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Following record turnout, new mayor, councilmembers sworn in

By MARY SCHLEY

Participation By Carmel voters in the Nov. 5 election was 20 percent higher than in Monterey County as a whole, according to results confirmed by the elections department last week and officially accepted by the outgoing city

council at a special meeting Monday, with nearly 90 percent of the city's 2,561 registered voters casting ballots.

By comparison, in the 2022 election which saw Mayor Dave Potter elected to his third term, councilman Jeff Baron elected to his second and Alissandra Dramov join the council, just under 77 percent of the

city's 2,548 voters participated.

The Dec. 9 meeting, which packed city hall, marked the transition of power from outgoing council members Bobby Richards and Karen Ferlito, both of whom decided not to seek reelection, and Potter, who came in third behind Baron and winner Dale Byrne.

After joining her cohorts in unanimously voting to approve a resolution declaring the election results, Ferlito offered some parting comments.

"The four years that I have served have been exciting, interesting, challenging, and most of all, rewarding, because I do love Carmel-by-the-Sea," she said.

Ferlito also offered some advice to the newcomers. "I want to remind the new council that you serve the entire community," she said. "Don't make decisions based just on the people who show up that night."

Every email

She urged them to read every email and text they receive, and she praised the city's staff for their talent, dedication and hard work.

"They deserve to be noticed and thanked," she said.

Richards, who served two fouryear terms but decided not to run for a third after he was diagnosed with cancer — which has since been



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Promising to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic," Bob Delves (left) and Hans Buder (center) were sworn in as councilmembers and seated alongside new Mayor Dale Byrne (right) Monday.

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P.G. seeking volunteers for council vacancy

■ 'Land acknowledgment' pitched

By KELLY NIX

ONE OF two newly elected Pacific Grove City Council members sworn in last week proposed that the panel start reading aloud a "land acknowledgment" at every meeting to recognize an indigenous American Indian tribe whose people have lived on the Monterey Peninsula for thousands of years.

At the Dec. 4 council meeting, new members Tina Rau, who served on the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force, and Paul Walkingstick were sworn in, along with councilman Chaps Poduri, who was reelected, and Nick Smith, a former councilman who was elected mayor Nov. 5.

Rau wasted no time in advancing her DEI agenda by proposing that the city adopt a feel-good acknowledgment to recognize the Rumsen Ohlone indigenous tribal community, and that such a statement be read aloud by a different council member at each meeting following the Pledge

See VACANCY page 23A

Feds plan to list monarchs as threatened species

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN ICONIC insect that is one of Pacific Grove's biggest attractions, the monarch butterfly could soon receive federal protection as a threatened species, according to a proposal by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The distinctive black and orange butterfly famously overwinters in Pacific Grove's Monarch Grove Sanctuary, along with numerous other sites in California and Mexico. P.G.'s sanctuary receives a steady flow of visitors during the winter months as people from near and far come to see the butterflies cluster among the pines, cypress and encalvatus.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service director Martha Williams noted that while the colorful butterfly is "fragile," it's also "remarkably resilient — like many things in nature when we just give them a chance."

"The iconic monarch butterfly is cherished across North America, captivating children and adults throughout its fascinating lifecycle," Williams said. "Working together, we can help make this extraordinary species a legacy for our children and genera-

tions to come."

According to the federal wildlife agency, more than 4.5 million monarchs overwintered along the coast of California annually during the 1980s, but the population has crashed since. The causes include "loss and degradation of breeding, migratory and overwintering habitat, exposure to insecticides, and the effects of climate change."

Steep decline

"The population has declined by more than 95 percent since the 1980s, putting the western populations at greater than 99 percent chance of extinction by 2080," the agency said.

Besides declaring monarchs threatened on a federal level, the agency wants to designate "critical habitat" for the butterflies, including land in Alameda, Marin, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Ventura counties.

The agency noted that overwintering habitats like the one in Pacific Grove "provide an essential resting place for monarchs during the cold winter months and help them

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CHS night games not a reality — yet

By MARY SCHLEY

More than a year ago, the four new light poles at the Carmel High School athletic stadium that were the focal point of a lawsuit filed by a neighbor group passed a critical environmental test — but the school's football team still hasn't been allowed to host games there at night. Instead, the team's evening contests, including the recent CCS and NorCal playoffs, have been held at Monterey Peninsula College, which has a much larger capacity and ample parking.

"For the fall 2024 football season, CUSD partnered with Monterey Peninsula College to host Friday evening home games, in addition to Saturday games held at the CHS stadium during the day," confirmed Carmel Unified School District's chief operations officer, Dan Paul.

Late last year, the lights, along with new

ones at the pool, were tested by the International DarkSky Association — "a recognized worldwide authority combating light pollution" — with the organization sending a letter to the district a few weeks later stating that the stadium lights weren't ruining the night sky.

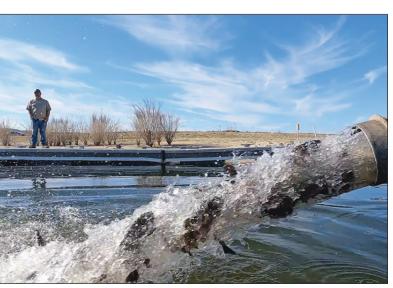
Requirements to meet

However, while that certification was imperative, the facility still hasn't met all of the requirements outlined in the lighting project's expansive environmental impact report, according to Paul.

"These efforts focus on implementing the measures outlined in the EIR's mitigation and monitoring reporting program to ensure safety, accessibility, and compliance with environmental and logistical standards," he said

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Trout delivery by the gallon



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A hose was used by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife this week to stock Lake San Antonio with 4,000 pounds of rainbow trout. See page 19A.







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Sandy Claws

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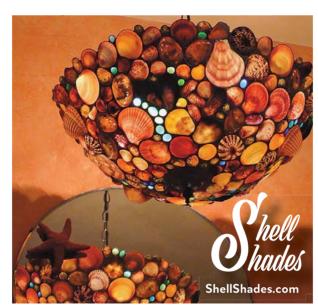
Good to Go

"Doggy Protective Services," a rescue organization in Palo Alto, listed her as 12 years old, maybe because of the wisdom in her kind eves. But her energy and mobility, plus the quality of her teeth suggest perhaps 8. Peggy may be mature, but she's definitely not old.

People on the street assume Peggy is a big, fluffy golden retriever. But her face, particularly her eyes, as well as her funny little dewclaws and the black spots on her tongue, suggest she is mostly Great Pyrenees with, perhaps, a little golden mixed in.

Peggy is a "tripod," her family's fourth three-legged rescue dog. But, unlike the others, Peggy is missing a front leg.

"We have a multilevel house, so we wondered how Peggy would do on our stairs," her person said. "She actually handles our steps two at a time and then jumps up on the bed. The injury that took her leg was



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By Lisa Crawford Watson



years ago, the vet said, and she navigates very well."

Peggy's people, partial to "people names," chose to call her Heather. Yet after seeing her race down that long stretch of sand framing Carmel Beach, seemingly with no intention of responding to her new name, they decided to try "Peggy."

"She seemed to have an 'Oh, no, you aren't naming me Heather' kind of vibe," her person said. "But once I named her Peggy, she came when called."

Peggy gets tired after about 20 minutes on the beach, so her people are more likely to walk her around the Mission Ranch property near their home. "She's an ambassador for tripods," her person said. "Every time I hear someone sigh when they see her, I say, 'Don't feel sorry for her. She has a great life and is a happy girl.' We are blessed to see her doing so well."



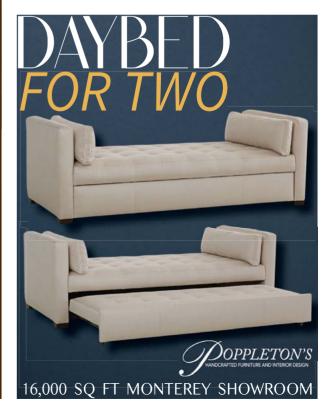


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State may require Social Media warnings

By CAITLIN CONRAD

CALIFORNIA COULD become the first state to require a warning label for social media, alerting users that it can harm kids and teens.

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, an East Bay Democrat, wrote Assembly Bill 56, which would require apps like Instagram and TikTok to display a warning label once a week disclosing the risks of using the platforms.

The bill has the backing of California Attorney General Rob Bonta, who spoke at a press conference announcing the legislation this week.

"These companies know the harmful impact their Data show products can have on our children, and they refuse to take meaningful steps to make them safer," said Bonta. "Time is up."

Bonta pointed to data health from the U.S. Surgeon General showing adolescents who spend more than three

hours per day on social media face double the risk of poor mental health outcomes, including depression and anxiety.

Earlier this year, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy called on Congress to require a warning on social media platforms, but it hasn't happened. If AB 56 becomes law, a warning will be required for all users of all ages in California upon first use of a platform. After that, the popup would display weekly for a minimum of 90 seconds, telling users that social media can harm children and adolescents' well-being and mental health.

'Almost constantly'

Kids and teens are spending a lot of time on social media platforms. Data from the Pew Research Center show 95 percent of youth ages 13 to 17 are active on at least one form of social media, and more

than one-third reported using it almost constantly.

Research from Monitoring the Future found, for some girls, usage is equivalent to a full-time job, and that one in five American teen girls was using social media more than 40 hours a week by 2015.

Around the clock

"The promise of social media, although real, has turned into a situation where they're turning our children's attention into a commodity. The attention economy is using our children and their well-being to make money for these California companies," said Kahan.

She said her bill is one action California can take to help children step away from social media and return to the in-person interaction they need to thrive.

Thanks to the smartphones in their pockets, children have access to social media platforms around the clock and in almost any

location.

a correlation

teen mental

with decline in

Various data show there may be a correlation between this "anytime, anywhere" access and a decline in teen mental health.

The first iPhone came out in 2007 and in 2010, the iPhone 4 introduced users to the first front-facing camera. Instagram and Snapchat were launched in 2010 and 2011, respectively, while TikTok arrived in 2016.

During that same time frame, rates of depression, anxiety, self-harm and suicide rapidly increased in kids and teens.

Time spent on social media can displace time for other healthful activities, including sleep, exercise, and in-person socialization," said Dr. Jason Nagata, a pediatrician who specializes in adolescent mental health and favors a warning label.

