make sense when the county is facing difficult budget times in the months ahead?”

CITY HOLIDAY EVENTS

By MARY SCHLEY

IN AN only-in-Carmel scenario, city administrator Chip Rerig earlier this month promised the medians along Ocean Avenue between Junipero and Monte Verde streets would be festooned with white bulbs for the holiday

season. “We got a little bit of critique about the colored string lights the last couple of years,” he said during one of the city’s recent Friday YouTube videos, “so we’re changing out all the bulbs to soft white.” As a result, they were put in place a little later this year, he said. Regardless of color or anything else, they’ll twinkle when the switch is flipped during the annual holiday tree

lighting Friday, Dec. 6. The Holidays in the Park festivities will begin at 3:30 p.m. with Santa Claus’ arrival heralded by the Del Monte Brass band from the Naval Postgraduate School. Between 4 and 4:30 p.m., the menorah will be lit, followed by a program led by emcee Ben Beesley. Performers signed on to celebrate the holiday season

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Padres to face Aptos Mariners in Friday’s CCS championship game

THE CARMEL Padres are 12-0. They score 44.3 points per game. At 7 p.m. Friday, at Rabobank Stadium in Salinas, they’ll be hungry to win the second Central Coast Section football championship in school history.

Don’t expect the Aptos Mariners to be overly impressed, or the Padres to be overconfident.

Seeded seventh out of eight teams in the CCS Division 3 bracket, the Mariners (5-5 during the regular sea-

son) have been giant-killers at CCS, scoring back-to-back upsets to earn their place in the finals.

On Nov. 15, they ruined the perfect record of Willow Glen — 10-0 and seeded No. 2 — with a 47-35 quarterfinals upset. A week ago, they knocked off third-seeded Palo Alto in the semis, 49-35.

On those same nights, top-seeded Carmel fended off a dramatic comeback to secure a 56-46 first-round triumph over an 8-2 San Mateo team (the No. 8 seed), then erupted

in the second half against No. 4 Hollister (a 5-6 team) for a come-from-behind 40-21 conquest in the Nov. 22 semifinals.

Fifth shot since 2009

Carmel coach Golden Anderson has been here before.

In 2009, his first year at the helm, Anderson’s Padres went 12-0, defeating Scotts Valley (61-28 in the quarters), King’s Academy (59-6 in the semis), and Menlo School (56-35 for the finals) to win the Division 4 crown — the only section title in the 84-year history of Carmel High.

Anderson’s teams lost in the finals in 2010 (39-32 to Sacred Heart Prep in Division 4), 2011 (33-31 to Palma in Division 4), and 2018 (41-14 to The King’s Academy in Division 5).

The Padres trailed Hollister 21-14 at half-time of the semifinal, then outgunned the Haybalers 26-0, for the rest of the game.

They scored on their first three possessions of the second half, beginning with an 18-yard pass from quarterback Hudson Rutherford to Simeon Brown. Then, after a successful onside kick, Rutherford found Ty Arnold with a 14-yard TD pass for a 28-21 Carmel lead.

Hollister, meanwhile, was unable to move the ball against a fired-up Carmel defense, which was led by safeties Ashton Rees and Matt Maxon, linebacker Hiroki Cole and defensive end Indy Gabrielson, among others.

The previous week, the Padres built a 42-13 half-time lead against San Mateo, then found themselves fending off a 26-0 second-half comeback by the Bearcats, who cut Carmel’s lead to 3 points with less than two minutes left on the clock.

That’s when Brown returned a kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown, bringing the momentum back to the Padres and providing the winning 10-point margin.

Rutherford has thrown for nine touchdowns during the first two playoff games.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Acrobatic senior Simeon Brown has caught four touchdown passes and returned a kickoff for another TD during Carmel’s two CCS playoff games.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior quarterback Hudson Rutherford threw for five touchdowns in the CCS quarterfinals, four more in the semis, to lead Carmel into Friday’s 7 p.m. championship game against Aptos in Salinas.

with a season-ending 12-10 loss to Danville-based San Ramon Valley. The game was played at Sacred Heart Prep High School in Atherton.

The Pirates fell despite three goals each by Emmerson Ferriera and Miranda Salinger, two by Arielle Dale, and one each from Charlotte Morrow and Jacqui Powers.

Pirates went 21-10 overall

Goalkeeper Anna Mitchell recorded four saves for Stevenson, which finished the season with a 21-10 overall record, including an opening-round victory in the CCS quarterfinal round (a NorCal qualifier).

San Ramon Valley won the CIF North Coast Section Division I championship this season.

The Pirates had a first-quarter goal nullified by a scoreboard error (the clock wasn’t operating), but rallied from a 3-2 deficit to a 7-5 halftime advantage.

San Ramon Valley, seeded No. 5, outscored second-seeded Stevenson 7-5 in the second half, extending its season-ending win streak to nine games, including NorCal upsets over fourth-seeded Clovis East and No. 1-seeded Davis. The Wolves finished the year with a 23-8 record.

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SPORTS

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Mitchell (162 saves), Ferriera (108 goals, 40 assists, 26 steals), Salinger (66 goals, 20 assists), Dale (23 goals, 27 assists, 14 steals), and Sienna Cimoli (19 goals, 8 assists) — all starters — will graduate in the spring.

Ferriera and Salinger have committed to play at UC Santa Barbara next fall, and Cimoli will play at San Jose State.

Powers (42 goals, 37 assists, 20 steals) is a junior, and Morrow (35 goals, 15 assists, 17 steals) and Colette Duarte (5 goals, 14 assists, 12 steals) are sophomores for the Pirates.

Stevenson has won five consecutive league or division titles, with a 39-1 league record since 2019. The Pirates have a 38-game winning streak in PCAL games dating to Sept. 9, 2019, when they lost 6-3 to Gilroy in their second game of a year in which they went 11-1 in the PCAL Gabilan Division.

Burke’s team has compiled a 107-36 overall record since the 2019 season.

■ Alumni watch

Evan Johnson, a former three-sport athlete at Stevenson School, has appeared in 10 games at cornerback this season for Brigham Young University’s nationally ranked football team, compiling 13 tackles (11 unassisted) with one interception, one pass breakup, and one quarterback hurry.

Johnson, a redshirt sophomore for the Cougars, earned all-division and all-country recognition in basketball and football at Stevenson. He also played baseball for the Pirates before graduating with the Class of 2022.

BYU, ranked No. 19, is 9-2 this season after back-to-back losses to Kansas (17-13 on Nov. 16) and No. 21 Arizona State (28-23 on Nov. 23).

The Cougars play their regular-season finale Saturday night against Houston in Provo, Utah, a game that will be televised by ESPN.

■ Postseason honors

Girls volleyball

PCAL Gabilan Division – First team: Riley Imamura, outside hitter, Charlee



Stevenson’s Emerson Ferriera was credited with a team-best 180 goals, 40 assists, and 20 steals, including three goals against San Ramon Valley in the NorCal finals. She’ll play next year at UC Santa Barbara.

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Riddle, middle blocker, and Lizzy Descalzi, outside hitter, Carmel, Cambria Lyon, outside hitter, Pacific Grove. **Second team:** Evelyn Kim, Santa Catalina, Juliette Souza, Pacific Grove, Ava Edwards, Stevenson, Cindy Morea and Katherine Miller, Carmel. **Sportsmanship team:**

Aleasha Kalinski, Santa Catalina, Grace Von Schack, Stevenson, Tessa Stalcup, Carmel, Eve Buzoriute, Pacific Grove.

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HOLIDAY

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in Carmel this year include the Dance Center, River School choir, Carmel High School chamber singers, I Cantori di Carmel, Jo Todd, Myles Williams, cabaret singer Debbie Davis and the Carmel Middle School cheerleaders.

Led by city dignitaries, the tree in the median at Ocean and Junipero will be lit at around 5:30 p.m.

Across the street at Carmel Plaza, stores will stay open until 7 p.m. while the shopping center offers “live music and entertainment, delectable treats, in-store promotions, and children’s activities.”

Never daunted by his busy travel schedule, Santa will be there, too.

Later in the month, not wanting to conflict with the city’s festivities, Sunset Center will hold a holiday open house Dec. 18 from 3 to 6 p.m.

The event will feature live entertainment by Monterey Jazz Festival All-Stars student musicians, free professional photos with Santa and the center’s gorgeous Christmas tree, and food and drink.

At 4 p.m., Jazz at Lincoln Center’s popular “Big Band Holidays” show will be streamed live.

For information about the city events, call (831) 620-2020 or email communityactivities@cbts.us, or visit ci.carmel.ca.us. For more about what’s happening at Sunset, visit sunsetcenter.org.

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Editorial

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SINCE THE reality of the state’s housing mandates became clear in 2022 — yes, the governor and the Legislature actually intended to force Carmel and other local small towns to start building hundreds, if not thousands, of new homes — we have hardly been able to stay our pen from pointing out that California’s dire housing shortage, which the mandates purport to solve, is Sacramento’s fault.

For decades, state bureaucrats schemed and studied and legislated their way to what amounted to a ban on new construction — especially along the coveted coastline — and forced cities and counties to genuflect to their rigid no-growth ideology. Protecting the environment was all that mattered, they claimed, and anybody who pointed out that such a strict, anti-growth agenda would result in a housing shortage was dismissed as a greedy developer.

CEQA and the Coastal Act were the principal weapons in the Sacramento’s no-growth arsenal, but they weren’t the only ones. There was also that miserable failure of the policy called “inclusionary housing” which ostensibly required all new projects to include an affordable component. But since, thanks to the state’s meddling, there were no new projects, there was nothing to be inclusionary with.

“The government should stop trying to require affordable housing to be built, and start allowing it to be built,” we said in a 2005 editorial, “The fallacy of inclusionary housing.”

Our point was that the free market could more than accommodate California’s needs for new housing, including low-income housing, if only the general plan and zoning strictures that blocked development were loosened.

“Affordable units could be easily built with land costs of \$25,000 or so, and private developers would line up to build them,” we said in 2005. But keeping land costs that low, especially in exclusive communities, would require multiple units per acre. “Zoning is the problem,” we said. “In other words, the government is standing in the way.”

We reached this conclusion based on simple logic, but now an extensive study by Tobias Peter, Edward J. Pinto, and Joseph S. Tracy from the American Enterprise Institute provides an in-depth analysis of how land-use reforms introduced 30 years ago into a Seattle neighborhood facilitated the redevelopment of single-family housing into affordable townhomes without government subsidies or incentives.

“The study shows that allowing market forces to drive small-scale development through by-right zoning can significantly increase the supply of market-rate housing, which in turn promotes affordability,” according to an analysis of the study. “This is highlighted as a successful approach in Seattle, where aging single-family homes were converted into townhomes after a relatively small area was upzoned to allow for townhomes.”

The result was a sustained 2 percent annual increase in housing stock, improving affordability through the simple mechanism of providing enough housing to meet people’s needs.

California’s new housing mandates are an attempt to follow Seattle’s footsteps — but, as usual with our governor and Legislature, they go much too far in overthrowing local control and community values. There’s a way to let developers provide new housing on their own without turning every town into Fresno, but since we have one-party control in California, rash solutions are to be expected.

We can hope for better, however, from the burgeoning national YIMBY movement, reported this week on our front page by Caitlin Conrad. A lot of new housing is needed in this country, but the goal still must be safe, healthy and livable communities.

BEST of BATES



“It’s obvious, Mabel. You ate too much turkey.”

Letters to the Editor

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Plenty of opposition
Dear Editor,

I am writing to you today to address a recent article in The Pine Cone regarding the proposed roundabout in Carmel Valley Village. The article stated that there was no opposition to the roundabout, which is absolutely false.

I was unable to attend the Oct. 24 meeting in person as I was at my daughter’s college event, but several of my friends were there and reported back to me. It sounded like the reporter gathered information from a single source, namely the people organizing the construction.

I want to make it clear that we, the businesses and residents of Carmel Valley, are very much opposed to the roundabout. Our main concern is the timing of the construction. We understand that the roundabout needs to be built, but we believe that the timing needs to be discussed and agreed upon.

The article in the Pine Cone was absolutely incorrect and did not accurately reflect the views of the community. The reporter did not do their due diligence and failed to gather information from multiple sources. This is a shame, as it has led to misinformation being spread about the roundabout.

I have attached a copy of the letter I sent to supervisors Mary Adams regarding the construction on Carmel Valley Road. As you can see, I have expressed my concerns about the impact of the construction on local businesses.

I am hopeful that The Pine Cone will issue a correction to the article and that the county will take our concerns into consideration when making a decision about the roundabout.

Annelise Gerome, Carmel Valley

Crime thoughts
Dear Editor,

Your Nov. 15 editorial, “Evaluating a police shooting,” was good food for thought. I can see it now coming to California: Police officers required only to shoot Taser guns or non-lethal bullets at anyone attempting to shoot them, even in cases where that person was witnessed to be the person who just killed innocent bystanders. That way we can save another precious life.

Of course, that person would then be found to be guilty of first-degree murder and take a place in our prison system for the next 30 to 50 years at over \$100,000 per year to the taxpayers. And with him

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Don't let sadness make you sick

PATRICIA MCDERMOTT sat at the table in the sunlit dining room of the spacious 1928 Monterey colonial where she has lived since 1969, sipping her latte and talking about why Brene Brown's book, "Atlas of the Heart," is a must-read.

"Brene says, 'If we want to find the way back to ourselves and to one another, we need the language and the grounded confidence to both tell our stories and be stewards of the stories that we hear.' Hers is a discussion that helps us learn the difference between fitting in and belonging," McDermott said.

Fitting in is about doing what you feel you need to do in order to be included, she continued, while belonging is about feeling ourselves a part of a family, a community, a club, just as we authentically are.

'Professional wife'

Perhaps McDermott garnered this wisdom while raising four sons and two daughters with her late husband, Dick McDermott. Maybe she learned about it while earning her degree in marriage and family therapy in 1983 and through her private psychotherapy practice. Or, as she suggested, it might just be that during 91 years of living, one figures out a few things.