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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.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Junipero.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Dolores and Eighth.

at Dolores and Eighth. **Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Menacing dog be-

havior reported on Rio Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found phone at Scenic and Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found phone at Del Mar.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Carmel Valley: Male on Poppy Road called to report an incident of domestic violence and vandalism between him and his girlfriend. The 28-year-old female suspect was arrested.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of vandalism on Ortega Way. Perpetrators(s) still at large.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Battery on Lincoln Street at 0200 hours causing injury. The 21-year-old female victim went out for

drinks with friends. One of the subjects she went out with assaulted her. The investigation is ongoing and pending contact with involved parties.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft and unauthorized use of credit card at San Carlos and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A driver struck a parked vehicle at Carmelo and 13th. The 29-year-old male, who has three prior DUI convictions, was arrested for DUI and lodged at county jail. The driver's vehicle was impounded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Mission and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ID at Ocean and Del Mar.

Pacific Grove: Business owner cited for ABC violation

ABC violation. **Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched

after report of a family dispute at a residence. **Pacific Grove:** Deceased cat located on a

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of a verbal domestic dispute on Hermitage Road. Subject's dementia caused him to become confused. Incident was documented.

Big Sur: A male was reported missing. **Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a report of a vehicle burglary on Boronda Road. Perpetrator(s) still at large.

Carmel Valley: Deputies documented a family argument at a residence on Upper Circle.

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The gavel falls

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

Oct. 23 — Jermain Gonzalez, 43 and a resident of Prunedale, was sentenced to 10 years in prison, after entering a plea to one count of voluntary manslaughter and three counts of felony child abuse.

On March 20, 2023, at approximately 11:02 p.m., California Highway Patrol officers responded to southbound Highway 101 on a report of a young girl running in and out of traffic on the freeway. Officers observed Eliana running on the freeway, with a good Samaritan following behind with his flashers on, blocking traffic. CHP officers were able to pick up the little girl and put her in the patrol vehicle. They noticed that she was dirty, was nonverbal and appeared to be developmentally disabled. While she was not able to identify herself, officers were able to later identify her as Eliana Paloma, age 7. Of-

ficers tried to locate her home and family but were unsuccessful. It was not until 4:05 a.m. that defendant Jermain Gonzalez reported her missing. The defendant told officers that it had happened "a few times before" and that Eliana had been found by friends and by police. He also told officers that she had autism and been found on the freeway before. Elopement is a common behavior in children with autism, where they wander away from a caregiver or safe space without permission or warning.

CHP officers told the defendant that his daughter was found on Highway 101 running in and out of traffic. They advised him that it was very dangerous for her to be in that location and specifically told him that if it

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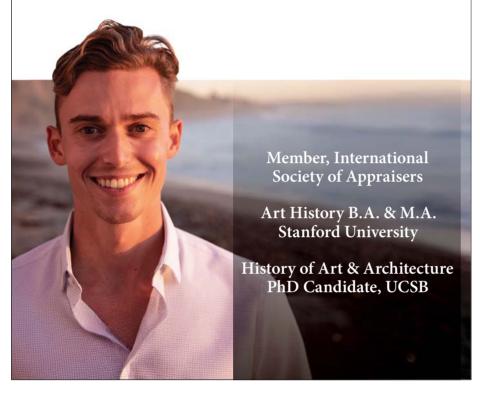
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MONTEREY COUNTY Sheriff's deputies arrested a 17-year-old male and his 18-year-old passenger after they encountered the pair speeding and doing stunts in a stolen car in Castroville and then chased them when they fled, Cmdr. Andy Rosas said Tuesday.

At around 11:30 p.m. Dec. 9, deputies were on Ocean Mist Parkway "when they heard the sound of a vehicle's squealing

tires and loud engine," he said. They followed the sounds and were able to locate an Infiniti speeding while doing donuts and burnouts.

But when the deputies tried to pull the driver over, he immediately fled toward Blackie Road then toward Merritt Street before getting onto Highway 183 toward Salinas. "The pursuit ended after a successful intervention by deputies at the intersection of Maple and Abbott Streets in Salinas," Rosas said. "The driver and passenger fled on foot and were apprehended within minutes after a short foot pursuit. There were no injuries to deputies or suspects."

Salinas P.D. officers helped deputies apprehend the two teens.

The Infiniti's owner, a Salinas resident, didn't know it had been stolen until police contacted him, according to the sheriff's office. The 17-year-old driver was booked into juvenile hall for car theft, reckless driving, exhibition of speed, felony evading, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. The adult passenger, Francisco Rodriguez of Salinas, was taken to Monterey County Jail for resisting arrest.



Officers managed to pin this stolen Infiniti after a chase that led to Salinas, where the teen occupants were arrested.

Community Xmas dinner planned

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FOLLOWING ON the heels of handing out more than 1,700 dinners on Thanksgiving, the Community Dinner Organization is hoping to do the same again — or more — on Christmas to ensure everyone who otherwise might not have a hot meal can get one.

'Yes, this is how we roll and spend the holiday," said organizer Bob Nolan.

The 39th Annual Community Holiday Dinner will be held Dec. 25 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Monterey Fairgrounds in front of the Monterey Room, where volunteers will prepare and distribute cooked turkey meals to go, with a limit of two per person.

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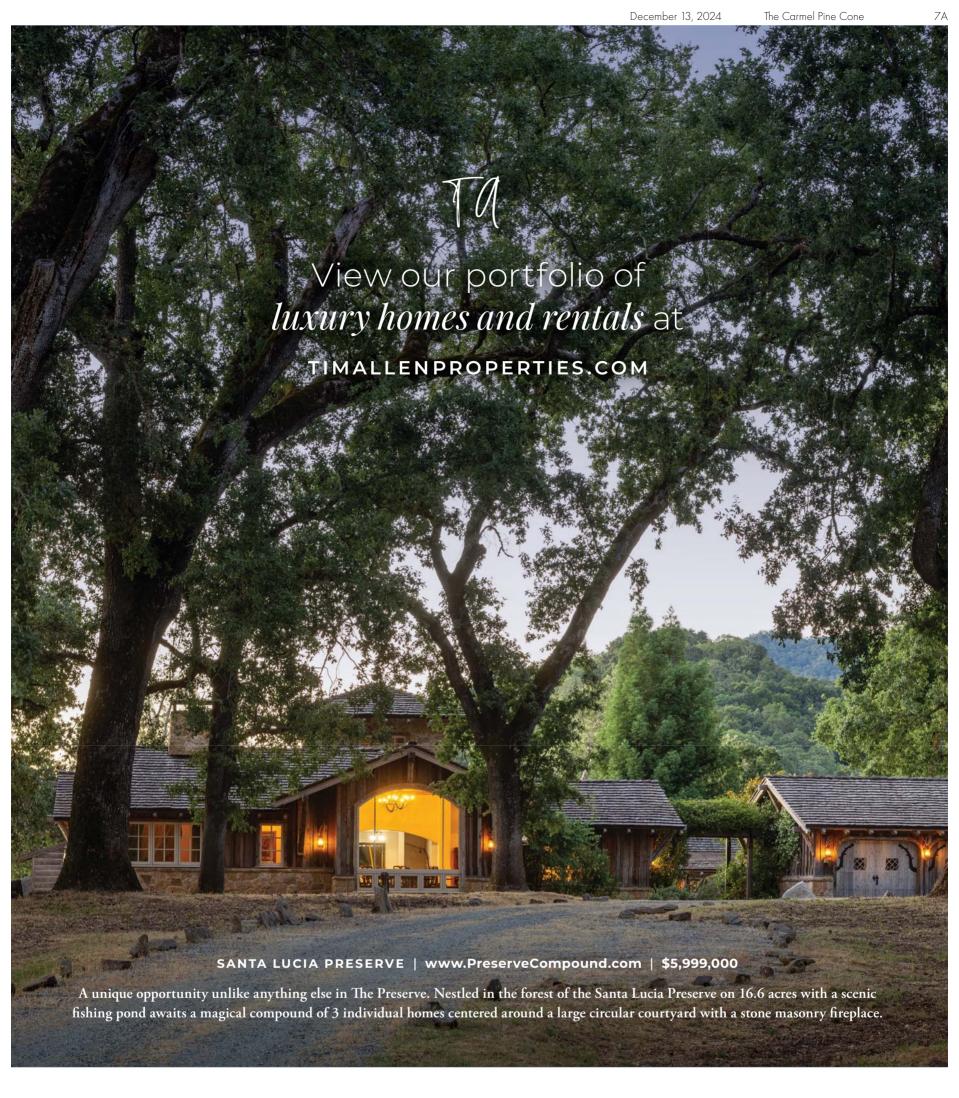
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Despite dismissal, Buccola continues to fight city hall in federal court

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four-plus-year

By MARY SCHLEY

A FEDERAL judge has dismissed the lawsuit filed against the City of Carmel and Monterey County by stained-glass artist Theresa Buccola for allegedly violating her rights by arresting her in July 2020 for being on Carmel Beach when it was closed

by city officials to discourage people from gathering during the pandemic. But she's still fighting with the **Represents** courts.

Buccola successfully fought the criminal charges, which she got dismissed in

She first filed suit in U.S. District Court on June 30, 2022, alleging multi-

ple violations of her constitutional rights. Six months later, U.S. Magistrate Judge Nathanael Cousins granted the city and county's motions for dismissal but allowed Buccola to file an amended complaint that would remedy its legal deficiencies.

Amended complaints

Specifically, the judge said the suit had to "state a claim upon which relief can be granted," according to the law, and that "because the complaint does not contain a 'short and plain statement of the claim' showing that Buccola is entitled to relief, the motions to dismiss will be granted."

"But the court determines that justice requires allowing Buccola leave to amend her complaint," he ruled.

She did, once again claiming the city, the county, police officers, city administrator Chip Rerig and others "have engaged in a course of conduct in violation of constitutionally secured rights to redress grievances with the government, to contract, to commune with God, to maintain property

and privacy rights and bodily integrity, and to maintain liberty."

After her initial arrest at the beach, Buccola did not go to court, saying she rescinded her signature on her promise to appear, but the court issued a warrant, and she was arrested again in February 2021 and taken to jail. In her lawsuit, she

alleged being forced to sign her promises to appear in court, unlawful issuance of arrest warrants, illegal searches, mistreatment in the jail, unreasonable force while being arrested and other wrongdoing.

Principally, Buccola argued that the city had no authority to shut down the beach and order that police

arrest anyone who violated the closure. According to Buccola, only the Monterey County Health Director and the California Department of Health have the authority to order police to arrest violators under those circumstances.

Both arrests constituted Fourth Amendment violations, she said, as did the "excessive force," "unlawful searches," "unlawful seizure of plaintiff's effects," and "malicious prosecution."

Finally, she said she was deprived of her Fifth Amendment right to due process.

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She demanded compensatory damages of \$250,000 per constitutional violation committed by law enforcement and \$500,000 per violation committed by the city and county, as well as punitive and exemplary damages, special damages, and "compensatory damages of \$51,537,690." She also asked the court to order the firing

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P.G. DEI group decides to add religious events after outcry

feared 'blander-

calendar

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove diversity panel which earlier this year omitted Christmas and Easter from a "cultural calendar" has included the major holidays on a revised version of the document, but one of the

panel's members this week expressed hesitation in adding more European and American cultural events for **DEI member** fear of making it "bland."

In June, P.G. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion izing' cultural Task Force member Bruce Doneux and then-member Katie Hoops introduced a revised version of the calendar, which included dozens

of events, including Martin Luther King Day, Mother's Day and Yom Kippur. The calendar also listed International Pronouns Day, the Monterey Bonsai Show and others but did not include Christian holidays Christmas and Easter, or Ramadan and Eid al-Adha, events celebrated by many Muslims. Omission of key religious events drew criticism from some residents.

'Inclusiveness' questioned

A revised version of the task force's cultural calendar released at Monday night's meeting included the Christian holidays, which had been on the first version of the document in 2023.

"At this point I think I would like to, at the next meeting, present it as the formal draft," Doneux said, adding that the panel was still seeking suggestions.

During public comment, resident Inge Lorentzen Daumer questioned the calendar's inclusiveness and focus on international events "as opposed to local cultural events." She called the list "skewed in many ways.'

"I don't see anything about Norway in there or Norway Independence Day and I'm Norwegian," she said. "I've been living here forever, and my grandpa is buried in El Carmelo Cemetery," Daumer said. Resident Mike Gibbs thanked the task

force for again adding Christmas and Eas-

ter to the list but requested that Independence Day and Veteran's Day or Memorial Day also be included.

Resident Beth Walker praised the task force for the calendar.

"I'm super excited to learn about all kinds of really cool things, because it's really going to be nice to have it all in one place so

you can kind of research things on your own and do some digging," Walker said

Another resident said the calendar would "never please everyone."

Are Europeans bland?

Task force member Natalie Marchenko-Fryberger called the working document a "calendar of recognition" and said it's not a substitution for the more traditional one that city hall uses.

'This is meant as a supplement to broaden the recognition of our diverse community," she said, suggesting that the panel include a "purpose statement" on the calendar to help people understand its meaning and define a "target audience."

Task force chair Kim Bui said the "idea that for people who are part of a cultural group or have an affinity to see themselves reflected in print as a holiday or an event, is important.'

Later in the meeting, Bui requested, like Gibbs had earlier, that Veteran's Day and

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LOCAL LAWMAKER URGES ACTION ON DRUG BILL

By KELLY NIX

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m R}$ EP. JIMMY Panetta and a bipartisan group of his Capitol Hill colleagues are calling for congressional action on a bill which seeks to combat an illicit drug that's rapidly becoming more prevalent in Monterey County and other parts of the country.

The drug, xylazine, which goes by the street name "tranq," is an animal tranquilizer that is also used as a cutting agent in fentanyl and other illegal drugs. Federal officials have designated xylazine combined with fentanyl as an "emerging threat." Because it's not an opioid, xylazine cannot be treated with Narcan, which can reverse the effects of opioid overdoses.

On Dec. 2, Panetta, and other lawmakers wrote a letter to House of Representatives Majority Leader Mike Johnson and Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, requesting that the Combating Illicit Xylazine Act be included in an upcoming appropriations package or other legislation to fund drug enforcement and addiction services.

'Growing threat'

The Combating Illicit Xylazine Act would give law enforcement the necessary tools to go after traffickers while also allowing access for veterinarians, farmers, cattlemen and ranchers who use xylazine to treat large animals, said Panetta, who authored the original bill.

"It is imperative that this legislation becomes law in order to save lives, protect U.S. livestock and veterinary medicine, and safeguard our communities against the growing threat of illicit xylazine," the letter said.

The members of Congress went on to say that the threat

of xylazine "has rapidly increased," and that it was found in nearly one-third of all fentanyl powder the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency seized last year. The powdered version of xylazine can be purchased easily online and "continues to enter the country through the mail with minimal oversight."

Monterey physician Casey Grover, who is board-certified in addiction medicine and is medical director of Montage Health's Prescribe Safe program, said that xylazine is becoming common in Monterey County's illegal drug market. Doctors in the area started seeing the drug

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Congressional honors for Salinas native

■ Salinas native was held for 8 years

By CHRIS COUNTS

 Υ HE FIRST United States pilot to be shot down and detained during the Vietnam War - who endured brutal treatment from his North Vietnamese captors for eight years — Salinas native Everett Alvarez Jr. will be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal after legislation authored by Congressman Jimmy Panetta was unanimously passed by the Senate Wednesday. It was approved by the House earlier this year. It now awaits President Joe Biden's signature.

Alvarez, 86, lives in Maryland. Although a date hasn't been set, he will receive the award during a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol.

The grandson of Mexican immigrants, Alvarez was shot down over Vietnam on Aug. 5, 1964, while flying an A-4 Skyhawk. This happened shortly after the Gulf of Tonkin incident, which marked a major escalation of the

Alvarez spent 3,113 days — eight years and six months – in captivity enduring torture, isolation and starvation. His captivity was the second-longest recorded for an American POW.

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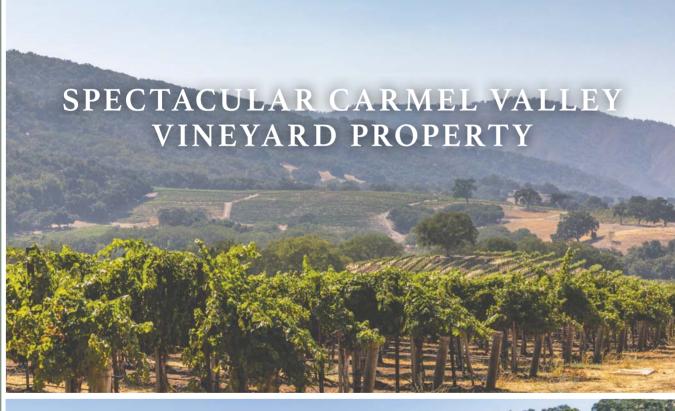
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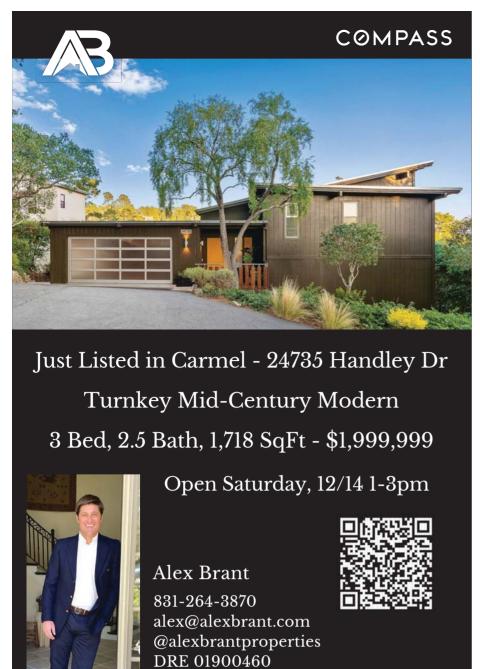
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Repairs close Highway 1 for 24 hours

By CHRIS COUNTS

RESIDENTS AND visitors to Big Sur could find themselves on an island for 24 hours starting Saturday at 10 p.m.

This time, though, it's not a mudslide that's stranded them down the coast, but a planned phase of road construction at Rocky Creek and Highway 1, where a slide in March seriously undermined the pavement. To make the highway safe

again for travel, a viaduct is being built, and the effort is expected to cost taxpayers \$25 million.

For months, a one-way traffic signal has been regulating traffic at the site and making it possible for the contractor, Gordon N. Ball Inc. of Alamo, to work without any interruptions while allowing motorists to drive past the construction site with only minor delays.

But starting Saturday at 10 p.m., the contractor needs unimpeded access to the site for 24 hours.

"During this full closure, crews will install nine pre-cast concrete girders as

progress advances on construction of a viaduct to replace a section of the southbound lane lost," Caltrans announced. "Two heavy cranes will be in operation at either end of the project area during the girder installation and no vehicle travel through the site will be possible."

'An important milestone'

Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans called the installation of the girders an important milestone for the project, which has faced significant topographical challenges.

The report suggests that no exceptions will be made for locals or visitors wishing to drive through the site during the hard closure. "No vehicle travel of any kind will be possible on Highway 1 through Rocky Creek for the duration of this 24-hour closure," it says.

The temporary closure will create challenges for visitors planning a late arrival in Big Sur Saturday — and likely send crowds to the trails and turnouts at Garrapata State Park Sunday.

Bad weather could postpone the closure, and the weather forecast anticipates



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To make way for a complex stage of construction, Highway 1 at Rocky Creek will be closed for 24 hours starting Saturday night.

some rain late Saturday.

The closure was originally scheduled to start Friday at 10 p.m., but was postponed another day due to concerns about the impact of wind on the project. Drabinski said Caltrans has an "intense" focus on the safety of workers.

South of Rocky Creek, Highway 1 is open 4.5 miles south of Esalen Institute, where a major effort is underway to clear the Regent Slide.

The work there is expected to be completed sometime in 2025. Meanwhile, for those stuck south of Rocky Creek in Big Sur Saturday, businesses, shops and parks are expected to be open.



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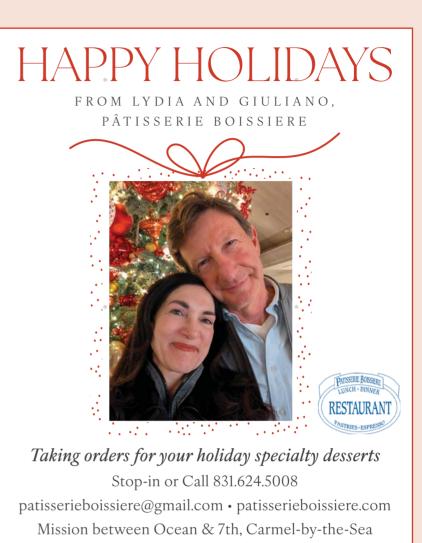


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Fourtane thief gets jail time but has already served it

■ Argues for return of seized cash

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MAN arrested more than three years ago following a brazen smash-andgrab at an upscale downtown jewelers was denied probation at a sentencing hearing last month, but the three-year sentence he received for grand theft and other charges is considered served since he'd been in jail since his Dec. 7, 2021, arrest.