"I figured out early that it was my job

— before heading off to Cal Berkeley with her sights set on becoming a teacher. After two years, she had completed her associate's degree and departed the campus.

She said, "I had always loved to learn, but I never liked being told how, which hadn't made me a particularly good student. Twenty-five years later, I went back to school at Monterey Peninsula College, followed by an external degree program through Antioch College, which paired coursework with life experience."

Seeing the good

While working and raising six children, McDermott went on to finish her master's degree in marriage and family therapy. As part of her academic program, she went to work for the Parents Center in Santa Cruz County, an organization that provides services that include youth counseling and working with adoptive and foster families.

In retrospect, she said, she probably might have been more worried about mishandling things, but they seemed to work out. "I found myself going to court a lot on behalf of families and realized later I was too inexperienced to know I should have been afraid."

In 1983, McDermott established her private practice. Her focus was on helping children by helping families become healthy and giving parents guidance to see their children for who they are, not who they want them to be.

"My career locks into everything I believe in," she said. "I see the good in people and how they are hurting themselves. So much of the healing lies in learning to be ourselves and not trying to live up to someone else's expectations of us."

Patricia McDermott looks directly into the eyes of her clients and conversation partners, with wise blue eyes that seem to say she's paying attention, she understands, she cares. And when she speaks, she remembers every name, every story, every date, every reason that brought them to her.

"Everyone has sadness in their life," she concluded. "The key is not to let it make you sick."



Psychotherapist Patricia McDermott, 91, has thought deeply about hurt, healing and how people conduct interpersonal relationships.

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

to launch my children, not judge or direct their lives. My son came in from a date one night and told me his date was staying the night. Before I could judge that, he said he'd taken her home and her mother had hit her, so he brought her home to me. She became a foster child in our family, and this launched my career."

Until she became a psychotherapist, McDermott was a stay-at-home mom to six children and a "professional wife to a professional husband." Dick, a businessman who ran Couroc, Monterey's legendary inlaid-resin tray company, was wonderfully supportive of her career, she said, "unless he didn't get his dinner on time."

More than 40 years after earning her marriage and family therapy license, she is still counseling clients.

"I see the good in people — and how they're hurting themselves," she said. "So much of our healing lies in learning to be ourselves and not always striving to live up to someone else's expectations of us."

UC Berkeley

McDermott was born in Oakland three years before the Bay Bridge was completed. She was sent to Catholic schools — because her parents believed she'd receive a better education

Relentless energy fuels several careers and uplifting works

ROSILAND SOLOMON attributes a lifetime of perpetual motion to her parents — Holocaust survivors whom she believes passed along their post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) through their genes.

"I'm tired," conceded the artist, who exhibits a diverse and ever-evolving body of work at three galleries — 480 Light-

when he came out. My mom was in hiding like Anne Frank all through the war and became pregnant with me after my father got out. I weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces at birth.

"I can go three days without sleeping — not a great thing to do — because I have adrenaline spikes," she said. "I really think I'm an altered species. I believe I inherited the PTSD my parents experienced as Holocaust survivors." (The emerging study of inter-generational trauma is tied to a field of science called

epigenetics.)

The art Solomon makes time to create is exceptionally colorful and uplifting — birds, butterflies, florals, tropical fish, hummingbirds, cats, fantasy — frequently airbrush gouache and colored pencils. She also does commissioned portraits (both human and animal), illustrations, graphic design, fabric art, and creates sculptures

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

house Ave. in Pacific Grove, Reflections Elegante in Monterey, and the Salinas Valley Art Gallery, a few minutes from her home.

At 75, Solomon has every right to crave rest:

■ She works monthly shifts at Reflections and Salinas Valley, both co-op galleries.

■ She spends four days every week as a caregiver for a patient with anterior lateral sclerosis or ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

■ She performs acupuncture on longtime clients of a business she's winding down.

■ She creates homeopathic products — tea, oils, tinctures, medicinal herbs and creams — from plants she grows in her own garden.

■ She shares the "intuitive Photoshop" techniques she taught herself as an illustrator.

Could it be genetic?

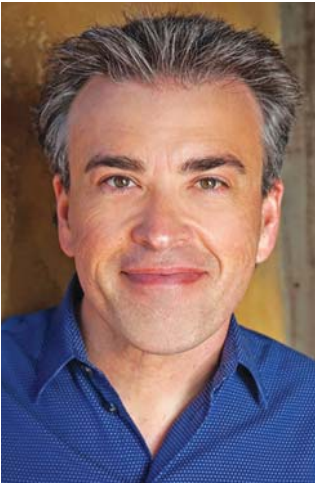
A week ago, Solomon hurried to replace four bald tires on her car before driving to San Jose, where she used an acupuncture technique (jin shin do) to induce labor for a friend's pregnant daughter.

"My dad spent most of WWII at Auschwitz and was one of those skeletons



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Relentlessly energetic at age 75, Rosiland Solomon creates art shown in galleries in Salinas, Pacific Grove and Monterey.



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WATER

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the district in January will urge the state board to lift it.

Until then, the water will only be allowed for small projects on existing meters, “including remodels to kitchens or bathrooms, accessory dwelling units, duplexes, and possibly fourplexes, whatever can be engineered with existing meters,” Stoldt told The Pine Cone.

While there is 2,559 acre-feet of “excess” water, the district will withhold 1,000 acre-feet to plan for dry years when less water is produced, and other factors, including the possibility that the expansion facility won’t work as well as expected.

The district does not need approval from the state water board to allocate the water, but Stoldt said his agency’s board of directors in December is expected to consider an ordinance, with a final approval a few months later.

“So, by March, you will have a new allocation of water sitting in your account, but it’s paper water,” he explained. “We won’t see any wet water until the expansion is actually turned on in October or November of next year.”

While some Pacific Grove homeowners will likely be thrilled with the free aqua from the water district, it will



Dave Stoldt

come at a price to Pacific Grove City Hall.

That’s because P.G. for about five years has been selling at a significant cost its own ample supply of potable water to homeowners with existing meters who need it for home improvement projects.

When the district’s free water becomes available, Pacific Grove’s entitlements won’t be worth as much, and the city stands to lose more than \$5 million, based on the current price of \$262,250 per acre-foot (about 326,000 gallons).

That point was raised by councilman Luke Coletti last week when he posed to Stoldt, “I think people would want to have free water instead of pay for water, right?”

Stoldt’s response was that water entitlements, “or visions of future entitlements, go to zero when you have free water.” He also said Pacific Grove could opt to give the rest of its water out for “zero cost.”

City manager Matt Mogensen told The Pine Cone that Pacific Grove has 19.25 acre-feet of water for general use and 3.16 acre-feet reserved for affordable housing purposes.

Mogensen said it’s not yet known how much the city could lose when the district starts offering its water.

“When MPWMD is able to make the allocations to cities, the City of Pacific Grove will be able to discuss policies on how to manage that water allocation vs. the water that may still remain in our current allocation,” he explained.

Warned about costs

Pacific Grove’s water-for-sale scheme began after it built a wastewater reclamation plant in 2017 which pumps about 125 acre-feet of nonpotable water to irrigate the city’s golf course and cemetery, freeing up California American’s Water potable water for the city to sell to residents.

To pay for the roughly \$8 million P.G. used for the

reclamation plant, dubbed the Local Water Project, the city council decided in 2019 that it could sell its water credits.

Dan Miller, who was on the city council when the reclamation project was proposed, warned councilmembers about skyrocketing costs, noting that consultant Jim Brezack said in 2014 that it would probably cost taxpayers only \$3.8 million to build. The Local Water Project is now financially underwater and operates at an estimated \$200,000 deficit annually.

NARIGI

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Merrill praised Narigi for “returning the operations of the facility to profitability” and helping to facilitate the many improvements made there during the past few years, including resurfacing the track and replacing the start-finish bridge — a cost largely born by Monterey County taxpayers but supplemented with donor funds raised by Narigi.

“Friends will take over management of Laguna Seca while retaining all existing employees,” Merrill said. “We are looking forward to a bright future for Laguna Seca under our new operating structure.”

Narigi observed that he’s “put a lot of time and effort into Laguna Seca Recreation Area and WeatherTech Raceway,” including figuring out how to shepherd them through the pandemic that hit just as he and his team took over management and operations from the struggling and now defunct Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula.

A former longtime hotel executive, Narigi learned the motorsports ropes on the job. He said he’s proud of his team’s efforts and his “personal and professional commitment” to Laguna Seca’s future over the past five years.



Lauri Eberhart

TRENT SHEARN

Nov. 29, 1947 - May 20, 2024
Carmel, California

Raymond Trent Shearn — known as Trent — a skilled general contractor, lighting designer, cherished brother and friend, passed away peacefully at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on May 20, 2024, at the age of 76. Known for his dedication to craftsmanship, adventurous spirit and unique sense of humor, Trent leaves behind a legacy of artistic excellence, meaningful relationships and a life fully lived.

Trent was born in Glendale, California and grew up in Modesto, where his love of building began. He began learning carpentry while working alongside Amish craftsmen, helping construct a new family home. This formative period shaped his appreciation for precision and artistry in construction. Trent pursued formal studies in architecture and design at the University of Oregon, with a focus on historical restorations. Among his notable projects was his work on a rare Frank Lloyd Wright home in Wilsonville, Oregon.

Trent’s professional journey was marked by three phases, each tied to a specific place that inspired him. In California’s Mother Lode Country, he dedicated years to restoring historic structures, including designing and building a Victorian-era bandstand that remains a centerpiece in Jamestown’s Rocca Park. He later moved to Lake Tahoe, where he spent two decades working on custom homes and enjoying the region’s natural beauty. He often explored the backcountry on horseback, accompanied by his dog, and spent every moment he could skiing in the winter.

In Carmel, Trent launched Stonelight Works, born out of his determination to solve a creative challenge when he couldn’t find lighting that suited the scale and character of his projects. Combining his passion for design and craftsmanship, he began creating custom lighting fixtures that perfectly fit the spaces he envisioned. Drawing on his love for natural materials and architectural history, he forged iron frames, incorporated stained glass and large crystals, and ensured each piece was unique. His lighting creations were featured in homes, hotels, and a casino across the Southwest and beyond, and his work continues to illuminate spaces with artistry and elegance.

Trent followed his passions and approached every project and every day with a sense of abundance and gratitude. He lived boldly and creatively, embracing life in all its beauty.

A free spirit with a quirky, infectious sense of humor, Trent was as known for his kindness as for his talents. He loved road trips, vintage sports cars, and music — especially Bob Dylan, whose concerts he attended every chance he could. Trent found beauty in both the natural and the crafted world and was an avid collector of architectural artifacts, fossils and minerals. His generous and lively spirit touched all who knew him, from clients to close friends and family.

Trent is survived by his loving siblings, Tracy Winters, Carmel, Calif., Robin Shearn, St. George, Utah and Melissa Shearn, Los Angeles, Calif., as well as extended family. A private gathering to celebrate Trent’s life was held in July.

Donations in Trent’s memory may be made to SPCA Monterey County, reflecting his love for animals and the Carmel community.

Trent lived fully in the moment, appreciating where he was and what life offered him. His lasting impact is felt not only in the homes he built and the lights he designed but in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.



LETTERS

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adding to our prison population, Gov. Gavin Newsom will again recommend a way for more felons to be released. Even Californians figured out the consequences of soft-on-crime policies, as you can see from the Nov. 5 election results — but let’s see how it goes down with the grab-and-goes at stores. I get so ticked when I read this stuff.

Idaho failed at a recent execution attempt because they couldn’t find the guy’s veins. Now his attorneys want the death penalty reversed again because it was “cruel and unusual punishment.”

Jack Oberti, McCall, Idaho

SPACE

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is mixed with carbon fiber for strength and is heat resistant. It is also 3-D printable, which Hernandez said raises the prospect of molding the casing of the batteries in ways that could make them fit in more efficient places in an electric vehicle.

The other team, led by student Ali Oritz, “proposes to use sucrose-treated carbon nanotube technology to deliver superior impact absorption and exceptional lightweight properties to football helmets.” The helmet’s outer shell, which is reinforced with NASA-grade materials, would offer a 30 percent increase in protection compared to traditional helmets.

Houston hosted the first Minority Innovation and Tech Transfer Idea Competition in 2019.

TOOTH

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“These specimens not only present a viable item to study, but a way to explore impacts to species over time,” the museum said.

“The results of Dr. Bowen’s study will benefit not only offshore orca populations, but all three ecotypes.”

Bowen was thrilled to find the tooth in the museum’s collection. “I’m just so glad museums like the one in Pacific Grove exist, because without them, we wouldn’t be able to get the knowledge we need to help these incredible animals,” she said.

An orca skull that Bowen studied is currently on display at the museum, which is located at 165 Forest Ave. and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May you build a ladder to the stars
And climb on every rung
May you stay forever young
— Bob Dylan, from the song “Forever Young”

WALT

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immigrated from Portugal, DeFaria got his start in theater as a 7-year-old when he strung lights on an upside-down card table and used his sister’s dolls as actors. He later acted in high school.

As a young man, DeFaria did several stints in the U.S. Army as an enlistee and a reservist and earned a business degree from St. Mary’s College. He later worked as a page for CBS before pursuing a livelihood as an advertising sales representative. Although his lifelong love of theater eventually led him back to the stage, he joked in an interview that he was so bad an actor that he retired “by popular demand.” Instead, he thrived behind the scenes, producing a series of television movies and series, mostly in the 1970s and 1980s.

DeFaria was nominated for an Emmy Award in 1974 for Outstanding Children’s Program for co-producing the television film, “The Borrowers.” He was also a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

DeFaria leaves behind three children, Chris, Lisa and Gabrielle, and seven grandchildren. The family said a celebration of his life on the Monterey Peninsula is being planned, although a date hasn’t been set. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Community Foundation for Monterey County’s Reg Huston/STAR Foundation Scholarships for the Performing Arts Fund. For details, visit cfmco.org.