Bail was set at \$165,000 when Elijah Juarez was booked into Monterey County Jail the night of the crime, but he never posted it. He passed his 20th, 21st and 22nd birthdays there after he and three others drove from Stockton in a stolen SUV, parked at Lincoln and Ocean, and a trio of them entered the high-end jewelers shortly before closing. With two sledgehammers, the suspects, wearing masks and dark clothing, smashed several cases and fled with \$932,950 worth of jewelry. Police caught up with the stolen vehicle in Marina, but by then, only Juarez and Omar A. — a juvenile — were inside, and the loot was gone.

Finally got out

While prosecutors had argued that the store employees had feared for their lives at the time, and therefore the crime rose to the level of robbery, a jury concluded in Monterey County Superior Court Judge Jennifer O'Keefe's Salinas courtroom Oct. 18 that Juarez did not rob Fourtane. Instead, jurors found him guilty of three counts of grand theft, a lesser conspiracy charge, and burglarv.

O'Keefe also determined there were aggravating factors that could lead to harsher sentencing, including that "the manner in which the crime was carried

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out indicates planning, sophistication or professionalism," that the "crime involved an attempted or actual taking or damage of great monetary value," and that "the defendant's prior convictions as an adult or sustained petitions in juvenile delinquency proceedings are numerous or of increasing seriousness.'

Following an Oct. 24 court session in which he pleaded guilty to a charge of felony assault likely to cause great bodily injury in a separate case stemming from his attack on a fellow inmate in June, and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office dropped a misdemeanor battery case from 2023 that also occurred in the jail, Juarez was released from custody with a promise to return for his Nov. 21 sentencing.

'Extremely aggravated'

At that session, O'Keefe considered recommendations from the probation department, took into account the contents of a victim impact letter and read any correspondence submitted on Juarez' behalf, according to court documents.

After hearing sentencing arguments from prosecutor Diego Lopez and defense attorney Adam Koppekin, the judge labeled the case "extremely aggravated" and denied probation.

Instead, she sentenced him to three years in jail, the upper term allowed by the California Penal Code. She then acknowledged he'd spent 1.053 days in jail and. despite the crimes he committed while in custody, Juarez received another 1,052 days for good/work time. Even with conduct credits calculated at 50 percent, the total put him well past his sentence, so Juarez was ordered to pay \$1,850 in restitution and was discharged.

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Crews busy painting dozens of curbs to comply with 'Daylighting Bill'

By MARY SCHLEY

THE INK was barely dry on the ordinance implementing the state's crosswalk "Daylighting Bill," AB 413, when Carmel Public Works crews began painting the dozens of curbs that are changing as a result of the law, which intends to make intersections safer for pedestrians and

AB 413 took effect Jan. 1. It prohibits "the stopping, standing or parking of any vehicle on the approach side of the intersection within 20 feet of any marked or unmarked crosswalk, or within 15 feet of any intersection with a curb extension."

But it allows local authorities to use

some of those spaces for commercial loading zones or for bicycle parking, and Police Chief Paul Tomasi developed a plan that would only cost the central commercial district, where parking is at a premium, nine two-hour spots.

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

and at some other heavily trafficked areas, 687 two-hour spaces in the commercial district will remain.

45 loading zones

Ultimately, the ordinance adopted by the council at its first reading last month lists 34 specific loading zones downtown, plus another 11 in various other areas affected by the law because they have

curbs and gutters, such as near La Playa Hotel. It was listed on the council's Dec. 3 consent agenda for final adoption without further discussion, but outgoing councilwoman Karen Ferlito pulled it before the vote, just to make a comment.

"I think Chief Tomasi did an admirable job of figuring out how to create loading zones in some of those areas," she said. "This is something that should be reviewed, perhaps every year, to see if it's working the way it's supposed to. And if some of those commercial zones are being abused, maybe they'll have to be changed to something else."

The council unanimously OK'd the ordinance, and within a week, crews began placing cones in spaces slated for change and painting curbs, ensuring the city will be in compliance with state law when it becomes enforceable on New Year's Day. Several other Peninsula cities have already made the alterations on their streets.



A public works painting crew was busy this week turning former parking spaces into loading zones to comply with a state law.

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Santa's Fly-In set for Saturday

By CHRIS COUNTS

 ${f J}$ UST AS they have done in mid-December for 65 years, Santa and Mrs. Claus are bringing holiday cheer to Carmel Valley Village Saturday. But 90 minutes before their arrival by helicopter at the old Carmel Valley airport, a special holiday gift will be unwrapped just a short stroll away from the landing strip.

In Carmel Valley Community Park at 9 a.m., Congressman Jimmy Panetta and others will join a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the official opening of the Tatum's Treehouse playground, which is designed to be accessible to children with a wide range



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of disabilities. It cost about \$800,000 to complete. In recent weeks, more than 600 volunteers were involved in the effort to build the playground, which was funded by donations and modeled after the Tatum's Garden playground in Salinas.

Five years in the works

The opening comes five years after the Tatum's Garden Foundation and the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center announced plans to work together to build the facility, which was named for a local voungster who uses a wheelchair.

As for the fly-in, Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to land at 10:30 a.m., mark-

> ing the 66th year of one of the area's most cherished traditions.

After a parade through the village, the Clauses will head over to the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center at 25 Ford Road for a family-friendly meet and greet. Kids will have ample opportunities to pose for photos with the couple.

"Festivities will around noon," the youth center announced. "There will also be food, games, carriage rides, a petting zoo, bounce houses, and more after the parade - come join us for another magical holiday celebration in the village."

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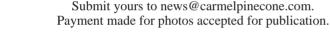
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Grocery store to donate food to CSUMB students

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 Γ HE NEWLY opened Trader Joe's in Marina is partnering with Cal State University Monterey Bay to create a student food pantry.

Trader Joe's will give the university's food pantry program, Basic Needs, daily donations of food and other fresh items, including plants and flowers, that the grocery store can no longer sell and which would otherwise be tossed into the garbage.

Basic Needs director Robyn DoCanto said having Trader Joe's down the street from the school will be a big boost for program.

"This is a huge community-based partnership and we're super excited," DoCanto said. "This creates much more accessibility for our students and our team. We're really hoping the Basic Needs hub won't be empty at the end of the day.'

She expects the pantry will soon be able to offer more fresh produce, as well as specialty items such as gluten-free bread and dairy-free milk.

"Our main goal is to make sure we have adequate food for our students," DoCanto went on to say "Having quicker access to these donations allows us to fill the hHub more often with fresh items."

SERIAL CRIMINAL GETS **EIGHT-YEAR SENTENCE**

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY man who admitted to committing numerous crimes in the city during a two-year period, including assault and evading police, was sentenced to more than eight years behind bars last week.

In a Salinas courtroom Dec. 4, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu sentenced Leslie Flores Sr., 59, to six years and four months in state prison, followed by two years in the county jail. He pleaded no contest, the same as guilty, to numerous charges in October not long before his trial was to begin.

Flores, prosecutors said, has shown no contrition for his crimes, which also included having an illegal short-barreled rifle/assault weapon, failure to appear in court, recklessly evading and resisting a peace officer, drug-related charges and assault likely to cause great bodily injury.

"He showed no remorse and has largely maintained he did nothing wrong," Monterey County deputy district attorney Christopher Puck told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "He said nothing at the sentencing hearing."

However, people who live near Flores — a landlord who owns numerous properties in Monterey — wrote to the court about their safety concerns.

"The letters about his lawlessness were mostly from

neighbors," Puck explained. "Monterey Police Chief Dave Hober and a city housing authority also wrote letters."

Flores' family wrote in his defense, requesting that his sentence involve a rehabilitation program instead of prison. But Puck said that Liu found Flores was unsuitable

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REPEAT OFFENDER ARRESTED IN DUI CRASH

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

 ${f A}$ SEASIDE man who has been repeatedly convicted of DUI was arrested again for drunk driving after he hit a parked car on 13th Avenue near Carmelo Street last Friday afternoon, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado.

When she responded to the scene around 2:15 p.m. Nov. 29, officer E Higgins met with the victim, who said her car had been legally parked and that when she confronted the driver, 29-year-old Kevin Morales, "she could smell alcohol on him," he said.

Police, too, immediately picked up on the odor coming off Morales and noticed other signs of his intoxication, but "Morales was adamant that he did not consume any alcohol," Maldonado said.



Kevin Morales

records check revealed he had two outstanding arrest warrants, both for DUI, out of Monterey County and that he was on DUI probation with a suspended driver's license.

"Since 2019, Morales has had three prior DUI convictions," Maldonado said.

Those convictions made Morales' arrest a felony, and he was booked into Monterey County Jail. His car was impounded.



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Anglers receive early holiday gift

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIVE MONTHS after a major fish die-off at Lake San Antonio, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife delivered 4,000 pounds of rainbow trout Dec. 10 to the popular recreational lake that straddles Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties. "Christmas has come early for anglers at Lake San Antonio," Monterey County's Maia Carroll announced.

A video posted this week on the county's YouTube channel shows a truck backing up to the lake and through a pipe releasing a powerful stream of water filled with fish. The video also shows the trout underwater while they're adapting to their new home.

Carroll reminded fishing enthusiasts that the limit for catching trout is five per person per day, and there is no size limit.

"Remember, a California fishing license is required for anyone over the age of 16," she added. "Happy fishing, everyone."

In July, the lake was closed for two weeks when thousands of dead fish including bass, catfish, crappie, carp and

trout — began washing ashore. Testing was inconclusive, but county officials said that the likely cause was an algae bloom.

Last December, state fish and wildlife stocked Lake San Antonio with an estimated 30,000 rainbow trout — for the first time in more than 40 years. Previous efforts to stock the lake had been deterred by an invasive striped bass, but conditions have improved, according to the state agency.

Popular since '65

The reservoir has been a destination for fishing enthusiasts since it was created in 1965 when a dam was built along the San Antonio River.

For those visiting the lake, it's \$15 per car to park, \$17 a day for motorized boats (a California boating license is required) and \$5 a day for non-motorized boats, which includes paddleboards. The lake is open seven days a week, but the south shore ramp is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All passengers must have life vests on board.

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Sports center gets \$261K donation

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE MONTEREY Sports Center last month received a \$261,150 donation in the form of stock from a resident in honor of his late wife, according to manager Bill Rothschild. The donor, who wished to remain anonymous, has been an active member of the "swim/gym" for more than 20 years.

The donor told officials at the cityowned facility that he appreciates what it does for families and seniors, "and he hopes his children and grandchildren proudly share his love of this valuable community treasure," Rothschild said,

adding that he's an avid ping-pong player who also donated a top-of-the-line table now enjoyed by more than 50 players.

The stock was sold, with the net dollars deposited in a contingency fund that can be used for facility improvements, equipment, programs and/or scholarships for sports camps, swimming lessons, and memberships for youth and seniors on fixed incomes who can't otherwise afford to participate, according to Rothschild. The sports center relies on program and membership fees, funds from the City of Monterey and donations.

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Lawsuit over housing plan says area is hazardous for homes, residents

By KELLY NIX

A NEIGHBORHOOD group in Monterey is taking the city to court over property it set aside for hundreds of homes, alleging that the land is unsuitable for development because of potential danger from wildfires, aviation accidents and other concerns.

In a Dec. 3 lawsuit, a group called Save Tarpy Flats is asking a court to find that the City of Monterey's state-mandated housing plan, which identifies more than 50 acres of land for more than 600 homes, does not comply with California law. The property, across Highway 68 from Tarpy's restaurant, is owned by the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

The property "is unsuitable for residential development — let alone 614 housing

units," because of concerns over water, environmental impacts, traffic and safety risks, the group's civil complaint says.

Building hundreds of homes near the airport is also problematic, Save Tarpy Flats argues.

"Increasing the number of residents located near the airport will increase the likelihood of death and property damage in the event of aviation accidents," like the 2021 airplane accident in which a privately owned twin-engine plane crashed into a home about a mile from the Monterey airport and killed two people and a dog onboard, the lawsuit says.

Because of the alleged fire risk on the property, Save Tarpy Flats says that it "is nearly impossible" for homeowners nearby to obtain fire insurance, leaving them to "bear the high cost of self-insuring their homes against fire."

The land set aside for possible development, the group claims, contains extensive, rare and "high-quality coastal prairie grasslands and coast live oak woodland savanna, and significant stands of Monterey pine trees, and provides habitat for bobcats, mountain lions, bears and other animals.

'Burial sites'

Furthermore, the property is of cultural importance to the Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation and "it is likely that indigenous peoples may be buried in the area," according to the complaint filed for the group by the Fenton & Keller law firm.

Regarding water, the group points to an unnamed developer who it says investigated availability for an affordable housing

project adjacent to Tarpy Flats but concluded there was an insufficient amount.

The City of Monterey was compelled by the state, like other cities, to identify areas for new housing and how many units could be built. The city proposed that the Tarpy Flats area would be enough space for 614 homes, including 51 for low-income residents, 51 for moderate income and 512 for above moderate income.

The state does not require cities to develop, but rather to identify the number of homes that can be accommodated and where they should be located. Monterey has set aside space for 3,654 new units.

The complaint also seeks an order finding that the school district property cannot be included in the city's housing element's inventory. Save Tarpy Flats is composed of more than 250 households, the suit said.



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successfully treated — thanked constituents for their "respect, kindness, and the passion that you all have for this city."

"It's been a great learning experience for me, and I've enjoyed it very much," he said.

And Potter, who has been in local politics for more than three decades, shared some words of wisdom that had been offered to him by former Monterey Mayor Dan Albert when Potter was elected to that city's council early in his political career. First, he told him to admit mistakes and to not take himself too seriously.

"The other thing was, 'Don't screw up," he said.

Decisive victories

Potter also predicted Byrne will do a great job but advised him to remember that while the city operates like a business, it's the public's business, "so it's a little more protracted than the private sector."

City clerk Nova Romero administered the oaths of office to Byrne, whose final vote tally was 819, compared with Baron's 701 and Potter's 616, and incoming councilmembers Hans Buder (1,200 votes) and Bob Delves (971). Those tallies amounted to decisive victories over fellow council candidates David O'Neil (616), Danny Hala (303) and Parker Logan (231).

After the three swapped seats with the people they replaced, each made comments of his own.

Delves described the campaign process as a "six-month interview" that he enjoyed more than he'd expected.

"I went into it with a great sense of dread, but this town makes running for office fun," he said. "You invited us into your homes, and I made 500 friends over the past six months, and that alone made it worth it," regardless of whether he'd won.

Delves thanked his supporters for entrusting him with the job and praised Potter, Richards and Ferlito for their hard work.

"What I know is, to do this job is hard — to do it well is even harder," he said. "It is not a job that is often appreciated, especially given the amount of work that you do."

Buder took time to compliment each of them as well, admiring Ferlito's diligent preparation for every meeting and her decades of volunteer service, pledging to emulate Richards' positive and calm temperament at the dais, and extolling Potter's extensive leadership abilities.

"We've gone six years without a scandal, with no audit findings, and you helped us navigate a once-in-a-century pandemic," he

told Potter.

Ruder said he's excited to serve on a council that blend

Buder said he's excited to serve on a council that blends new energy with experience.

'Fresh start'

"We'll have the benefit of institutional memory, but at the same time, what really inspires me is the sense of possibility that comes with a fresh start and a fresh perspective," he said, quoting President John F. Kennedy, who once said, "Other people see things and say, 'Why?', but I dream things that never were and say, 'Why not?""

Byrne predicted the new council will be "amazing" and observed that "positive thinking makes things happen."



PHOTO/KERRY BELSE

New Mayor Dale Byrne, flanked by city administrator Chip Rerig (left) and city attorney Brian Pierik, says he'll make meetings shorter and more frequent, effective and engaging.

"Over the next two years, we will have the opportunity to execute some very important and large projects that will leave our mark on village history," he said.

Byrne said he plans to tap into the knowledge and experience of their predecessors.

"We're going to be calling you," he promised. "We're going to need all the guidance and advice we can get."

One of his first goals as mayor is to "make our public meetings more frequent, shorter, more engaging and more effective," he said.

"I know that all of our residents are engaged, with the incredible 90 percent turnout we had — the highest in Monterey County," he said. "Let's carry this energy forward."





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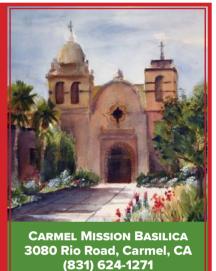
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The Carmel Pine Cone

Jury convicts axe murderer

December 13, 2024

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A MAN who blamed "methamphetamine-induced psychosis" for his fatal ax attack on two men outside a King City hotel in September 2022 was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder and attempted murder, Monterey County deputy district attorney Michael Witt said Thursday.

The victims were two brothers who

were staying at a Motel 6 the night of Sept. 14, 2022, while they were in town for work, according to Witt.

"That night, after returning from dinner at their sister's house, they stood outside their room talking. Meanwhile, another guest, later identified as Powell, parked his car near the victims," he said. "The victims — strangers to Powell — paid no attention as he got out, rummaged in the

rear passenger seat of his car, and then suddenly produced a 3-foot axe and attacked them with it."

One of the men ran and managed to escape with minor injuries, but the other tripped, and Powell struck him again with the weapon. The victim later died at the hospital.

During the court proceedings, Powell claimed that he attacked the men because he was suffering from methamphetamine-induced psychosis.

On Dec. 11, jurors convicted Powell, 27, of first-degree murder and first-degree attempted murder.

The jury also found that "the crimes involved great violence, great bodily harm, or a high degree of cruelty, viciousness or callousness."

Powell, who has an extensive criminal record, also has a prior strike conviction for street terrorism.

His sentencing is set for Jan. 9, 2025, in Monterey County Superior Court Judge Rafael Vazquez' courtroom. Powell, who has been in jail since his arrest, faces up to life in state prison.

Witt said former King City detective Juan Rodriguez and DA investigator Dominique Hohmann handled the case.

CHRISTINA PARSONS



Christina Parsons' angel spirit, in peace and comfort and surrounded by love, returned home on Nov. 18, 2024.

Born Oct. 16, 1953, in San Diego, Chris grew up as a true southern California girl ... a beautiful blonde with a warm heart, insatiable capacity to learn and a fearless spirit.

Chris pursued her education with a BS degree in biology

from University of San Diego and her MA degree in education from San Diego State and an MBA from the University of San Francisco.

Chris' love the of ocean and sea life was the continuing thread through out her life. As the first woman to be certified to scuba dive for California Fish and Game, Chris dove off the California coast on many sea life projects.



Her career with interpreting the natural world to audiences began at Sea World and at the Wild Animal Park in San Diego and in 1984 Chris came to Monterey Bay Aquarium.

With her sweetheart, Steve, Chris made her home in Monterey and she created her business, Wordcraft, that for 35 years teamed with architects and aquarists create ocean exhibits aquariums around the world. Chris wrote the exhibit graphics and animal stories always with the intent to inspire and educate the visitor to learn more about the ocean world and conservation of the environment.

Chris's business persona was delivered with her charming smile, warm spirit and her commitment to high standards of excellence. Chris will be remembered for her generosity in time and genuine interest to mentoring the people she worked with.

Chris was a delight to be with and her great sense of humor could always find something that was funny to lighten up the moment. Always willing to listen to others and Initiate conversations Chris created lifelong bonds with her friends and colleagues.

Chris was is a talented photographer and her love of birds and nature took her to all of Monterey's ocean and land habitats and to the far off Galapagos Islands for joyful days of capturing images with her camera.

Chris had a wonderful touch with dogs and our German Shepherd, Tyla, was always by her side.

Chris was the love of my life, my sweetheart and my best friend and the fun and joy we had in of our years together will be with me forever.

Chris is Is survived by her brother, Rick; sister, Cathy; and her nieces and nephews from her San Diego family and her longtime love and partner, Steve Downey.



MONARCHS

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prepare for breeding in the early spring."

A 90-day window for public comments on the proposed designation kicked off Dec. 12.

Local numbers

It's unclear how the federal listing of monarchs will impact the butterflies locally, but Natalie Johnston of the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History told The Pine Cone that there is a site on federal land near the Naval Postgraduate School where monarchs have been seen gathering.

Johnston said the museum keeps a close eye on local monarchs, and she can attest to their dropping numbers.

"The museum has been

monitoring the monarch population for over 25 years, and doing weekly counts since 2012," said Johnston, who is the museum's community science coordinator. "The data show a steep decline — there's been a drop of more than 95 percent since we started in 1997."



PHOTO/SUSAN LAMBER

Butterflies gather during the cool winter months at the Monarch Grove Sanctuary in Pacific Grove.

STEVEN RIVER GURTIN

Jan. 30, 1949 - Dec. 9, 2024 Monterey, CA

River passed away on Monday, Dec. 9 after a long battle with prostate cancer. Born in Jersey City, N.J. to Milton and Beatrice Gurtin, he spent his early years unhappy with his



surroundings and looking for a change. That came in 1968, when he hitchhiked across the country to CA and lived for a time in Haight-Asbury and northern California communes.