LYNN PERRY

Lynn Perry, longtime resident of Monterey, passed away on Nov. 6, 2024, at the age of 95. Lynn was born in Ocala, Florida on March 13, 1929. He graduated from Summerfield High School as salutatorian of his class and attended the University of Florida having won a scholastic scholarship. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and after being honorably discharged, was employed by an East Coast railway company for 10 years, achieving the distinct honor of serving as secretary to the vice president of that railroad company.

Lynn was a professional actor in New York City and Hollywood, having become a member of both Actors Equity and the Screen Actors Guild. He left Hollywood to live in Santa Barbara, California, after marriage to the late Jean Nally. Together they owned and operated their own court reporting deposition firm in Santa Barbara County. Lynn was also a teacher at several private colleges in the Los Angeles area. He studied massage therapy at the Ashton School of Massage Therapy and X-Ray Technicians in Los Angeles and was one of the first state-certified massage therapists to work with the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Locally, Lynn was official court reporter pro tem in the Municipal and Superior Courts of Monterey County before retiring. He also enjoyed a remarkable reputation in the theatrical community where he performed on numerous stages. He recently wrote, produced, directed and performed in his own one-man show, “The Mirror Left Behind,” at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts in Carmel, which depicted the story of his life.

Lynn will be remembered for his incredible gift as an actor, his heart-warming laughter, kindness and friendship. At his request, there will be no services.

ROOF

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“We’re like anti-corporate,” LePage explained. Commissioner Stefan Karapetkov told him and another representative of the hotel that “this is the kind of contrast we really don’t encourage in town,” and that he would prefer earth tones.

LePage asked assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson, who is still serving as planning director while the prolonged search for a new person to helm that department continues, how the Stilwell Hotel was allowed to have black shingles.

“I don’t want you to incriminate yourself,” LePage told him.

“I’m not going to incriminate myself,” Swanson responded. “This planning commission approved that.”

Nonetheless, LePage told the applicant, the guidelines call for more natural hues, and he favored Olander’s recommendation that the hotel work with staff to come up with an acceptable color.

“We’re basically saying, ‘No charcoal black,’” he said, and Swanson reminded commissioners they don’t like the lighter “shadow grey,” either.

When the representative again mentioned the other



ESTHER VICTORIA PARTIDO

OCT. 7, 1961 – OCT. 30, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Esther Victoria Partido, who left us peacefully after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer on Oct. 30, 2024, at the age of 63.

Esther was born in San Francisco on Oct. 7, 1961, to Juan and Esmerenciana (Prado) Partido. She grew up in the Castroville and Salinas area, graduating from Salinas High School, Class of 1979, and with her associate’s degree from Monterey Peninsula College in 1995. Over the course of her life, Esther worked in various roles, including retail customer service, art education, medical office administration and public service in Carmel-by-the-Sea and Monterey County Office of Emergency Communications. She devoted 25 years of service to the Carmel Police Department, retiring in 2017 as a dispatcher and police services officer.

While she excelled in her professional career, Esther’s greatest joy was raising her three daughters and, more recently, looking after and spending time with her six grandchildren. She was a member of the Retired Public Employees Association of California and an active volunteer, generously sharing her time and talents with many local organizations, including San Carlos School (which her daughters and grandson attended), SCRAMP, the Knights of Columbus Monterey, ICF Castroville, FilAm Club of Salinas, the Filipino Women’s Club of Salinas and Monterey County, and the Filipino Community of Salinas.

Esther enjoyed a variety of hobbies, including attending concerts, live theater, sewing, taking road trips, cooking, reading and traveling. She was particularly proud of her 1,223-day reading streak.

Esther is survived by her three daughters, Allison (Michaelangelo) Mesina, Beth (Michael) Frederick and Carole (Andrew Greiner) McFaddan; her six grandchildren, Sophia and Miles Mesina, Zoe and Connor Frederick, and Logan and Henry Geiner; her brother, Mario Partido; her sisters, Angelita and Nora Partido; her best friend of 50 years, Laurie Cruysen-Sanford; and many extended family members and friends.

A memorial service and celebration of life will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 in Monterey.

instances where the commission approved dark shingles, LePage told him, “We make our decisions based on each individual project.”

“If you want to point out our inconsistencies, go right ahead,” he added.

During the discussion of what other options exist — the company’s website says it offers the same shingles in “autumn blend” and “aged bark” — the roofer explained that 70 percent of the company’s offerings are not available due to a shortage of materials. Regardless, the commission voted unanimously, with commissioners Bob Delves and Stephanie Locke absent, to approve the application under the condition that the applicant comes up with a color the city finds acceptable.

In addition, should Comfort Inn corporate push for other changes to the hotel, such as paint color, Swanson told the owner’s representatives that a permit would also be needed for such work, because the city has “to make sure you’re not going to paint it zebra striped or polka dots or something like that.”



DR. BRET ALAN BARKER

Dr. Bret Alan Barker was called to his heavenly home on Oct. 9, 2024. Bret was born March 24, 1969, in Weaverville, California to Paul and Junel (Johnson) Barker. He is predeceased by his father; grandparents, William Barker of San Francisco and Faye (Darland) Barker and Elmer and June Johnson of Weaverville.

Bret grew up in Hollister, graduating from San Benito High School in 1987. He joined the Army National Guard before graduation, later serving during the 1992 Los Angeles Riots. Bret was an armor crewman “tanker,” the 13th Battalion’s commander in the U.S. Army Brotherhood of Tankers and former staff sergeant / SSG at U.S. Army D Co. 1/149th 40th ID. He was a highly respected and loved member of the organization.

Bret worked at Custom Chrome and rode a Harley before attending college. During his nursing career he was an instructor at Gavilan College and also volunteered for RockMed as part of a team providing on-scene care at concerts. In 2018, Bret obtained his Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Samuel Merritt University and survived cancer two years later. He was a family nurse practitioner and during the pandemic worked at multiple hospital ICUs across the country including New Orleans and New York. Having witnessed Covid-19 related deaths, Bret researched alternative treatments and saved many lives. His book, “Sold Old Souls,” about his findings has received critical acclaim as an “eye-opener.”

Bret had a brilliant mind and a generous heart. His energy could fill a room. His wide circle of friends is a testament to his love for people. Bret was proud to be a veteran and knighted into the U.S. Army Cavalry and Armor Association’s Order of St. George in 2016 by Lt. General Paul Funk, an honor awarded only to “the best of the best.” Bret loved to cook and won prizes at the Gilroy Garlic Festival cook-offs. He was a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma) and proud member of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe of Washington state. He will be remembered for his love of family and his contributions to the medical field.

Bret is survived by his beloved wife, Katy; children, Emerald, Kye and Kassandra; stepfather and mother, Michael and Junel Davidsen; brothers, Eric Barker and Evan Capoman, brother-in-law and sister, Jaime and Elena Duarte; grandchildren and many other relatives.

Bret’s “Celebration of Life” will begin at 11 a.m. on Dec. 8th at the American Legion Hall Post 41, 1110 Veterans Drive, Monterey. Light barbecue fare hosted by the family. Graveside services were held at the tribal cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations preferred at GiveSendGo <https://www.givesendgo.com/warriorstrong>

Memories and condolences can be shared at Legacy.com <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sanbenito/name/bret-barker-obituary?id=56679520>

YIMBY

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actually build housing for both large developers and small homeowners and property owners, we have a property owner that wants to build an ADU, it’s often really difficult to do,” said Garcia in a live interview.

The Long Beach Democrat is calling for 3 to 4 million new homes in California alone, a state where residents face the highest median housing costs.

California YIMBYism

California has more representation on the YIMBY caucus than any other single state, with six of the 27 members hailing from the Golden State. It’s fitting, as the YIMBY, or Yes In My Backyard movement, was born in San Francisco. Affordable housing activism in the city took root a decade ago in response to soaring home prices and escalating rents. The movement named itself in an effort to strike a contrast with NIMBYism, or people who don’t want to see new housing, or anything else, built in their neighborhoods.

“The YIMBY movement is a grassroots movement that formed in San Francisco, and then spread around the Bay Area, and then all around California, and now it is going national,” said State Sen. Scott Wiener in a video posted to his Instagram account this week.

Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat and self-proclaimed YIMBY, has been a leader of the affordable housing movement since he took office in 2016 and has helped to

craft California legislation requiring cities and counties to build more housing — concepts that may soon be on the table in Washington.

Just say ‘yes’

Rather than building new developments on raw land to address housing shortages, California YIMBYism has focused on infill in urban areas and small towns. In 2021, Wiener led the charge to pass Senate Bill 9, which legalized duplexes in single-family neighborhoods statewide.

The law allows property owners to divide single lots into two. It also allows builders to put two homes on each of those lots, in essence legalizing fourplexes in areas that previously were zoned single-family residential.

On California YIMBY’s website, a cartoon strip promoting Senate Bill 9 cheerfully shows a multiplex pushing a “McMansion” off its lot. In another drawing, the caption reads “plexes are cute & cozy.”

Senate Bill 9 and subsequent pro-housing regulation haven’t gone over well with some county and city government leaders who, along with their constituents, feel their single-family neighborhoods and character are under attack. A 2020 survey from pro-housing group Housing is a Human Right found that Senate Bill 9 was wildly unpopular with California voters. The online poll of 600 people found 71 percent were opposed to the bill just months prior to its passage.

In addition to new national zoning laws, the other method the YIMBY caucus could try at the federal level is California-style housing quotas.

Every eight years, Sacramento sets a new housing goal. The latest one called for 2.5 million new homes. To

meet the quota, each county and city was given a mandated number of units to plan for and ideally build in its jurisdiction.

Failure to plan and build the quota comes at the cost of losing local control via the Builder’s Remedy. Here’s how that works in a nutshell: if a city fails to propose affordable units and get its plan rubber-stamped in Sacramento, a developer can apply to build whatever they want in that city regardless of local rules. Once the remedy is exercised, the power rests with the state to approve or deny a Builder’s Remedy project.

In September, Sacramento gave the Builder’s Remedy even more teeth when it passed AB 1893. The new set of rules gave developers more legal power and greater financial incentives to go big on building. The new law also made serious changes to density.

Under AB 1893, such projects can have three times the amount of units allowed by local zoning, plus another 35 units per acre if a project is near a major transit stop.

California still behind

Despite all the focus on affordable housing over the last decade, California hasn’t done a very good job building more houses compared with national trends. U.S. Census Bureau data from 2022 shows Texas was doing the most building, authorizing the construction of more than 263,000 privately owned housing units that year. The number was more than double what was built in California in 2022, despite the Golden State’s higher population.

Data on home builds per capita is even worse. A recent

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ARTIST

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from sea kelp and items she finds on the beach.

“Art makes me happy. It’s my best form of therapy. I just lose myself during the creation process,” she said.

Solomon was born in California, but grew up in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. She recalls being “in constant motion.”

“I spent most of my childhood climbing trees — I was a monkey — and I was abnormally good at everything,” she said. “I was the fastest runner in our school and played every sport. I even played on the boys basketball team in elementary school.

“But I also was so emotionally sensitive that I wouldn’t eat with the other kids in the lunchroom.”

A stellar student, Solomon was a member of the National Honor Society in high school and demonstrated talent — with very little interest — in art.

She took art classes at Oxford (Ohio) College, but only to fill out her elective schedule, then moved to the University of Michigan, where she majored in sociology and English.

Working with mentally ill

“I came out of there wanting to get into social work,” said Solomon, who relocated to Sacramento to work with psychiatric patients who had been deinstitutionalized by

then-Gov. Ronald Reagan.

“Some had been in institutions for 50 years and were trying to reintegrate into society,” she said. “I was working with people who were developmentally disabled. Some had been institutionalized as kids because they only spoke Spanish and nobody knew what to do with them.”

“I sort of fell into art by accident,” said Solomon, who, left her mental-health job after a year-and-a-half and became a graphic artist.

At 29, she moved to L.A. with an aspiring songwriter who became her husband (and ex-husband).

“I worked six years in a studio in Hollywood, where I learned how to airbrush and had some interesting adventures,” she said. She recounted that one day, she saw policemen pointing guns at her window while chasing a criminal. That, she said, “was the day I decided I was done with Hollywood.”

The couple moved to San Francisco, where Solomon found contract work as a book illustrator for MacMillan, Harcourt Brace, Random House and other publishing companies. At 36, she gave birth to a daughter.

“I got a job offer — something like \$50,000 a year — from Hanna-Barbera (animation) to work full time in their airbrush studio in San Francisco,” Solomon remembered. “I turned it down because I didn’t want to give up the time I was spending with my daughter.”

When textbook-illustration opportunities dwindled, Solomon connected with a licensing agent and began designing jigsaw puzzles, which were manufactured in

China.

“When the pandemic hit, jigsaw puzzles went crazy and I started making some real money,” she said. “But then (in 2020), when the U.S. imposed an embargo on China, nobody could ship the puzzles. Everything just stopped, and suddenly I had no work.”

That’s when Solomon took on her caregiver job and devoted more time to her fine art.

To the top and bottom

“I’ve been to the top of the stack, and I’ve also fallen to the bottom at least three times, usually because I got replaced by technology,” said Solomon, whose best-ever payday — \$300,000 — came when she was hired by Disney to design advertising images of characters from the 1997 animated movie, “Hercules.”

“I lived for years on that money,” she said.

Solomon’s original artwork, cards and prints can be seen at Salinas Valley Art Gallery (218 Main St., Salinas), Reflections Elegante (217 Alvarado St., Monterey), and 480 Lighthouse Gallery (480 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.)

Images of her work can be viewed on Instagram @rosilandsolomonart, at facebook.com/rosiland.solomon, and at oasisinsalinas.com, which also includes information about her holistic products.

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GAVEL

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up more and more active criminal cases.