Eventually, he ended up in Big Sur, CA, where he lived and worked for the next two years. This is where he received his spirit name, "River," during a ceremony to acknowledge his creative nature and to honor his nurturing soul. River moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1972 to attend business classes at MPC. During this time he and his sister, Andrea Carter, performed as mimes in the Jan Kessler Mime Troupe.

After the mime troupe ended, he began exploring options for a new career. Realizing an opportunity, River flew to

the east coast to learn the trade of bagel making. He apprenticed in some well-established bagel bakeries. While there, he met the love of his life, Diana Case, and they formed a bond that would carry them together for the rest of their lives.

Armed with a head full of knowledge and a book of diagrams, River returned to Monterey and formed a business partnership with Bill Leone, a local educator. Together, in 1976, they opened the first Bagel Bakery on the Monterey Peninsula, as well as the only bagel bakery between San Francisco and Los Angeles at that time. The business quickly earned praise and grew into seven area stores. River was also president of the New Monterey Business Association, and provided consultation and training to future bagel bakers around the country.

After they sold the business, River revived an early passion for photography, winning awards for his efforts. When the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster occurred, River knew he had to help. He joined his wife Diana in volunteering with the Red Cross and traveled to NYC to assist. River continued volunteering with the Red Cross for additional national disasters including Hurricane Katrina. River also took a leadership role with the local chapter as a trainer, a client casework supervisor and disaster chair. During this time he also served on the board of the Jewish Food Festival, Congregation Beth Israel's annual fundraiser.

In 2015 River entered a new chapter in his life when he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer. Years followed with various treatments. Throughout, River maintained his positive outlook and, supported by his loving wife and his sister, did whatever he could to attempt to regain his health. During this time River took up jogging most mornings and discovered his creative spirit had returned. He began to write poetry in his head while jogging, ultimately producing two books blending his passions of photography and poetry.

The family would like to thank the kind folks at Pacific Cancer Care, especially Dr. Koontz and Dr. Hausdorff. In lieu of flowers please donate to the American Red Cross-Monterey Bay Chapter, Congregation Beth Israel, or the Jerry Rubin Foundation for Cancer Care.

A short graveside service will begin at noon Monday, Dec.16 at the Monterey City Cemetery, Cementerio El Encinal, 798 Fremont St., Monterey, CA 93940, (831) 646-3864. His gravesite is LOT D1 BLOCK 28 SECTION JM (stands for Jack Martin section).

GAMES

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Wednesday. "As specified in the EIR, hosting high-attendance events such as football games at the CHS stadium is not permitted until all required measures are completed, with the final projects on track for completion by late summer 2025."

That work includes reconfiguring roads and pedestrian walkways on the campus, adding parking, building permanent storage and a spectator viewing platform, and other changes.

In the meantime, Paul said, several sports team have successfully used the field for evening practices — including the football team, which took advantage of the lights to prepare for the similar conditions players would face at MPC.

"We appreciate the community's continued support and understanding as we work to complete the final infrastructure improvements outlined in the EIR," Paul said.

A group called Save Carmel tried to tie up the CHS stadium lights project with a lawsuit alleging multiple failings in the EIR based on the California Environmental Quality Act. But after a judge refused to halt the installation, the group withdrew its lawsuit in November 2023 and pledged to instead focus on enforcing the myriad measures CUSD promised to take to mitigate the lights' impacts.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

CHS football coach Golden Anderson speaks to his players under the lights before a recent game — but not at the team's home stadium.

REPEAT

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for probation because he "regularly showed defiance to law enforcement, his own attorneys, and his own family throughout the last two years."

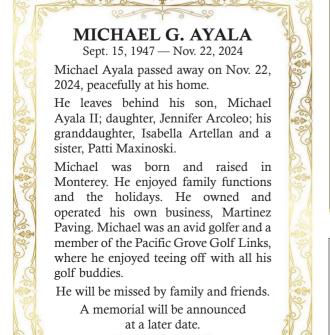
The judge also noted during sentencing that Flores had been ordered many times to attend rehabilitation programs but that he didn't show up.

Flores was found in possession of his tenants' mail and was captured on video trespassing on a tenant's property without having notified the renter or received consent.

In March 2022, Flores and his son assaulted a bouncer at Britannia Arms in Monterey because the man would not allow them inside the bar. At one point, the son "strangled the bouncer while Flores Sr. prevented onlookers from coming to the bouncer's aide," before Flores punched the bouncer twice in the face, prosecutors said.

Flores was allowed to remain out of jail while committing new crimes because of California's lenient bail laws. But his luck ran out on July 4 when he was taken into custody at his home after a seven-hour standoff. Officers found him hiding in a 6-foot hole that he'd carved out with a chainsaw beneath a floor. He's been in Monterey County Jail since then.

When he was arrested, Flores had 14 pending felony and misdemeanor criminal cases.



VACANCY

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Pledge of Allegiance.

"Colonialism is a current ongoing process," according to Rau, "and we need to be mindful about our present participation."

While Rau recommended that the city's DEI Task Force collaborate with Rumsen Ohlone representatives to draft the acknowledgment, she offered her own version.

"We acknowledge we are meeting today on the land of the Rumsen Ohlone people, whose ancestors cared for this land for thousands of years," says a portion of the statement she read.

If the city council OKs Rau's recommendation, it will follow the Pacific Grove Unified School District, which notes in part at its board meetings that "we are on the traditional land of the Ohlone, Costanoan and Esselen people."

No real support

The P.G. council land acknowledgment, if approved, would not do anything to materially support people of Native American heritage who reside on the Peninsula.

The new council at last week's meeting also OK'd the process to fill a seat left vacant by former councilwoman Debby Beck, who decided to resign late last month to spend more time with family.

Those without prior council experience are welcome to apply for the position. Applications can be obtained from the city clerk and must be turned in by Jan. 3 at 5 p.m. The

RICHARD MASON LUNDY

Richard Mason Lundy, born Aug. 5th, 1931 in Oakland, died Nov. 27th, 2024, aged 93, in Monterey.

Richard was the only son of Marjorie and Alfred Lundy. He was a fifth generation Californian who



grew up and spent his childhood in Alameda punctuated by summer trips to Paradise Park in Santa Cruz. As a boy, he developed into an accomplished gymnast, performing as yell leader for his high school and

assisting Jack LaLanne in physical demonstrations for veterans of World War II. He was drafted in 1952 for service in the Korean war but never went overseas. Instead, he became a fitness instructor for new recruits passing through Fort Ord.

After two years in the military, he returned briefly to the Bay Area where he finished a degree in English, earned his teaching credential, and had two children, Scott and Robin, with his first wife, Irene. In 1956 he was offered a job teaching at Monterey High School where he would teach English, world civilization and AP English literature for the next 36 years.

After divorcing his first wife, he married Jane Noble in 1965. Rich and Jane had three children, Mark, Adam and Janie, and had been married for 59 years at his passing. Rich was a celebrated teacher. Education and the intricacies of the English language moved him, and his passion for the subject matter engaged his students. After his retirement he served on the board of the Monterey Public Library for several years and spent his leisure time walking at the beach, hiking and traveling. He had an uncommon sense of humor and a boyish playfulness that stayed with him to the end and came out especially around children.

Rich died peacefully in his sleep with his family present. In the days before his passing he spoke of having lived a long and fortunate life and being unafraid of what came next. Rich is survived by his wife, Jane; and his five children, Scott, Robin, Mark, Adam and Janie; 10 grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren.

A celebration of life will be organized at a future date. Donations can be made to the Big Sur Land Trust or Monterey Public Library.

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candidates will be announced at the Jan. 15 meeting, when they will each have five minutes to address the council, which is expected to choose one that night.

During public comment, some residents urged council members not to communicate with candidates before Jan. 15, and city attorney Brian Pierik said, "We want to make sure it's an open and transparent" process in selecting the new council member.

The application form, which asks residents to briefly

The application form, which asks residents to briefly describe their "background and qualifications," can be obtained from city clerk Sandra Kandell at city hall or requested via email at skandell@cityofpacificgrove.org.

Also at the meeting, outgoing 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams and her successor, supervisor-elect Kate Daniels, presented certificates of appreciation to former P.G. City Councilman Luke Coletti, who was not reelected Nov. 5, for his "terrific leadership," and former P.G. Mayor Bill Peake, who opted not to run for reelection, for his "exemplary service." The former city council members also received accolades from the offices of Assemblywoman Dawn Addis and State Sen. John Laird.



Carolyn Blocker Sept. 29, 1940 * Nov. 29, 2024

Carolyn Blocker passed away peacefully, surrounded by her husband and sons, on Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 28, 2024, after a brief illness. She spent the last six years dealing with the challenges of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. She was born on Sept. 29, 1940, in Superior, Wisconsin to Louis and Audry Lundquist, spending her early years in nearby Ashland.

She moved to Monterey in 1978 after having lived in various places, including Hawaii and Germany.

In 1980 Carolyn met the love of her life, Ted Blocker, whom she married in 1984.

Many might recognize her as the owner of the Cannery Row gift shop "The Sand Dollar" where her artistic impulses were well reflected. She retired in 2017.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Ted; sons, James Vocelka (Cathleen) and Jeffrey Vocelka (Elaine); granddaughters, Natasha (Sean) and Veronica; grandson, Alex; great-granddaughter, Ruby; and sister, Ardith Kass (Don) who resides in Lakeside, Minnesota.

Carolyn's unconditional love for her children, grandchildren, husband Ted, and her family and friends was demonstrated all the time through her love of cooking, her amazing ability to decorate for the holidays, and her invitations to share her beautiful home.

Carolyn was well known for her gourmet cooking skills, entertaining family, friends and visitors with joy and grace.

Carolyn was an avid traveler. She and Ted loved their cruises to Mexico, the Mediterranean, Asia, Caribbean, Australia/New Zealand and Alaska. She also loved her frequent trips to The Netherlands visiting Ted's many relatives.

Carolyn was a precious mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and wife. Her memories will remain a blessing to all that knew and loved her.

She preferred no formal ceremony and suggested donations to Alzheimer's Disease Research:

www.brightfocus.org/ADR

Padres head to Fullerton with state championship on the line

THE PERFECT season — a season that might never be matched, let alone exceeded — awaits its final chapter Friday night at Fullerton Union Stadium where the Carmel Padres, 14-0, play Lakeside-based El Capitan, 11-3, for California's Division 5-AA state football championship.