By mid-2023, Flores began to evade the court system as his criminal misconduct continued and he risked being remanded on no-bail. Flores repeatedly failed to appear in court as required by various judges, with either no justification or false representations that he was in residential treatment programs, when he in fact was not. On three separate occasions from December 2023 to February 2024, judges issued bench warrants for Flores’ failure to appear in court while on bail or O.R. with pending felony charges. For weeks to months after each failure to appear, Flores would abscond from the criminal justice system until police found and arrested him. Every time police contacted Flores, he would attempt to flee. On multiple occasions, Flores was successful in evading Monterey police, including two times when Flores led police on high-speed chases through residential neighborhoods in the City of Monterey and got away.

On July 3, 2024, Monterey Police became aware that Flores was in his home on Cielo Vista Drive in Monterey. Monterey Police with SWAT set up a perimeter to prevent Flores from escaping. This led to a seven-hour stand-off until SWAT eventually cleared the home. Police found Flores barricaded in a compartment under the floor of his home and used a chainsaw to create an opening through which they could forcibly extract and arrest Flores. At that time, Flores had 14 separate pending felony and misdemeanor cases.

In the ensuing months after his final arrest, Flores was remanded to custody without bail. On Oct. 14, a jury trial commenced on charges of attempting to evade or resist peace officers, as well as his many failures to appear in court. On Oc. 18, prior to the commencement of evidence, Flores pleaded no contest to all charges and enhancements in his cases, including charges relating to his illegal firearm, controlled substances, and criminal violations of his tenant’s property rights, and the assault at the Britannia Arms. His maximum exposure is seven years, eight months in state prison.

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Consumer Affairs report shows that in 2021, the highest volumes of residential construction permits per resident were issued in Utah and Idaho: 11 units authorized per 1,000 residents. California issued three permits per 1,000 residents during the same year.

Growing support

Nationally, the YIMBY movement has been gaining traction as home prices have gone up just about everywhere. According to the Brookings Institution, there were more than 140 pro-housing groups nationwide in 2022, with 60 percent of states home to at least one YIMBY organization. However, Brookings reports only 4 percent of those groups were aimed at changing federal law in pursuit of more housing.

Again according to the Brookings Institution analysis, the highest concentration of YIMBY groups remains in

California, and most of those are in the major metropolitan areas around Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area.

Federal housing laws born out of the YIMBY movement won't exactly be new if they come to pass next year. In 2023, President Joe Biden proposed a rule requiring states, counties and cities to submit equity plans to the federal government via the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Incoming President Donald Trump called the proposal an attack on the suburbs and vowed to shoot it down if elected.

During the final months of the presidential campaign, Vice President Kamala Harris led much of the discussion around affordable housing, although Trump put forward some proposals to increase the housing supply and talked about building 20 new cities.

One way to do that would be to open federal land for large-scale housing. The president-elect put forth the idea

during his speech in front of the Economic Club of New York in September.

"We will open up portions of federal land for large-scale housing construction, these zones will be ultra-low tax and ultra-low regulations, one of the great small business job creation programs," said Trump.

Where would they go?

Trump has not specified which federal lands would be considered for such an endeavor. The idea runs contrary to current YIMBY ideals that call for infilling in order to keep low-income residents close to high-opportunity communities.

With only five Republicans on their team, the YIMBY caucus may face an uphill battle in Washington where the GOP has achieved a trifecta and will control the White House, Senate and House of Representatives come January.

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

Weary heart? Tired soul? Find some seasonal refreshment here.

By ELAINE HESSER

“You’re a foul one, Mr. Grinch. You’re a nasty wasty skunk! Your heart is full of unwashed socks, Your soul is full of gunk, Mr. Grinch....”
— Dr. Seuss

ONE OF the most loved holiday tropes is that in which a Christmas hater abruptly changes course, abandoning a grasping and miserable past to embrace the season’s joy. From Scrooge’s first belly laugh in “A Christmas Carol,” to the Grinch’s heart getting super-sized, everyone loves a happy ending. Your soul may not be as gunked-up as that of Dr. Seuss’ green-hued misanthrope, but maybe a long election season, a lack of (or insistence upon) house numbers, and other trials have left you in a less-than-festive humor.

Why not skim the listings below and find something get into a holiday mood? Parades, concerts, parties, historic tours and more await. And don’t worry, Santa’s been finding the homes in Carmel for more than 100 years, even without numbers.

Ice Skating by the Bay at Custom House Plaza in Monterey runs through Jan. 5, including holidays. It’s open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. Christmas Eve hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a few other days have differing schedules, so check iceskatingbythebay.com before you go. Adults pay \$15, kids

12 and under are \$13 and skate rental is \$5. Season passes are \$225, not including skate rental.

Friday, Nov. 29, **Cannery Row’s annual Christmas Tree Lighting** turns 30 in Steinbeck Plaza near **Cannery Row and Prescott**. Family-friendly entertainment starts at noon and the tree will be illuminated at 5:45. From 6 to 9 p.m., Santa will receive visitors in his temporary digs on the second floor of 685 Cannery Row. He’ll also be there Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. through Dec. 22.

The **Holiday Parade of Lights** in South Salinas hits the streets from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. Departing from Acacia and Main, a lighted collection of marching bands, floats and vintage cars heads north to the National Steinbeck Center. Thousands of people attend each year, and from early morning, many claim viewing spots with folding chairs and blankets. Oldtown (aka City Center) is bustling with shops and restaurants, too.

Creative outlet

Pacific Grove’s **Holiday Tree Lighting** soiree gets underway at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 and goes until 7 p.m., with the actual illumination scheduled for 6. The celebration is in **Jewell Park** at Forest and Grand and will feature music from school bands and choruses.

Reserve a spot to bring children ages



The Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre’s presentation of “The Nutcracker” is a popular holiday tradition.

3 to 11 to a **Winter Art Workshop** with local folk artist Marie-Clare Treseder Gorham on Dec. 3 from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. at **Sunset Center**. The little ones can color, and make ornaments and winter crowns. Reservations are required and donations encouraged. Visit sunsetcenter.org to reserve.

““A Sand and Sea Holiday’ celebrating the essence of coastal California living and the rich diversity of Monterey Bay” is the theme for **Pacific Grove’s annual Parade of Lights** along Lighthouse Avenue from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, rain or

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

Remember when shopping was elegant and fun? So do local merchants.

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

GIFT-GIVING IS a love language, a symbol and a reminder to our beloveds that we care about them and celebrate our relationships, and that we see them, know them, and get them — who they are, what they like. Particularly at this time of year.

Some folks handcraft scarves, sweaters, picture frames, cookies or jewelry. Others send gift cards from Starbucks or Target.

Yet our nameless savvy super-shopper — an account of whose annual rounds are part of the holiday season for regular readers — has made a tradition of finishing her shopping in one day and always in town, having looked forward, all year, to her odyssey in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Knowing she'll have to drop off packages periodically during her treasure hunt, she parks on a side street not far from Ocean Avenue. Fortified with a peppermint mocha from **Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company**, clad in a pair of comfortable Clarkes from **Hedi's Shoes** on Ocean Avenue and holding her list at the ready, our intrepid shopper sets out.

Wandering into Court of the Fountains, an enclave whose holiday décor makes her feel special, she discovers **Dentelle Fine Lingerie**. The name means lace in French, and the owner, Ekaterina Sanchez, annually shops in Paris to bring beautiful things to Carmel. After spying hand-painted silk kimonos, although our shopper is sure she deserves one, it is her fancy sister who will find this indulgent item under the tree. She also leaves her husband's contact information with Sanchez. Just in case.

Strolling down Ocean, she tarries in front of the display window at **Augustina** and heads in, lured as much by the window dressing as the candles from Nest, which fill the room with the smell of the holidays. Realizing she just found this year's hostess

gift for all the swell parties her friends will hold, she buys six.

Proceeding deeper into the store, she discovers a pair of Buccellati earrings, impossible-to-find collectibles in sterling silver she admires for herself but purchases to help her father surprise her mom. He can use a hand.

Just as she is walking out the door with her treasures, she sees the perfect Herno jacket in luscious cashmere for \$1,750 for her husband. He's worth it. Convinced she's definitely leaving the store this time, she sees the Begg hand-knit cashmere sweater at \$1,595 and knows it will keep her best girlfriend stylish and warm. Having sipped Champagne from the moment she walked in the door until she traded her flute for her special finds, she returns to the sidewalk and her list.

Crossing the street, she continues west on Ocean and comes to **Lloyd's Shoes**, where she spies a super-cute suede Western boot in three colors by Eric Michael from Portugal. The boot is called "Nashville." Since her niece just released her first county single, "Dodged a Bullet," in the birthplace of country music, our shopper picks up a pair in olive, then returns for a second pair in cognac for the singer's sister and checks off two more names on her shopping list.

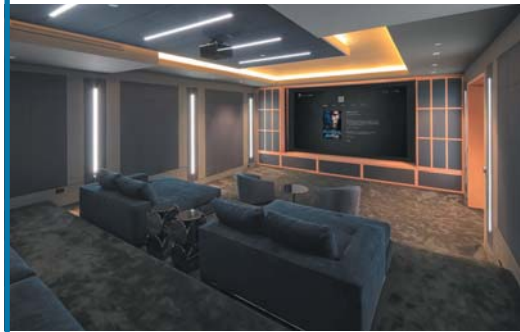
Distracted by a pair of Chi Mihara T-strap sandals in a woven gold metallic and feeling festive, she imagines these will add the sparkle to her holiday parties this year. Let the invites begin. She bought a lot of candles, after all.

Last, but absolutely not least, she picks up a pair of ultra-mini Ugg boots to add comfort and joy to her cousin's jeans, leg-

SHOPPING *con't. page 58A*



A cozy jacket or some silver earrings from Augustina, or some Uggs or strappy gold sandals from Lloyd's could help you cross a few folks off your list. An infinity scarf or special bowl from Ami, or perhaps something lovely from Dentelle Fine Lingerie might be great choices, too.



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Experiencing fine art while playing to win

By DENNIS TAYLOR

THE EARLIEST known board game — possibly 8,000 years old — was played in ancient Ghana and Sudan by maneuvering pebbles through rows of pits gouged into a flat stone to capture the opponent’s pieces (Google “Senet.”)

Innovating the gaming experience has been the challenge ever since for people like Steve Zmak, who has burned plenty of midnight oil through the years conjuring games of his own.

The Monterey Peninsula resident spent three years developing and testing a multi-player experience. The project mixes business with pleasure for Zmak, who pays his bills as a commercial and fine-art photographer.

‘Something original’

Z Photo Game simulates the careers of fine-art photographers — three to eight players who select and submit photos from their own “portfolios” that best match the theme a “curator” has chosen for an exhibit.

The game is played with a deck of 209 high-quality photo cards made from stunning fine-art images that Zmak has shot during his award-winning career.

The rules encourage critical thinking, storytelling and stretching the imagination to earn points that are kept on a 16-by-20-inch, photography-themed scorecard. Real 35 mm film canisters, each a different color, are used as tokens.

“I created many different games when I was a teenager, but most were derivative of some other game that was already out,” Zmak said.

“I wanted to come up with something completely original — something that hadn’t been done before,” he said. “And I realized there aren’t many games that fea-

ture photography.”

Zmak used his extensive graphic-arts skills to design the game, with his wife, Tina, author of two novels, assisting as his editor.

“I bounced a lot of creative ideas off of her, then experienced an ‘aha moment’ while camping with other gamers in Big Sur. We developed a prototype in five days and started to play,” he said.

Zmak has tested his creation with multiple demographics, from elementary-school students to his own artistic tribe.

Those who have enjoyed testing the game include Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jane Smiley, graphic designer and Zmak’s fellow Dungeons & Dragons enthusiast Drew Porter, and well-known Peninsula fine-art photographers Greg Weeks, David Gubernick, Jackie Turner, Cindy Devincent, Kenneth Parker, Matt Connors, Maria Prince, Rick Mirai and Debra Aiken, among others.

“You’d think a visual communicator would have an edge in this game, but I don’t think that’s necessarily the case,” Zmak said. “I’m embarrassed to tell you that I don’t do all that well. I don’t win very much.”

Some of most exuberant players, he



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Tina and Steve Zmak covertly fan out their game cards, each featuring a different image shot by Steve, an award-winning fine-art photographer.

said, were fifth graders who played Z Photo Game at Pacific Grove’s Robert Down Elementary School.

Fun pub game

“That was the most enthusiastic game I’ve seen so far — they took to it right away,” said Zmak, who regularly speaks to elementary and middle-school classes about photography.

“I knew by then that adults enjoyed playing the game, but didn’t know what to expect from kids, so that was a really pleasant surprise,” he said.

Zmak and friends have played Z Photo Game at multiple local watering holes, most recently at The Brass Tap in Marina, where Amber Kohler joined the table.

“I wouldn’t call myself a regular gamer, but I like the social aspect of board games and absolutely love this one,” said Kohler, a customer-service agent in billing and collections for a local medical practice. “It’s not only gorgeous, but it’s very easy to pick up, and it’s really fun.”