The 8 p.m. showdown can be watched live online at

Carmel earned the surreal opportunity one week ago with a 42-41 conquest of Acalanes at Monterey Peninsula College Stadium, a made-for-Hollywood victory that gave the Padres the Northern California crown.

A triumph this week would make Carmel the second

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

state champion in Monterey County history, following Palma's march to the CIF Division 4-A title a year ago.

Carmel prevailed in the NorCal finale by thwarting Acalanes' attempt at a game-winning 2-point conversion, stopping quarterback Tyler Winkles on the 1-yard line with no time left on the clock.

The solo tackle that preserved the win was made by Carmel senior Simeon Brown, who raced from his safety position, avoided the Dons' lead blocker, and made the bone-rattling hit that drove Winkles backwards.



Wide receiver Simeon Brown, No. 1, flattens a potential tackler to provide running room for Carmel tailback Ashton Rees, who rushed for 159 yards on a career-high 34 carries despite a badly sprained toe.

Seven minutes earlier, the Padres were celebrating a 42-28 lead after a 1-yard run by Ashton Rees — the fourth touchdown of the game for the senior tailback, who had limped through the entire second half on a sprained toe.

But the Dons — last year's Division 3-AA state champs — responded three minutes later with a 36-yard touchdown pass from Winkles to Josh Elerts, cutting Carmel's lead to 7.

Premature

Carmel's then forced high-powered offense (53.2 points per game in the playoffs) to punt with 77 seconds left in the game.

With two seconds left, Winkles threw a 35-yard pass that was intercepted in the end zone, igniting a premature Carmel celebration. The play was nullified by a holding penalty.

With one more shot from the 25 and no time showing on the scoreboard clock, Winkles threw a short pass to evasive wide receiver Niko White, who raced for the touchdown.

Trailing 42-41, the Dons attempted the 2-point conversion that led to Brown's game-saving tackle.

> Three players, (Ty Arnold, Matt Maxon and Bennett Goldberg), intercepted passes for

Rees braved the toe injury to carry the ball 34 times — a career-high — for 159 yards. Arnold had his best-ever game at wide receiver, catching 11 passes for 128 yards from quarterback Hudson Rutherford, who completed 22 of 29 passes for 258 yards and two TDs, including a game-tying 16-varder to Arnold on the final play of the first half.

Freshman kicker Dean Briant kicked six extra points — all crucial — for the Padres.

Strong opponent

Friday's opponent, El Capitan, the Southern California champion, features an exceptional pass rush (41 sacks, 11 by Evan Ortega, 10.5 by Marlon Ames) on a defense that



A wild celebration erupted for the NorCal champion Carmel Padres, who beat defending state champ Acalanes 42-41 last week when Simeon Brown, No. 1, stopped a 2-point conversion at the 1-yard line with 0:00 on the scoreboard clock.

stopped opposing ball carriers behind the line of scrimmage 103 times this season. The Vaqueros also intercepted 15 passes.

Quarterback Brandt Barker completed 56.2 percent of his passes for 2,560 yards with 26 TDs and five interceptions. His top receivers are Ayden Banegas (61 catches, 817 yards, 9 TDs) and Mark Valencia (45-706, 6 TDs). The primary ball carrier, Brady Joralemon, rushed for 766 yards on 122 attempts (58.9 yards per game.)

Carmel, which won the second Central Coast Section championship in school history Nov. 29, is 24-1 over the past two seasons. The only loss was in the 2023 CCS playoffs.

■ Girls basketball

Glowing future for Pirates: With a 15-player varsity roster that includes four sophomores and five freshmen, the Stevenson's girls basketball team is staring toward a luminous horizon

But after opening the 2024-25 season with double-digit victories over Monterey and King City and playing a

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2-point game against defending Mission Division champion Soledad, there's no time like the present for the Pirates, who came into this week with a 2-1 record.

"I like that our attitudinal fitness is really good — our athletes are willing to learn and wanting to get better. Our skill level has increased, and I really like the foundation we're working with." said Justin Clymo, beginning his second year as head coach of the girls squad after guiding Stevenson's boys teams to seven CCS tournaments, one NorCal playoff and a 113-71 overall record between 2016

"Without taking anything away from this year's seniors, I think we're on a two-year build, looking forward to where we're likely to be next year and the year after," the coach said of a youth-dominated squad with strong leadership among its upperclassmen.

Senior spark plugs

The list of veterans begins with guard Grace Ishii, a three-sport athlete and 2024 Defensive Player of the Year on Stevenson's PCAL-championship field hockey team, whose trademark has been relentlessness.

"She returns as a three-year starter in basketball, and she's basically our heartbeat in terms of energy and competitiveness," Clymo said of Ishii, a playmaker who hit 14 3-pointers for the Pirates last year. "You won't find anybody who plays harder than Grace, who really sets the tone for us defensively.'

Sabrina Hardin, who played in 21 games and ranked fourth on the team in field goals last season, figures to be a court regular. She contributed 8 points and seven rebounds against Soledad.

Other senior sparkplugs include Mina DuPont ("the best 'hype-woman' of all time," said the coach), student-body president Wonjin Eum ("another great teammate with a good handle on the game") and athletic newcomer Amaya Chadha, who is expected to contribute defensively.



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All-around powerhouse Kobie Crutcher, one of five freshman on Stevenson's roster, averages 23.7 points, 9.7 rebounds, 2.3 assists, and 4.7 steals after three games.

Jessie Chen is a veteran junior and a third-year starter at guard with strong ball-handling skills and creative shot-making talents (12 points vs. Monterey on Dec. 7). Chen led the 2024 Pirates with 25 3-point bombs.

The other junior, Molly McAfee, is a third-year varsity player who also is battle-tested in field hockey and

"She's a key contributor on the defensive end, sees the court really well, herself in the right spot, and cleans up a lot of mistakes for us," Clymo said.

A solid sophomore class includes Peyton Sanchez, who missed the early games with a health issue, but is a likely starter when she returns.

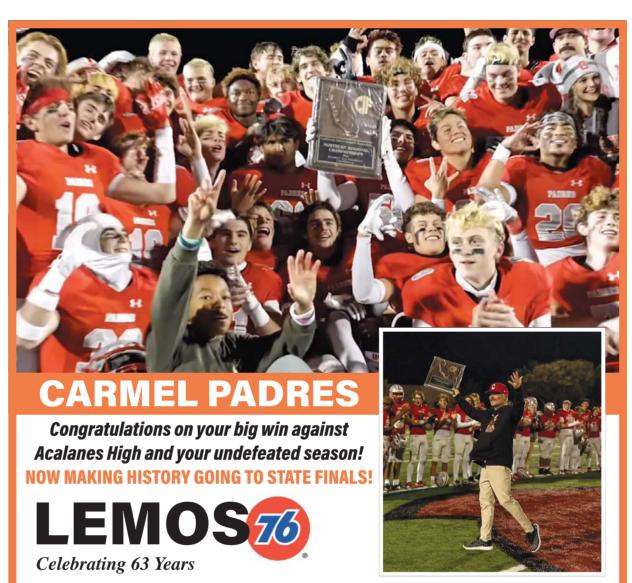
"Peyton obviously will be one of our core players. She shoots the ball well, she rebounds, she helps us in a lot of different ways," Clymo said of Sanchez, who drained 15 shots from 3-point range last season.

Ashley Dalhamer, a formidable defender and inside player (10 rebounds against the Toreadores, 9 vs. King City) was vying for a starting position. She also plays

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Third-year starter Jessie Chen, a junior, is a multitalented guard who led Stevenson with 25 buckets from beyond the 3-point arc a year



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Editorial

Muskonomics

ELON MUSK has started numerous successful companies, created tens of thousands of good jobs, generated a huge amount of tax revenue for all levels of government, made many investors rich, and is even responsible for putting more than 60 percent of satellites circling the Earth into orbit. And did we mention that, with a self-made fortune of about \$400 billion, he is the richest person who has ever lived?

In the last two years, he has also become one of the most controversial figures of our era, not only by taking over Twitter and removing many of its previous strictures on free speech, but by vocally supporting Donald Trump for president and embracing his role as one of Trump's chief advisors. Needless to say, many people who despise Trump also now hate Musk.

But like him or not, he has shown a remarkable mastery of the principles of free market economics and how they can be utilized to provide the greatest benefit to the most people. In other words, he not only knows how to make money for himself, he knows how to help other people make money, too.

Witness this post he put on X (formerly Twitter) just last week:

"To improve the true economy, which is output of useful products & services, we need to shift people from low- to negative-productivity jobs in government to high-productivity jobs in the private sector. This is what really matters at a fundamental level."

To understand his point, we first have to consider that being productive isn't just a matter of creating something other people are willing to pay for. They have to be willing to pay more for the thing, either a material object or a service, than it cost to make. Which is to say that productivity is the difference in value between a person's input and output.

There are millions of productive jobs in the American economy — everything from street sweeper to nuclear physicist, construction worker to farmer, and short-order cook to IT administrator. But there are also many jobs that are minimally productive or even have negative productivity, as Musk put it, such as unnecessary bureaucratic or administrative roles, compliance officers, and consultants who advise on political correctness. For such people, the input (usually their salary and benefits) is greater than their output. In some cases, paying them may be politically expedient, but it's almost always a drain on the economy.

A productive person is paid with money they helped create, while an unproductive person is paid with money generated by somebody else. To maximize the prosperity in an economic system, there should be as many as possible of the former, and as few as possible of the latter. Unfortunately, our government has grown into a morass of unproductive people costing their productive brethren hundreds of billions of dollars a year.

Musk isn't the first person to make this point, of course. You can read all about it in books by people like Adam Smith ("The Wealth of Nations"), Friedrich Hayek ("The Road to Serfdom") and Milton Friedman ("Capitalism and Freedom"). Or you can consult a speech President John F. Kennedy made in December 1962 to the Economic Club of New York.

Perhaps because he was a Democrat, it's scarcely remembered today that Kennedy worked hard for significant cuts in federal taxes while he was in office — and this was a time when the nation's tax burden was much lower than it is today.

Reducing taxes, Kennedy maintained, would do wonders for the economy. In a December 1962 speech to the Economic Club of New York, Kennedy used no-nonsense terms to explain what he believed was the relationship between taxes and prosperity:

"The final and best means of strengthening demand among consumers and business is to reduce the burden on private income and the deterrents to private initiative which are imposed by our present tax system," Kennedy said.