The game is trademarked, but Zmak

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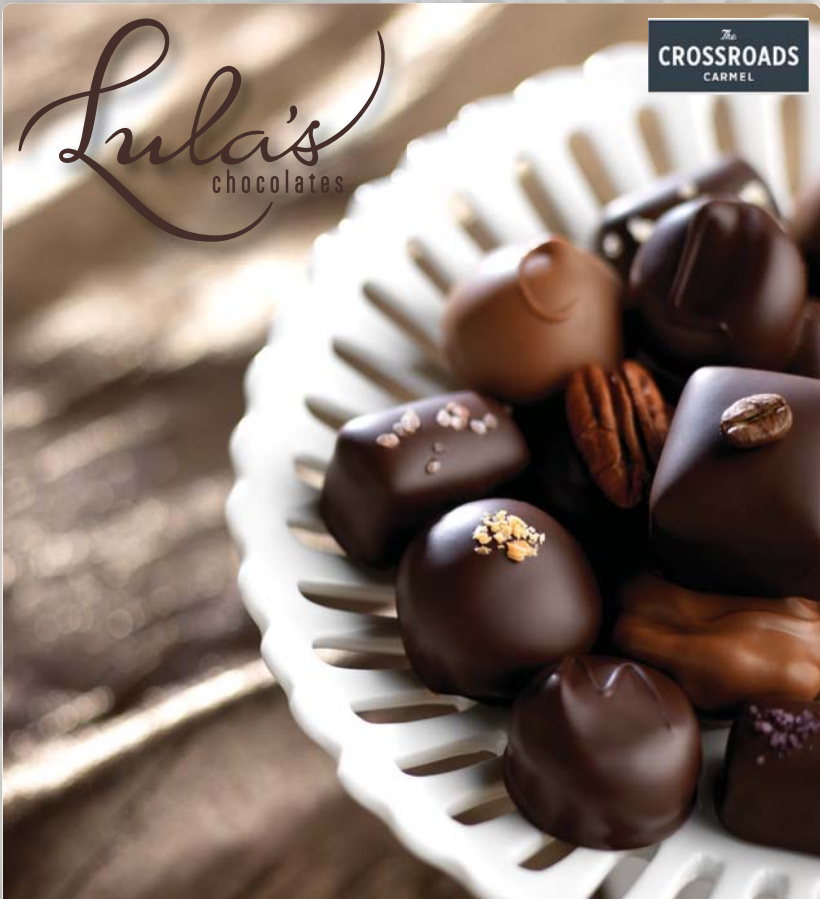


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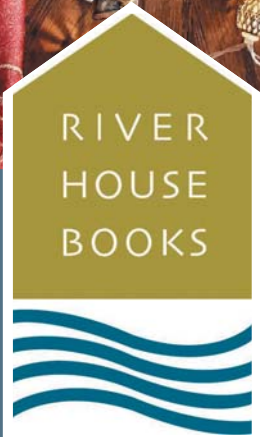


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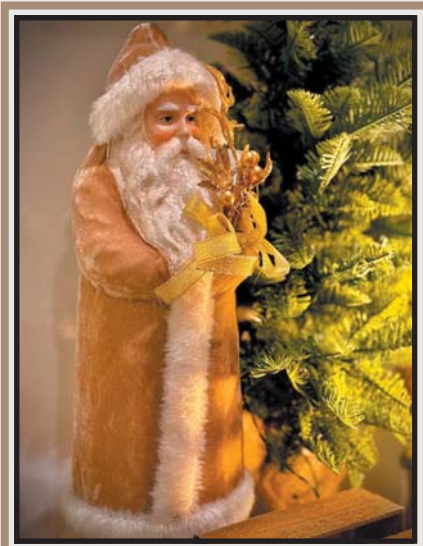
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The generous spirit of the Monterey Peninsula, gift-wrapped

By LISA LAPIN

ON THE Monterey Peninsula, it's possible to do all of your holiday shopping for a good cause. Keeping it local boosts the area economy and small businesses. Shopping in your own backyard can also have a ripple effect in helping local nonprofit organizations, many of which operate small shops that represent significant sources of income for their operations.

There are a plethora of local charities that operate gift shops and small stores where 100 percent of the profit goes directly back to the organizations and their programming. These stores stock one-of-a-kind gifts, often representing local flora, fauna or history. They also provide a great means of sharing your experience of Monterey Peninsula life with friends and family far away.

It's possible to decorate an entire Christmas tree with locally inspired holiday ornaments alone. And, in most cases, you don't have to pay admission to be able to visit, browse and pick out gifts.

Prices tend to be reasonable at non-profit establishments, which cater to broad audiences. Whether you are seeking art supplies or holiday décor, toys or outdoor gear, you can find something for just about everyone on your list. Your purchase will not only make for something sentimental or unusual to unwrap, but your generosity will go to a good cause. You just need to know where to shop!

If you're ready to tackle that gift list, here are some places to start:

Point Lobos State Natural Reserve Information Booth Shop: Local nature lovers should welcome the selection of items available at the main information booth inside the reserve. All kinds of merchandise is emblazoned with Point Lobos



Clockwise from top left: Unusual and unexpected gift ideas can come from tge Carmel Mission, CHOMP's gift shop and the P.G. Museum.

photography. There is a guidebook — available nowhere else — on the wildflowers of Point Lobos, with color photographs of the many dozens of species native to local habitats. Popular items include a set of Point Lobos notecards, as well as mugs and water bottles. For stocking stuffers, try an otter key chain, or a magnet or patch. Proceeds benefit the Point Lobos Foundation, which funds the reserve's volunteer docent program, trail maintenance and other im-

provements throughout this local treasure. The booth is open during park hours. Driving into the reserve requires \$10 admission per car (\$9 for those 62 and older); walking in from Highway 1 to the booth at the parking lot near the Allan Memorial Grove takes about 20 minutes and is free.

Indigenous art

Carmel Mission Basilica: As one would expect, the large Mission store has a full array of religious items, including jewelry, unusual rosaries, statues, prayer books and pocket prayer coins representing dozens of saints. But it also stocks numerous unexpected items that would make wonderful holiday gifts, such as jams, jellies, olive oils and vinegars, all handmade by members of religious orders.

Abalone jewelry and baskets made by local Native Americans are available in a special case. There are paintings and holiday ornaments bearing the iconic image of the main Mission building, as well as

books on local history and 2025 calendars with images of this area. One wall is covered in Milagros, traditional folk art from Mexico comprising small sculptural hearts and crosses bearing silver or gold charms and symbols, used as a basis for prayer for a happy and healthy future. It is free to enter the Mission store, and proceeds from its sales benefit the basilica's operation, including historic preservation and grounds maintenance. The shop is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and until 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday.

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History: This small shop just inside the front entrance has a wide variety of gifts representing the natural world. There is a section full of monarch butterfly-related merchandise, including stuffed monarchs, monarch kits and coin purses. Puzzles and stuffed humpback whales, notecards from local artists, and a guide to the animals and

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Individually numbered, signed copies of the Z Photo Games will be available for purchase through Dec. 19 at bit.ly/3Op9PGp. The first 100 collector editions are priced from \$400 to \$125. If those sell out, additional games are likely to be produced, Zmak said.

"One of the goals of our Kickstarter campaign is to raise the funds to do a 500-print run, also signed and numbered," he said. Additional information and photographs can be found at instagram.com/zphotogame.

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shine.
Then, the reindeer prepare for Christmas Eve rounds, Mr. Claus will arrive via firetruck at 3:30 p.m. for the **tree and menorah lighting** in **Devendorf Park** on Dec. 6. The

Del Monte Brass band will perform, and at 4 p.m., a menorah will be lit (in plenty of time for Hanukkah’s Dec. 25 start). Organizers promise “plenty of gelt” and dreidel spinning.
At 4:30 p.m., the tree-lighting ceremony will start as MC Ben Beesley introduces performances by Carmel

Dance Center, River School Choir, Carmel High School Chamber Singers, I Cantori, Miles Williams and Debbie Davis. Around 5:30, the big tree, downtown median and park will come alive with lots of colorful lights. In addition, **Carmel Plaza** hosts its annual open house from 5 to 7 p.m., with refreshments and live music.
Colton Hall in **Monterey** will be the scene of a Dec. 6 **tree lighting** from 5 to 6 p.m. Enjoy caroling, cookies, cider and live music on the lawn of one of California’s oldest seats of government, built between 1847 and 1849 by the Rev. Walter Colton, who served as chaplain under Commodore John D. Sloat aboard the USS Congress. The structure was home to the 1849 California constitutional convention. If you wanted history with your holidays, you’re welcome.

Neighborhood fun

We cherish some things because they don’t change. Other things don’t change because everyone cherishes them. **P.G.’s Candy Cane Lane** on Morse Drive and adjacent streets (the well-marked entrance is a bit downhill from David on Forest) ticks both boxes. It’s free and is usually ready for visitors in early December. Hardworking community members have put on a neighborhood light display for decades. See angels on the wing, lighted stars,

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animated displays, and, if previous years are any indication, you'll probably encounter depictions of Charlie Brown seeking the true meaning of Christmas, Lisa

Simpson looking earnest as ever, celebratory Muppets, and a multi-story nutcracker with glowing eyes. Bring cookies and cocoa, put some carols on the radio and stroll or cruise slowly through the neighborhood. **Salinas' First Baptist Church** is or-

ganizing hundreds of volunteers and herding animals into its annual **Streets of Bethlehem** event. The free re-enactment of the Nativity, complete with music and a flying angel, is repeated several times between 6 and 8 p.m. nightly Dec. 5-8. Guests walk through a recreation of a first-century village filled with craftsmen, Roman soldiers and an overbooked innkeeper. The church is at San Vincente and Blanco Road, but you have to park at Park Row shopping center and take a shuttle. Details at streetsofbethlehem.com.

Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey hosts **Christmas on the Wharf** Dec. 6-22. On Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m., take in all the decorations, including a 23-foot Christmas tree surrounded by illuminated sea creatures. Visit with Santa, enjoy live music, and maybe get in some last-minute shopping or grab a bread bowl of clam chowder. The entertainment schedule is posted on the "Events" page at montereywharf.com, and organizers say it's OK to bring your folding chairs and well-behaved dogs on leashes.

Dec. 6-8, catch one of the **Camerata Singers'** holiday performances. Led by artistic director and conductor William McMillan, the group will be at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas** Friday at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$20 for adults, while students are free. Concerts at **First Presbyterian Church at 501 El Dorado St. in Monterey** will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets there are \$25 for adults and students get in free. To order, visit camerata-singers.org.

Dec. 7 is **Stillwell's Fun in the Park in Pacific Grove**. The annual kid-centric party will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. in Caledonia Park, behind the post office. Santa arrives at noon on a firetruck, and Frosty the Snowman and the Snow Queen will also be on hand. There will be a bounce house and petting zoo at this free event, too.

Monterey Peninsula Voices, an 85-member choir from throughout the county, presents "A Winter Wish" Dec. 7 and 8 at 3 p.m. at Santa Catalina School



Whale-watching ships (background) offer unique perspectives on the lighted boat parade Dec. 8.

in Monterey. "This concert will provide our audiences with an uplifting message of love, unity and peace," noted director Sean Boulware. Tickets can be purchased at mpvoices.org and are \$30 for general admission, \$25 for seniors, active duty military, and students under 18, and \$20 for children 12 and under.

Ships and inns

Fresh air from the bay plus boatloads of holiday spirit yield the **Brighten the Harbor Lighted Boat Parade** from 5:15 to 8 p.m. Dec. 8. Floating light displays pass **Old Fisherman's Wharf** around 5:30 and return later in the evening. Several restaurants on the wharf offer nice views of the procession, and **Princess Monterey** (montereywhalewatching.com/specialty-cruises), **Monterey Bay Whale Watch** (gowhales.com) and **Discovery Whale Watch** (discoverywhalewatch.com) are offering **parade-watching cruises** that leave from the wharf.

All are providing festive snacks and warm drinks, but on-board amenities and vessel sizes vary. Ticket prices are mostly in the \$30-to-\$40 range, and the cruises are about two hours long.

Pacific Grove's Holiday at the Inns is set for Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 5 to 9 p.m. For \$30 per person, take a self-guided tour of Asilomar's Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, Centrella Hotel, Gosby House, Green Gables Inn, Martine Inn, Old St. Angela Inn, Pacific Grove Inn, Seven Gables Inn, and St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. Many are within easy strolls of downtown P.G., but from Green Gables to Asilomar is a 2-mile trek. Learn more and register at bit.ly/40Cj10g or call (831) 373-3304.

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Proceeds benefit the historic museum, which serves hundreds of schoolchildren each year and is a hub for meetings of local birding and other nature-oriented organizations. The shop is open during museum hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Point Pinos Lighthouse: This small shop tucked into the Pacific Grove municipal golf course is where visitors purchase tickets to tour the Point Pinos Lighthouse Museum. It's also stocked with a host of historical materials as well as gifts bearing the image of the nearly 175-year-old landmark. Hang a lighthouse ornament on the tree and or draft your holiday thank-yous on themed notecards.

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its Orchestra in the Schools program at **All Saints Day School** (8060 Carmel Valley Road) from 6 to 7 p.m. The event is free and no tickets are required. Visit youthmusic-monterey.org for more info.

Golden State Theatre at 417 Alvarado St. in **Monterey** has two holiday-themed events. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m., ukulele virtuoso **Jake Shimabukuro** brings the sounds of Hawaii to the stage, and according to his bio, “his music combines elements of jazz, blues, funk, rock, bluegrass, classical, folk and flamenco.” Tickets start at \$40.08. On Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m., **Rich Schuler** will be play in what’s billed as “**America’s top John Denver tribute show.**” In addition to classics like “Rocky Mountain High” and “Take Me Home, Country Roads,” “A John Denver Christmas” will feature holiday performances like “Aspenglow,” “Silent Night” and “Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire.” Tickets start at \$39.31. Visit goldenstatetheatre.com to snag seats for either concert.

YOSAL (Youth Orchestra Salinas) supporters can enjoy the group's winter concert at **Sherwood Hall** at 940 N. Main St. in **Salinas** on Friday, Dec. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. More than 200 students from Salinas and South County will perform. Tickets are free, but must be reserved via the link in the fuchsia banner at the top of the group's home page, yosal.org. Donations are welcome.

I Cantori di Carmel opens its Christmas season at 8 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 15 at the **Carmel Mission Basilica** with what the group's website calls "a festive Baroque Christmas concert," with lively and joyful pieces including J.S. Bach's Magnificat and Christmas Cantata "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," Marc Antoine Charpentier's exuberant "Messe de Minuit pour Noël," and George Friedrich Handel's "Utrecht Te Deum." Tickets are \$47 and up, with discounts for active duty military and students with valid ID. Purchase at icantori.org.

The **P.G. Museum of Natural History** has **free weekend programs about the winter solstice** geared for preschoolers through eighth graders at its Exploration Station, called an “interactive learning space for guests of all ages to engage in hands-on exploration and discovery.” On Dec. 14 at 1 and 2 p.m., adults and children 5 years and older can **make their own holiday wreaths**. There’s a \$35 fee for the public, \$25 for museum members, and required reservations and payment can be made through pgmuseum.org, where you’ll also find details on the winter solstice presentations.

Fly, leap, run

Saturday, Dec. 14, Santa and Mrs. Claus will take part in their 66th Annual **Carmel Valley Fly-In**. Organizers predict, “They’ll be landing in their helicopter on the old airstrip in the Village at 10:30 a.m. and will lead the parade around the Village.” Then, they’ll make their way to Carmel Valley Community Youth Center for a meet-and-greet and photos. If you’d like to be in the parade or volunteer, visit cvcyc.org and click on the “Santa’s Fly-In” link.

Leap into Christmas with **Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre's** performance of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" at **Sunset Center** Dec. 13-15. The group's

invitation reads, “Come celebrate the magical tradition with our family of 120 dancers, countless volunteers, and enthusiastic supporters, all of whom have been celebrating the Christmas season since August and are now proud to present a beautiful interpretation of “The Nutcracker.” Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$55 for adults, \$50.50 for seniors 62 or better, \$40 for kids who want their own seats and free for “lap sitters” — although they need reserved tickets, too. Go to sunsetcenter.org to purchase.

Turn back time with **Monterey's Christmas in the Adobes** from 5 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 14. For the 40th annual event, a whopping 23 historic buildings will be open for tours. Many of these spots aren't usually available for sightseeing, and Monterey State Historic Park notes that there will be refreshments at some locations. The Monterey Peninsula College theater program will put on short performances in the recently restored California's First Theater, and Colton Hall and some other locations will also have entertainment, including the Custom House, which will host the Alta California Dancers. Comfy walking shoes are a must, and please remember that your phone is also a flashlight on some of those dark streets. Not all sites are ADA accessible; details are in the brochure at bit.ly/3CzP20L. The event goes on, rain or shine.

Tickets are available at the Pacific House and Custom House Stores and online at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) — there's more info and a link at [mshpa.org](https://www.mshpa.org) to help you find them. They're \$30 for one evening or \$45 for both nights. Youth under 18 are free. Online buyers should heed the instructions to get wristbands for their visits; the eventbrite confirmation will not be accepted at individual adobes. Discounted tickets for active duty military and Monterey State Historic Park members must be purchased in person.

Wanna work off some cookies? Jog, sprint or walk in the **Run Rudolph Run** from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 14



First Night's twilight New Year's Eve parade (top) and P.G.'s annual Parade of Lights are popular.

to raise money for the Arthritis Research Coalition. The 1K and 5K courses near the ocean in **Pacific Grove** are pretty darned flat, and participants are encouraged to be there with bells and other holiday accoutrements on. Visit arthritisresearchcoalition.org/rrr to sign up.

“On a Winter’s Night,” an evening of seasonal folk music at **Sunset Center**, features musicians Cliff Eberhardt, John Gorka, Lucy Kaplansky, and Patty Larkin, described as “the brightest stars of the singer-songwriter genre” at the center’s website. Tickets start at \$40 and are available at sunsetcenter.org.

Finally, consider spending a low-budget, high-entertainment, family-friendly New Year's Eve at **First Night Monterey**. For nine solid hours, you can enjoy dozens of performers and lots of music, starting with Kids' Night Out from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

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Admission buttons start at \$14 for youth 6-15 and \$24 for those 16 and older (early bird pricing). Proceeds support local youth art programs. Visit firstnightmonterey.org to follow the evolving list of performers and order buttons.



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This Week

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Hard-working mandolinist inspires three-day music fest at P.G. coffee shop

THERE ARE few musicians in Monterey County who play more gigs week after week than mandolinist **Dave**

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Holodiloff, who will step into the spotlight when the PG Meetinghouse in Pacific Grove hosts a “Holo-fest” Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. each day, with dozens of



Singer and guitarist Kris Angelis takes the stage Saturday, 2 p.m., at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley. Also playing this weekend at Folktale is singer and guitarist Benny Bassett, who will be there Friday.

Holodiloff’s musical friends sharing the stage with him over the weekend. The music will span the spectrum from jazz and bluegrass, to Celtic, Latin, Balkan, pop, rock, etc.

The lineup — which Holodiloff called a “Who’s Who” of Monterey County musicians — includes pianist **Michael Martinez**, keyboardist **Juneau Rowe**, multi-instrumentalist **Elijah McCullar**, violinist **Peter Mellinger**, bassist **Dennis Murphy**, saxophonist **Roger Eddy**, singer and guitarist **Katherine Lavin**, singers **Jaqui Hope**, **Lee Durley** and **Janice Perl**, singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry**, flutist **Kenny Stahl**, and reggae band **Jonah And The Whale Watchers**, among many others.

All ages and free

“There will be nonstop all-weekend entertainment,” announced the coffee shop, which is located at 599 Lighthouse Ave. “There’ll be something fun for everyone and all ages at this unique music festival.”

Holodiloff, meanwhile, suggests that the downtown shop, which was formerly known as Juice ’n’ Java, is the “coolest new music venue” on the Monterey Peninsula. “It hits that sweet spot between a cozy cafe with couches and a fireplace, and a spacious music venue with a baby grand piano and dance floor,” he told The Pine Cone.

While the performances are free, the festival is also a fundraiser for Holodiloff, who’s been battling health challenges due to complications resulting from four knee surgeries. For more details, visit gofundme.com and type in “Holo-fest.”

Also at the PG Meetinghouse, are a Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 6 p.m., with sign-ups starting at 5 p.m.), and a show by Holodiloff and Martinez (Thursday at 6:30 p.m.).

■ Bach’s organ masterpieces

Just in time for this weekend’s kickoff of the holiday



Mandolinist Dave Holodiloff and dozens of his musical friends will play this weekend in Pacific Grove.

season, organist **Cathryn Wilkinson** celebrates “Christmas Music from the Time of Bach,” Sunday, 3 p.m., at Epiphany Lutheran & Episcopal Church in Marina. The concert is the fourth in a series that pays tribute to one of classical music’s most important composers.

Wilkinson is the organist at the Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach.

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Here’s the fun part, though: shopping,



The historic Old St. Angela Inn in Pacific Grove is holding a festive holiday tea on Dec. 7, complete with delightful petit fours and fancy little sandwiches from Rosemary and Thyme High Tea.

eating and drinking locally are easy, thanks to great merchants and events that offer special comforts to intrepid customers.

On Saturday, Carmel Valley Village is welcoming everyone to its 17th Annual

Soup to Nuts

Holiday Art Wine Walk & Gift Faire at Del Fino Place. The free event starts at 11 a.m. and goes until 5 p.m., with The Money Band taking the stage at 2:30 to provide live music. The Carmel Valley Art Association — representing more than 30 artists in its new location at 8 Del Fino — will open at 11 and is heading up a “Bee Creative” kids’ art exhibit for the fair along with some giveaways and hands-on craft opportunities.

In between poring over handcrafted and unique holiday gifts at various merchants, adults are invited to amble over to some of the many nearby wine-tasting rooms, sample the offerings, and maybe buy a few gifts for their favorite oenophiles, not to mention something to sip on when they get home.

‘Permanent’ jewelry pop-up
Folktale Winery at 8940 Carmel Valley Road will be the site of a pop-up shop featuring Bonded Jewelry on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Celebrate the season at Folktale Winery with a special showcase of Bonded Jewelry’s unique pieces and permanent jewelry, surrounded by local craftsmanship and the beauty of our wine garden,” organizers say. What is permanent jewelry? It consists of cus-

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tom-fitted gold, platinum and sterling silver adornments that are bonded together so they can't be readily removed, like a bracelet that won't slide off over your hand. Items like these are popular with wedding parties, families and others who want to affirm a relationship or have a reminder of a special event.

Of course, since you're at a winery, you might want to sip a little, right? Depending on what's being poured that day, you might be able to sample one of the festive sparklers or some less common quaffs, like a solera (made in a Spanish style), a semillon blend or an albariño among the whites. There's also the intriguing carbonic red, made with a special process that involves dry ice. And yes, of course, there are pinot noirs and chardonnays.

Fall fare at Rio

At some point, you're going to want to put down the shopping bags and grab a bite to eat. Rio Grill in the Crossroads shopping center has some recent menu additions that might transport you to Mom's kitchen — assuming Mom was an exceptional cook.

In particular, the aroma of braising lamb shank might evoke a comforting and warming winter stew from childhood. Nicknamed "Lambtown USA," Dixon — about 23 miles from Sacramento — is known for its proud sheep-ranching heritage and is the source of the lamb shanks that Rio Grill is slow-cooking in craft beer

and serving with Yukon gold mashed potatoes, caramelized cipollini onions — those sweet little disk-shaped members of the allium family — roasted carrots, and pan jus.

Another fall entrée, pan-seared duck breast, is served with cornbread featuring green chiles from New Mexico's Hatch Valley, roasted baby carrots, and braised red cabbage, finished with an orange-cranberry glaze. Hatch Valley is famous for



If your front door is lacking a certain holiday "something," make plans to attend Scheid Vineyards' wreath-making open house on Dec. 7. You can purchase a glass of wine to get the creative juices flowing, too.

its flavorful mild-to-medium-hot chiles, which have been raised there since at least the 17th century and are sought after by chefs and home cooks. Also, the folks at Rio Grill know how to sear a duck breast so that it's wonderfully tender and moist.

And yes, yes, beef eaters. Pipe down. Your favorite meat is represented among the autumn offerings by a 14-ounce USDA prime New York strip steak with truffle butter and classic sides of scalloped potatoes and roasted Brussels sprouts.

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■ Hors d’oeuvres and wreaths

Holman Ranch is hosting the 4th Annual Holiday Party at its tasting room (18 W. Carmel Valley Road) on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The \$60 ticket price (\$45 for wine club members) includes a glass of estate-grown Holman

Ranch wine, as well as that seasonal favorite, warm, aromatic mulled wine. Chef Jon from Carmel Valley’s Paradise Catering will provide small bites including pulled pork, jalapeño cornbread muffins, and a variety of dips, as well as “sweet holiday treats and activities to spark the festive spirit,” according to winery staff. To buy your ticket, visit exploretock.com/holman-ranch/event/515319/holman-ranch-4th-annual-winter-wonderland-party.

From vineyard to front door

On Dec. 7, the Scheid Vineyards tasting room at 1972 Hobson Ave. in Greenfield near Highway 101 will be the scene of a wreath-making open house. Starting at 10:30 a.m. and continuing until 1:30 p.m., all materials will be provided to make a festive holiday decoration for your door,

and wine will be available for purchase. Tickets are free, but must be reserved at Exploretock.com.

McIntyre Family Wines is having a similar event Dec. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. at its 24 W. Carmel Valley Road tasting room. “Join us for a timeless holiday tradition! Arrange grapevine clippings straight from the McIntyre Estate vineyard to build a living wreath,” urge organizers. “Bring your own decor to further accessorize your creation.” Wreath making will be indoors and outdoors (in a covered space), so dress in layers. Some handheld shears will be available, or you can bring your own.

Tickets are \$40 for general admission and \$30 for club members and include one glass of wine, snacks, assistance with the arrangement, and a bow. Wine club members should call (831) 574-3074 to reserve

their tickets; everyone else can purchase at Exploretock.com.

■ Go with the ornamental flow

The Wine Experience at 381 Cannery Row in Monterey is offering a “fluid art” ornament-making event from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 4. A \$50 ticket secures eight transparent glass ornaments per guest. Paint is poured into the spheres, which are then tilted around to create unique patterns.

It’s an easy and fun way to make color-coordinated decorations for a tree, party favors or table décor. Wine, beer and small bites will be available for purchase. Reserve your ticket at bit.ly/3ZdbTqa (Eventbrite.com).

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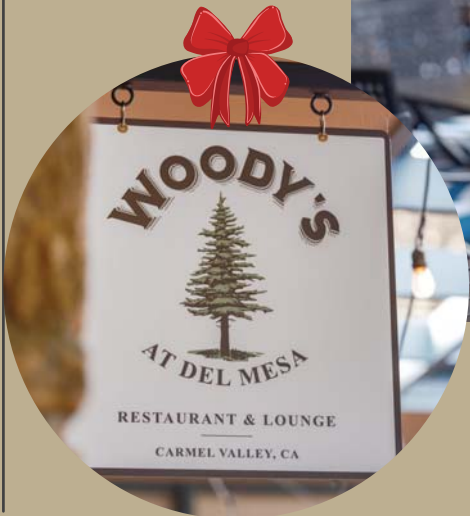
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A nice cup of tea

The Old St. Angela Inn at 321 Central Ave. in Pacific Grove is having a festive holiday tea on Dec. 7. Here’s an opportunity to visit and enjoy some cozy surroundings in an historic building. Built in 1910, it was “sold” for a token payment of \$10 to St. Angela’s Catholic Church for use as a rectory in 1928. Later, it became a convent for Dominican nuns who taught at St. Angela’s School.

It’s been a bed-and-breakfast inn since 1983. Catering company Rosemary and Thyme High Teas is providing the appropriately fancy (and tasty) sandwiches and enticing sweet bites, along with piping hot pots of tea. Guests are encouraged to “dress up, sip in style,” and make it a special occasion. Doors open at 12:20 p.m.,

and tea will be served from 12:30 to 2. Make reservations at eventbrite.com; tickets are \$71.21, including fees.

Shearwater keeps jammin’

Shearwater Tavern at the Carmel Mission Inn (3665 Rio Road) continues its popular series of “jam” events with what is being billed as a “sophisticated evening of holiday cheer” — “Caviar Holiday Jams” — on Thursday, Dec.12th, from 6 to 9 p.m. The shindig will be held inside the tavern and in the hotel’s charming, heated courtyard, and offerings available for purchase include bites from Lassen Caviar served with house-made blinis and “classic accompaniments” paired with a selection of sparkling beverages.

There will also be desserts, and children can participate in holiday cookie decorating. George Woods will provide live music. The event is free to attend. For more information, visit carmelmissioninn.com or call (800) 348-9090.

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“Enjoy the masterful skill of J.S. Bach’s organ compositions, performed on Epiphany’s Schoenstein pipe organ,” the church announced. “Featuring Bach’s music for the Christmas season, this program includes familiar tunes such as Good Christian Friends, and other music from Bach’s church in Leipzig.”

Admission is free, but donations to a toy drive are welcome. The church is located at 425 Carmel Ave. in Marina.

Two Petes pay tribute

Taking the fans of rock icon Pink Floyd on another journey to the “Dark Side of The Moon,” **Pete Floyd** plays Friday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

The eight-piece tribute band from Sonoma County, which played at the theater for the first time in March, “pays tribute to the passion, power and purpose of the Pink Floyd’s music. They breathe new life into classic songs like ‘I Wish You Were Here,’ ‘Money’ and ‘Comfortably Numb.’” The band’s name comes from its two leaders, singers and guitarists **Pete Delaney** and **Pete Hale**.

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Carmel

Barmel — **Jazville** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Car-

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Flaherty's
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Ticket pricing is \$40 for CHS members,
\$45 for non-members, \$50 day-of
on December 8th

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mel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.
Carmel Plaza — singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Friday at noon). Ocean and Mission.
The Crossroads shopping center — **The Peninsula Harmony Company** (Christmas carols, Saturday at noon).
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 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.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.
The Links Club — **Salty** (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Sea Level** (jazz, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.), Songwriters Showcase (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.
Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge & Spa — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Sat-

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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 — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Benny Bassett** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Martin** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub — **ZWB** (rock, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge** (rock, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

The Sardine Factory — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (Friday and Sat-



Singer and guitarist Kip Allert performs Saturday at Bernardus Lodge and Spa in Carmel Valley.

urday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Sly McFly’s — **The Hackjammers** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Bridget Marie Band** (rock and r&b, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ **Pacific Grove**

Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Saturday at 4 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Thursday at 4 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

Il Vecchio Restaurant — **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (“folky stuff mixed with surprises,” Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holyysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

■ **Pebble Beach**

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Thursday at 3 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ **Seaside**

Gusto Pasta and Pizza — singer **Janice Perl** and keyboardist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

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Museum celebrates holidays with ‘Illuminado’

AFTER MAKING its debut last year, an art show that captures the moods of the holiday season, “Illuminado,” returns to the Monterey Museum of Art.

The show unofficially opens Thursday, with a grand opening set for the following evening, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.

“As the year draws to a close, we celebrate the grand finale of our exhibition season,” the museum announced. “Join us in this seasonal celebration of unity, creativity, and wonder.”

A highlight of the show will be an interactive mural and art installation by Alison Oksner and Nada Abdelshahid

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

that “invites visitors to contribute their ideas, memories, and collective imagination.”

The schedule also includes a display of student art (“Lumina Lane”), a free day of family-friendly art activities (Dec. 7), an introduction to Ohana art therapy (Dec. 8), a Brews for a Cause fundraiser (Dec. 12), a tour of historic buildings (Christmas in the Adobes, Dec. 13-14), yoga classes and a book sale (Dec. 15), a Winter Solstice Party (Dec. 21) and more.

All events are free. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. For more details, visit montereyart.org

■ Big Sur art fair is back

The weekend following Thanksgiving kicks off the gift-buying season with a flurry of opportunities — including down the coast, where the annual Harvest Craft Fair at the Big Sur Grange returns Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The yearly gathering features a marketplace of vendors whose creations capture the spirit of Big Sur. Represented will be painters, photographers, textile artists, jewelers and those who make an assortment of handmade gifts.

Proceeds benefit Big Sur’s historic Grange Hall, which offers a stage for concerts, plays and musicals, and a hall for meetings, weddings, yoga classes and an assortment of other gatherings. It also offers a home for the annual Stage Kids summer camp, hosts the weekly Big Share food give-

away, and provides a place for the Wholehearted Community Chorus to gather and sing.

The event is free. The Grange Hall is located at 47090 Highway 1. If you’re traveling southbound, the turnoff in on your right, less than a mile past the Big Sur River Inn.

■ The fine art of metal

The artist-members of the Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild share new work Friday at 750 Cannery Row, Suite 112, in Monterey. Two days later, on Dec. 1, they will gather for a public reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Twenty-two artists are participating in the show, including Tricia Adams, Jose Santana, Himani Natu and Elsa Etcheverry.

“Join us in support of local artistry,” suggests the group. “Give the gift of art this holiday season.”

The show will be on display through Jan. 6.

■ Art & wine walk returns

Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley Village will be a hub of activity Saturday when the Carmel Valley Art Association presents the 17th annual Carmel Valley Village Art and Wine Walk.



The Harvest Craft Fair at the Big Sur Grange showcases many artists, including Erlinda Montano-Hiscock, who painted this piece.

Besides shining a spotlight on the many shops in the village, the celebration features a fundraising raffle of gift baskets, a marketplace of vendors offering handcrafted holiday gifts, winetasting, a display of student art and a performance by The Money Band. The event is free.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MCEPROS AIRBNB, 395 Del Monte Center, Suite #103, Monterey, CA 93940.**

Registered Owner(s):
1. OMAR AHMED OMAR MAHMOUD ABDEIGHANY AHMED
2. ISABEL MASTROPAVIOS
395 Del Monte Center, Suite #103, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by a joint venture.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Omar Mahmoud Abdelghany Ahmed
Date signed: Oct. 18, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241965
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY FOOD INGREDIENTS, 27578 Prestancia Circle, Salinas, CA 93908.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: A & T HAMMOND, INC. P.O. Box 2564, Monterey, CA 93942.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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S/Alice Ann Hammond, President
Date: Oct. 18, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241975

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CALIFORNIA TONGUE-TIE COLLECTIVE, 675 PINE AVE. PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950.**
County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CARRAZANA DDS CA TONGUE-TIE, INC., 675 PINE AVE. PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950, CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ KRITIKA CARRAZANA, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/24/2024
11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29/24
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Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024. [PC 1115]

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:
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. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Dec. 20, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 14

The address of the court is 1200 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.*
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Oct. 21, 2024
Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024. [PC 1119]

printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone.*

(s) Thomas W. Wills
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.**

County of Principal Place of Business: SOMERSET.
Registered Owner(s):
DIANA MAGEE
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2012.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Diana Magee
Date signed: Sept. 30, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 9, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 [PC 1117]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241929

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **3CS, 24319 Monterra Woods Road, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
SANDRA LOUISE WHEATLEY
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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S/Sandra Wheatley
Date signed: Oct. 17, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 17, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 [PC 1118]

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:
A. Present name: JACKELINE RUBY HINOJOSA
Proposed name: JACKELINE RUBY HINOJOSA WIESE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Dec. 13, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 13A

The address of the court is 1200 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.*
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
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 09/06/2024
S/ Elizabeth Diaz Dry, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/24/2024
11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29/24
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242030
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ACME PLUMBING, 26 Summer Street, Salinas, CA 93901.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: E & D INDUSTRIAL TRADES, INC, P.O. Box 6204, Salinas, CA 93912.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 5, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Deborah Anne Mendoza, Vice President
Date: Nov. 5, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024. [PC 1121]

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
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SOLARTECTURE, 1213 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
Registered Owner(s):
MARK EDWARD PORTER, 9940 Eddy Road, Carmel, CA 93923
This business is conducted by an individual.
S/Mark Porter
Oct. 31, 2024
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 31, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024. [PC 1122]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242006

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SOLARTECTURE, 1213A Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
GEORGE EDWARD PORTER
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 31, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/George Edward Porter
Date signed: Oct. 31, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 31, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 [PC 1123]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241984

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Bermudez Family Cremations & Funerals, 475 Washington Street, Suite A, Monterey, CA 93940**
Registrant(s):
FPG California, Inc, 369 N. New York Ave, Suite 300, Winter Park, FL 32789
This business is conducted by a Corpo-

ration
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/4/2024.
FPG California, Inc
S/ DAVID WALTZER, ,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/28/2024.
11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6/24
CNS-3862133#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2024. [PC 1125]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242009

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
FERGUSON WATERWORKS, 66 TARP CIR, SALINAS, CA 93901-3717, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC, 751 LAKEFRONT COMMONS, NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23606
State of Incorporation: VIRGINIA
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 10/03/2019
S/ IAN T. GRAHAM, MANAGER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/31/2024
11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6/24
CNS-3869514#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2024. [PC 1126]

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV004692

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, HENRY GANDALL IV, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: HENRY GANDALL IV
Proposed name: HENRY GANDALL HALEMANO
B. Present name: JENNIFER TRANG TU
aka JENNIFER TRANG TU-GANDALL
Proposed name: JENNIFER TRANG TU-HALEMANO
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Jan. 7, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 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. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 12, 2024
Publication Dates: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2024. [PC 1127]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242065

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. FARM FRESH PRODUCE
2. BARN FRESH PRODUCE
8856 Highway 1, Moss Landing, CA 95039.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
KIRSTEN J. MORENO
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2020.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Kirsten Moreno
Date signed: Nov. 8, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 8, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2024 [PC 1128]

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.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SUPER SCOOPERS LLC, 471 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Norman Kealohanui Tuitivuki, CEO
Date: Nov. 5, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2024. [PC 1131]

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV004753

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, CHERYL LYNN EISNER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: CHERYL LYNN EISNER
Proposed name: CHERYL LYNN EISNER-BEEBE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Jan. 7, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 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. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 12, 2024
Publication Dates: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2024. [PC 1132]

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.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
GABRIEL DE LA LLATA
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 7, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Gabriel De La Llata
Date signed: Nov. 7, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 8, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2024 [PC 1133]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242066

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Monterey Osteopathic and Sports Medicine, 222 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
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, Osteopathic and Sports Medicine, Inc
S/ Aubrey Taow, Chief Executive Officer
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/08/2024.
11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/24
CNS-3867541#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2024. [PC 1137]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242115

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FRESH LEAF FARMS, 925 JOHNSON AVENUE SALINAS, CA 93901,** County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
FIRST LEAF FARMS, LLC, P.O. BOX 673 SALINAS, CA 93902; CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 11/18/24
S/ MICHAEL W. SCARF, MANAGER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/18/2024
11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/24
CNS-3872816#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024. [PC 1138]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242073

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SPACE MAID CLEANING SERVICES, 1754 Vallejo St., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ERIN COLEEN HERNANDEZ
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/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].
Publication Dates: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2024 [PC 1139]

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, [B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and /or other misc. items. Auction to be held at **4:00 pm on December 13, 2024:** www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Rossi Self Storage,
10 Rossi Cr., Salinas, CA 93907
Name of Tenants
Annika McGuire
Christopher Dixon
Andrea Zamora Frutos
William Lopez
11/29/24
CNS-3873071#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 29, 2024. [PC 1140]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242101

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. REBECCA SHANSBY ENTERPRISES
2. RHINO ADVENTURES FUELED BY JESUS
33801 E. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
Registered Owner(s):
REBECCA ANN SHANSBY, 33801 E. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Rebecca Shansby
Date signed: Nov. 14, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 2024.
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jewelry. The many historical items include old photographs of the region, including Carmel, Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach. The museum is owned by the City of Pacific Grove and staffed by volunteers. Proceeds go to maintenance and historical exhibitions. The shop is open the same hours as the museum, from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday through Monday.

Monterey Bay Aquarium: No ticket is required to shop in the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s large, standalone Cannery Row store that is two blocks away near Hoffman Avenue. It features gifts made from sustainable materials with lower carbon footprints, as well as items made from reusable, recyclable or upcycled materials. Choose from dozens of stuffed animals — seals, penguins, turtles, whales — all made from recycled plastic, or select some children’s books and toys, and even a Monterey Bay Aquarium Monopoly game. Adults can don jelly-fish scarves, shark baseball caps, seahorse necklaces, and purses made from plastic bottles. Check out books on

every aspect of oceans, including “The Death and Life of Monterey Bay,” about the bay’s recovery after the city’s canneries closed due to a lack of fish. Decorators can pick up some art glass and ceramics depicting marine life, and of course, holiday ornaments with sea creature. The shop benefits the Aquarium and its numerous conversation programs, and it’s open daily 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are discounts for Aquarium members.

The Auxiliary Gift Shop at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula: Technically, this isn’t a local attraction, but let’s face it — CHOMP’s architecture and stunning atrium make it the best place around to feel unwell. The thoughtfully curated gift boutique is so well stocked with a variety of items, you’d think it was in downtown Carmel. Just inside the main doors at CHOMP, it benefits the Montage Health Foundation Auxiliary, which supports an array of patient services and manages the substantial volunteer corps. Staffed by volunteers, the shop has something for everyone, from high-end costume jewelry, to tasteful holiday décor. While it stocks items intended for overnight hospital patients, including fresh flowers, a different section offers games and puzzles, and another contains pampering spa accessories and lotions. There are toys and items for new babies too. Check out the

luscious pampering pajamas. Some people call this shop a “best kept secret.” It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

Carolers on Fisherman’s Wharf in Monterey are always a favorite with tourists and locals.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242024
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SEAGROVE APARTMENTS, 1105 Broadway Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ASCENT APARTMENTS QOZB, LLC, 3021 Citrus Circle, Suite 130, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: DELAWARE
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Charles C. Bond III, Chief Financial Officer
Date: Oct. 24, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 4, 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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suant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Jason Remyse, President
Date: Nov. 3, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024. (PC 1145)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242111
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VICKY’S CLEANING SERVICE, 1315 Las Cruces Ct., Salinas, CA 93901.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): VICTORIA VAZQUEZ VILLAR
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 18, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Victoria Vazquez Villar
Date signed: Nov. 18, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 18, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024. (PC 1143)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242031
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AT FINISH PAINTING, 1627 Highland St., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ANTHONY JASON AGUAYO MANZANAREZ
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Jason Aguayo Manzanarez
Date signed: Nov. 5, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC 1144)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242087
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CYPRESS ENERGY SYSTEMS, 613 Ortiz Ave., Ste. C, Sand City, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: REMYNSE INDUSTRIES, INC., P.O. Box 3181, Monterey, CA 93942.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pur-

ness Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024. (PC 1147)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242064
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RUBY DOMINGUEZ INTERIORS, 25405 Via Cicindela, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: RLD INTERIORS LLC, P.O. Box 221772, Carmel, CA 93922.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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S/Ruby Dominguez, President
Date: Sept. 13, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 8, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024. (PC 1148)


FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242111
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. STUDIO 7 WEST 2. STUDIO VII WEST 26263 Isabella Ave., Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): SUSAN LYN PETERSON, P.O. Box 32, Carmel, CA 93921
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 17, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Susan Peterson
Date signed: Nov. 25, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 25, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC 1149)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242091
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BALLOONS AND WEIGHTS, 200 Clocktower Pl. #201A, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CREATIVE BALLOONS MANUFACTURING INC., 200 Clocktower Pl. #201A, Carmel 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 12, 2015.
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S/Reagan Pollack, Treasurer
Date: Oct. 25, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC 1149)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241990
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LAURA’S DAY CARE, 1253 Del Monte Ave. #2E, Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): LAURA A. ESPILIA GONZALEZ

This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2024.
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S/Laura Espilia Gonzalez
Date signed: Oct. 29, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 29, 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. **To participate via teleconference, use this link:** <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/87694638519?pwd=K4w04362Blvw9Vsc-DfrfzBiBNpdQ.9AkIeOuBjdOtshp>. **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 876 9463 8519. Passcode: 900382.

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

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

Historic Context Statement

Citywide
Consideration of a Historic Context Statement Update. Consider a recommendation of approval made by the Historic Resources Board on November 18, 2024, and provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption of the Historic Context Statement Update. Final adoption will ultimately require a Local Coastal Plan amendment and will not be effective until and unless approved by the Coastal Commission.

DS 24273 (Barretta)
Robert Torres, Agent
Southeast corner of 10th and Junipero Avenues
Block 119; Lot 2
APN: 010-072-018-000
Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral, DS 24273 (Barretta), for a new metal roof on an existing single-family residence located on the southeast corner of 10th and Junipero Avenues in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-072-018-000.

DS 24203 (Faia)
Daniela de Sala, Architect
Northeast corner of Torres Street and 2nd Avenue
Block 14; Lots 18 and 20
APN: 010-101-021-000
Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study referral, DS 24203 (Faia), for a new vertical standing seam metal roof on an existing 2,235-square-foot single-family residence at the northeast corner of Torres Street and 2nd Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-101-021-000.

UP 24288 (The Big Squeezey)
Sally Larsen, Agent
Lincoln Street 3 southwest of Ocean Avenue, Unit #1
Block 74; Lots 11 and 13
APN: 010-191-001-000
Consideration of a Use Permit, UP 24288 (The Big Squeezey), for the establishment of a new Specialty Restaurant serving juice and smoothies located on Lincoln Street 3 southwest of Ocean Avenue in Unit #1 in the Central Commercial (CC) District. APN: 010-191-001-000.

UP 24307 (Carmel Creperie) & UP 24305 (Carmel Square)
Fadia and Loie Alnimri, Partner
San Carlos Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues
Block 77; Lots 16 and 18
APN: 010-141-005-000
Consideration of Use Permits, UP 24307 (Carmel Creperie) and UP 24305 (Carmel Square). UP 24305 (Carmel Square) will amend UP 97-39 and UP 12-14 authorizing the transfer-ence of 8 seats to the Carmel Creperie from Barmel Supper Club. UP 24307 (Carmel Creperie) will authorize the estab-lishment of a new Specialty Restaurant serving coffee, crepes, and similar confections. Both Use Permits are for sites located on San Carlos Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues in the Central Commercial (CC) District. APN: 010-141-005-000.

DS 23-124 (Rieken-Yoo)
Adam Jeselnick, Architect
Santa Fe Street 4 southeast of 2nd Avenue

Block 24; Lot 10
APN: 010-028-015-000
Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 23-124 (Riek-en-Yoo), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing 1,028 square-foot two-story, single-family residence and the construction of a new 1,694 square-foot two-story, single-family residence and 206 square-foot attached garage located on Santa Fe Street 4 southeast of 2nd Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-028-015-000.

DS 22-331 (Collins)
Claudio Ortiz, Agent
San Carlos Street 3 southeast of 1st Avenue
Block 11; Lots 8 and 10
APN: 010-121-013
Receive a presentation and conduct a Preliminary Review of a Design Study Application, DS 22-331 (Collins), for the dem-olition of an existing single-family residence and construction of a new two-story single-family residence located at San Carlos Street 3 southeast of 1st Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-121-013.

DS 22-057 (Lim)
Angie Phares, Designer
North Casanova Street 2 southeast of Palou Avenue
Block ii; Lot 3
APN: 010-225-003-000
Consideration of a combined Concept and Final Design Study for the demolition of an existing 1,053 square-foot, one-sto-ry single-family residence, inclusive of a 205 square-foot detached garage, and the construction of a 1,794 square-foot, two-story single-family residence, inclusive of a 286 square-foot attached garage, in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay, and Beach/Riparian (BR) Overlay. APN: 010-225-003-000.

DS 24089 & LM 24151 (Britton)
Sonia Madrigal, Agent
Santa Fe Street 2 southwest of Mountain View Avenue
Block 87; Lots 7 and 9
APN: 010-082-002-000
Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 24089 (Britton), Lot Merger, LM 24151 (Britton), and associated Coastal De-velopment Permit for the demolition of an existing single-fam-ily residence and the construction of a new 3,178 square-foot, one-story single-family residence, inclusive of a 462 square-foot attached garage, located at Santa Fe Street 2 southwest of Mountain View Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-082-002-000.

UP 24292 (Mad Dogs & Englishmen)
Jennifer Blevins, Business Owner
Southwest corner of Ocean Avenue and Mission Street
Block 77; Lots 1 and 2
APN: 010-141-001-000
Consideration of a Use Permit, UP 24292 (Mad Dogs & En-glishmen), for the establishment of a new Specialty Restaurant specializing in the use of coffee sales located at the southwest corner of Ocean Avenue and Mission Street in the Central Commercial (CC) District. APN: 010-141-001.

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

Publication dates:
Nov. 29, 2024 (PC 1152)

CALENDAR

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 or email info@carmelyouth.org .

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 or text (831) 747-7482. Do come!



Through Dec. 24 – Baum & Blume’s Holiday Shop is open! Shop 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Handcrafted gifts from USA artisans, gorgeous glass trees, ornaments, candles, cards, holiday jewelry and accessories. PLUS: Gourmet treats for birds, pups, and YOU! Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley (831) 659-0400.

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 FB@bigsurgrangeharvestcraftfair 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

Dec. 4 – Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series presents: A Sense of Place: Profiles from the Collection – Carmel’s Leading Man: Herbert Heron and the Forest Theater. 6:30 p.m. at the Harrison Memorial Library & Online. Registration required, on

our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: free; \$10 suggested contribution. Questions? info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811.

Dec. 6-22 – Don’t miss the free, fun 8th Annual Christmas on the Wharf for 3 weekends. Enjoy dazzling decorations and a 19-foot Christmas tree on display through the end of the year, free Santa visits at his Santa House, talented choirs, singers and other live musicians, dancers, a Salvation Army Toy Barrel plus a hot cocoa and cookies fundraiser for Salvation Army, and much more! Additional information and the entertainment schedule are on montereywharf.com

Dec. 7 – Join Venture Gallery’s Annual December Group Show and Holiday Open House from 3 to 5 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, art and fun while entering to win a \$200 gift certificate! Venture Gallery (at Portola Hotel), 260 Alvarado St., Monterey. Don’t miss it!

Dec. 7-14 – Come help celebrate the season and Peninsula Potters complete remodel with our annual 20% off December sale! Our doors will be open for the first time in six months and we know you’ll be impressed with our new look and of course, our ceramics! We can’t wait to see you: 2078 Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove. Daily from noon to 4 p.m.



Dec. 14 – Meet Jack Wray at the 3:30 to 7 p.m. artist reception for **“Unseen Hearts” – A portrait series of wild animals built with hearts, emotion, spirit.** See the paintings, hear the stories behind them, and learn about native mythology. For more information, call or text (831) 383-9339

Dec. 15 – A Christmas Pudding: Stories, poetry and music to usher in the Christmas season. A respite from the hustle and bustle, 3 p.m. at Community Church of Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road. Cookies and cider to follow.

SHOPPING

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gings and shorts. For a moment, she considers herself, as well, and then remembers she already has a pair.

The super search continues

After a dropping off packages at her car, she heads over to **Ami Carmel** on Dolores at Fifth and begins wandering the Christmas wonderland into which this specialty home goods store was transformed mid-November. One glance suggests that our shopper might have been able to satisfy her entire list in this one store. While enjoying complimentary coffee and a warm homemade chocolate chip cookie, she notices Zodax “cluster bowls” in pewter, nickel, and white ceramic, edged in goldplate — in two sizes — and selects two, plus linen holiday cocktail napkins, for sisters-in-law who love to entertain.

After feeling the soft, soothing sensation of silk velvet eternity scarves, she selects one in crimson for herself, one in forest green for Auntie Sue, and another in black, picturing her sister, warm and chic in the snow. Finally, she fills her basket with adorable felt animal ornaments that were handmade in Scandinavia — and they look it. She hasn’t decided whether they will peek out from holiday décor throughout her house, scamper all over her Christmas tree,

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Safeway

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or get tied up with bows atop everyone’s Christmas presents. For the moment, though, they’re hers.


Our shopper promises herself she’ll put purchasing on pause and take a lunch break. But first, she wanders across the street to renew her annual membership to the **Carmel Art Association**, where she loses all track of time and intention as she studies the exhibits. Enchanted by Jennifer Anderson’s “Wild Wanderings,” paintings of animals whose eyes see into her soul, she covets the one of a rabbit or maybe the owl, or possibly the hawk, and definitely the heron. Instead, she buys Anderson’s companion book, so she can have them all.

Next, she heads down to **Diggidy Dog**, mindful of her black Lab-border-collie-German-shepherd-standard-poodle-bull mastiff rescue, plus another dozen dogs she knows and loves, and fills her cart with Christmas sweaters, “fill-your-own” sacks of cookies, peanut butter-and-jelly chewies, doggie donuts, and a festive leash and harness.

After depositing a slew of packages in her car, she sidles into a table at **Stationaery Carmel** and orders a Mexican hot chocolate and a croque madame with French ham, gruyere, figs, grainy mustard bechamel, and a sunny egg. ’Tis the season. While waiting for her meal, she goes over her list and checks each name twice; she’s bought gifts for the naughty as well as the nice. All that remains is a late-night gift-wrapping session in front of “It’s A Wonderful Life.”




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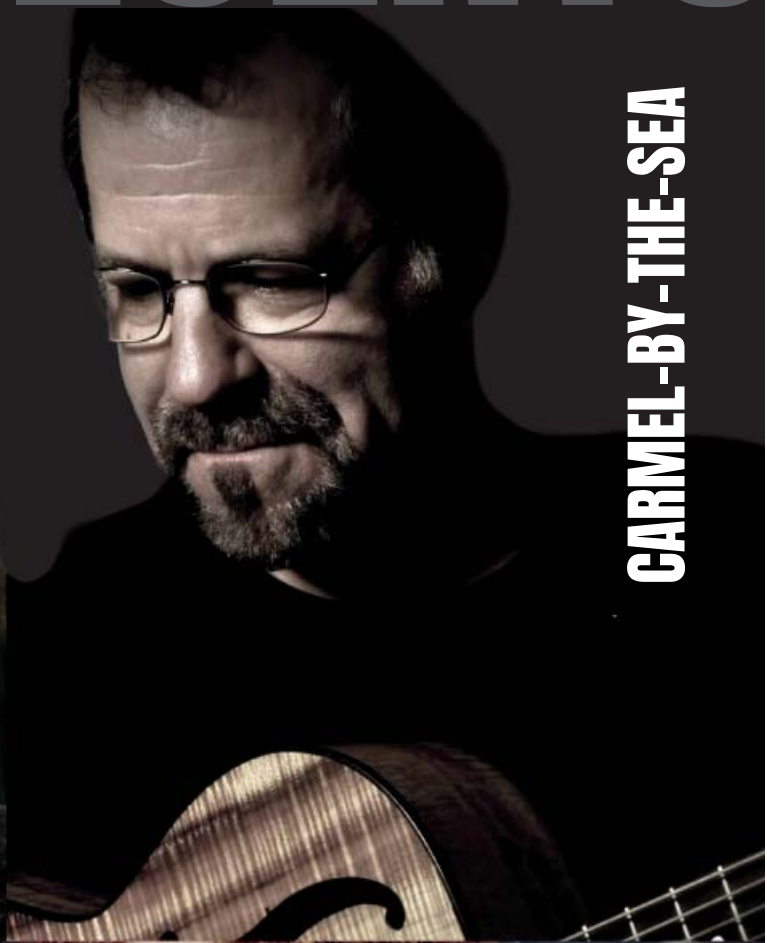
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TEHAMA GOLF CLUB
WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
ADVENTURES BY THE SEA
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BERNARDUS WINERY
BRUNO'S MARKET & DELI
CARMEL ART FESTIVAL
CARMEL MAGAZINE
CARMEL MISSION BASILICA
CARMEL VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB
THE CROSSROADS CARMEL
CYPRESS INN
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MAX'S HELPING PAWS
MONTAGE HEALTH
MONTEREY BAY WHALE WATCH
PACIFIC REPERTORY THEATRE
PINE INN
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WINTER SEASON
WITH FOUR FOLK
MUSIC ICONS!



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FRIDAY
DECEMBER 20, 2024
7:30PM

ON A WINTER'S NIGHT

FEATURING CLIFF EBERHARDT,
JOHN GORKA, LUCY KAPLANSKY,
AND PATTY LARKIN



WINTER ART WORKSHOP
WITH MARIE-CLARE
DECEMBER 3, 2024



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY
FT. JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER LIVESTREAM
DECEMBER 18, 2024



STAND UP COMEDY WITH
LISA CURRY
DECEMBER 27, 2024

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