The tax rates imposed in the aftermath of World War II, he continued, "exerted too heavy a drag on growth, siphoned out of the private economy too large a share of personal and business purchasing power, and reduced the financial incentives for personal effort, investment, and risk-taking."

To increase demand and lift the economy, the federal government's most useful role, Kennedy said, "is not to rush into a program of excessive increases in public expenditures, but to expand the incentives and opportunities for private expenditures."

In other words, the government should organize itself not to tax and spend for political reasons, but to maximize productivity in the private sector.

We're not sure that Elon Musk knows about Kennedy's speech, but he acts like he's inspired by it every day.

BEST of BATES



"If a tree falls in the forest and nobody hears it, does that mean the phone lines are down in Pebble Beach?"

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'Under no circumstances' **Dear Editor,**

As someone who favors high gas prices, high food prices, high crime rates, the indoctrination and mutilation of children, and millions of unvetted illegal aliens pouring across our border, I commend Governor Newsom for his \$25 million taxpayer-funded effort to "Trump-proof" California.

I'm relieved that under no circumstances will our governor allow President Trump to improve the lives of Californians.

Doug Gamble, Carmel

Bridge to everywhere Dear Editor,

This is my wish come true! I have been hoping for a way to connect Palo Corona to Highway 1 and over to Carmel for bikes. It would be fantastic to not have to risk riding on Carmel Valley Road. Just hope I live

long enough to see it. Thanks to all those who are advocating for this!

Nicole Jakaby, Carmel Valley

No stop signs in Paris Dear Editor,

Carmel-by-the-Sea is a pretty calm town, traffic-wise. Narrow streets and few sidewalks are the biggest reasons. And yet, more stop signs are popping up ("Council to consider four-way stops," Dec. 6).

Consider the amazing fact the City of Paris has not a single stop sign. Traffic on the right always has priority when two vehicles arrive at an intersection at the same time. Driving is hardly stress-free there, and there are plenty of traffic signals (unlike Carmel), but for whatever reason, Parisians would rather not introduce stop signs into the mix.

Scott Mace, Carmel

Water crusade Dear Editor,

Last Friday the California State Lands Commission traveled to Marina to seek our communities' inputs on Cal Am's desalination project and the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project. Speakers covered all aspects of the decade-long relentless struggle to stop Cal Am's water assault on the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin's critically overdrafted aquifers. They unmasked Cal Am's "Big Lie" that it is only extracting ocean water and its ominous goal to devastate Marina's public water agency, the Marina Coast Water District, as the

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When 007 had stage fright, she was a ready with a Life Saver

WHEN MAGGIE Hardy was 7, her mother took her, her two brothers and her sister to England, Spain and Italy for a year. "My mother had a passion for travel," and was not going to be hindered by four children, she explained. In Torremolinos, Spain, a handsome American in a vacation home next to theirs visited often for dinner. He taught the children to collect rosemary from nearby bushes and add it to the fireplace to scent the house. "To this day, whenever I smell rosemary, it reminds me

how Gary Cooper showed us how to do

Hardy's dad was a doctor serving in the

that and how wonderful it was," she said.

South Pacific during World War II. "My

mom was this beautiful, magnetic young

woman who headed up the Red Cross in

Guam, Guadalcanal and New Caledonia,"

Hardy said. They married and moved to

Massachusetts, where Hardy was born.

On her 11th birthday, they relocated to

the Eastern Shore of Maryland, on a river

that flowed into Chesapeake Bay. "We had

ducks and birds and all kinds of wildlife, and I learned to sail. I grew up with boats,

Bare feet

a boarding school in Washington D.C., the

music of the Beach Boys and the pictures

their songs painted summoned her to Cal-

ifornia for college. "I wanted to be where

the sun shown and you walked around in

your bare feet," said Hardy. She gradu-

ated from Whittier College in 1970 with a

major in journalism and political science

and minors in art, and speech and drama.

She then completed a master's degree in

urban studies at Occidental College.

In 1972, at 23, Hardy

went to work for State Sen.

Mervyn Dymally. For his

successful 1974 campaign

for lieutenant governor,

she handled scheduling and

media relations, which she loved. That led to assign-

ments doing media and

advance work for presiden-

tial trips to California for

Presidents Jimmy Carter

Hardy was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown in

1978 to the board of the

California Department of

Consumer Affairs to help

investigate and deal with

corruption. She was enam-

ored with California poli-

tics. "It was a fascinating

time for me, meeting and

working with Assembly

Speakers Jesse Unruh and

Willie Brown and countless

others." She was shaken by

and Bill Clinton.

After she graduated from Holton-Arms,

and I loved it all," she said.

Great Lives

the news of the 1978 assassination of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone after an hour's visit with him two days earlier.

Summer Olympics

She worked for the California State Museum from 1980 to 1982 and spoke with admiration of novelist Irving Stone, whom she worked with on an exhibit. "He was such an endearing man and loved Leonardo da Vinci as I did," she related. He got permission to take her to UCLA's

Elmer Belt Library of Vinciana, a celebrated da Vinci collection. "We spent all day drooling over evidence of his astounding genius," By CARLIN JARDINE she reminisced.

At the L.A. Chamber of Commerce, Hardy heard Peter Ueberroth speak of his plans for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics — of which he was president and CEO — and said to herself, "I want to work for that man."

A friend, Robert Riger, a longtime artist and photographer for Sports Illustrated, wrote a letter of recommendation. Hardy met Ueberroth and was hired as his associate vice president of public information, overseeing a staff of 600. "I loved every second of it. He is such a brilliant man,' she said, noting that she appreciated his confidence in her on such a massive project. "Under Ueberroth's leadership, we pulled off a miracle." The 1984 Summer Olympics are widely considered to be the most financially successful and best-run Olympics of modern times.

'It was you'

After the Games, a friend told her Samuel Goldwyn Jr. mentioned at a dinner party that he was seeking an executive director for his charitable foundation. "I told him it was you," the friend said. Hardy met with Goldwyn and within a half-hour was hired.

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With a gift for organization, Maggie Hardy has worked on the Olympics, the Academy Awards and in California government

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A LUMINOUS SOUL LEFT A DOUR AND DESPONDENT COUNTRY BEHIND

IN THE Soviet Union, where he grew up, Edward Drapkin owned two pairs of shoes — one for summer, one for winter for 15 years. Families typically had meat on their dinner tables just once a month. People there seemed dour, despondent,

"Life was no good, terrible, struggling schmutz ... like in a terrible Third-World or Fourth-World country," remembered the 84-year-old Carmel artist, whose detailed, highly expressive sculptures reflect those bleak surroundings, a philosophical mind and his own luminous, playful sense of humor in equal parts.

"This person stood naked on a beach

in Torremolinos, Spain," Drapkin reminisced as he rotated a statuette he created from a surreptitious sketch he made.

"From a distance, I thought I was seeing a very old man," he recalled. "But as I moved closer I realized this was an old lady, probably in her 90s."

The woman is hairless and horribly hunched. Her sagging, wrinkled flesh and bulbous paunch hang loosely from a weary skeleton. He said it was inspired by his musings about the impact of nature and time on the human body.

Drapkin's home in the hills near Carmel High School is a museum of

thoughtful sculptures he began creating in 1998, after losing his job in Silicon Valley.

'Pretending to be a sculptor'

"Between 8 and 5, I was looking for work. After 5 p.m., I pretended to be a sculptor," said Drapkin, who is mostly self-taught. Each of his works has a face creased with character, experience and secrets, along with an inspired backstory that the artist, who was a trained actor in the USSR, shares with panache.

"This one is dedicated to my grandpa,

who was a tailor," he said of his rendering

of a bearded man with aging eyes. He is

seated, hunched forward, deftly pulling a

threaded needle through the garment on his

good tailor, and once upon a time a colo-

nel came to his house saying he had been

promoted to general and needed a new

uniform," Drapkin said, sharing a slice of

'Can you do it?" the officer asked.

months later, dressed the man, from cap to

boots, in a new uniform.

"Of course," said the tailor, who, two

"You've made me look like a hero!" the

"My grandfather was considered a very

Carmel's Artists

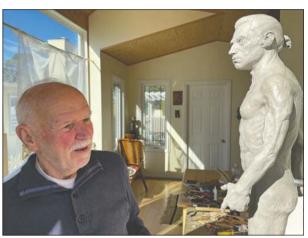
general exclaimed when he saw himself in the mirror.

Drapkin's ever-evolving oeuvre also includes a depiction of psychiatrist Sigmund Freud in a long, white beard and wearing thick eyeglasses. He sits crosslegged on a bench, staring pensively into

"He is thinking about his inner child," explained the artist, lifting Freud's widebrimmed hat to reveal an infant — a figment of the doctor's imagination - emerging from his bald head.

His father redesigned tanks

Born in the Soviet Ukraine city of



Edward Drapkin, 84, a native of the Soviet Union, creates expressive sculptures in the studio of the Carmel home he shares with his wife, Natasha Lipkin. They've been married since 2003.

> Kharkiv in October 1940, Drapkin was 8 months old when World War II erupted in Europe, and his father, an engineer, was evacuated to the Ural Mountains to build military tanks.

> "My father changed the technology of the way they welded turrets onto the tanks," he said. "His ingenuity caused enemy shells to ricochet off the turret, rather than blow it up.'

> In 1958, Drapkin left Kharkiv to fulfill his own mandatory service in the Soviet

Army, where he commanded a radar station.

"I hated the army," he said. "The Soviet Army likes the stupid people, because they are the most loyal and will follow orders

without thinking.

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Then he made his way to the Leningrad Institute of Theater, Music and Cinematography in Russia, hoping to become an

'Actor-schmactor!'

"First time I go to Leningrad, my luck is zero. Second time I go, the next year, my luck is zero. And I feel like, 'actor-schmactor!" he remembered.

Near the exit of the building, the disillusioned Drapkin was approached by a young woman. "Go upstairs to the department of puppeteer theater," she told him.

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Between 2011 and 2021, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health reported the number of girls ages 12 to 17 suffering from major depressive episodes jumped from 12 percent to 30 percent. Boys also reported a rise, with episodes increasing from 5 percent to 11 percent over the same period.

Teen suicide on the rise

Teen suicide rates are also up in America. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show the number of teen girls killing themselves doubled between 2007 and 2022. The rate of suicide for teen boys increased during the same time period, although not as drastically.

The mother of a teen who took her own life spoke at Monday's press conference in support of warning labels for social media.

"My beautiful daughter, Alexandra, isn't here to tell her story because she died by suicide four months ago at the age of 16. There is not a bone in my body that doesn't believe social media played a role in leading her to that final irreversible decision," said Hinks.

Hinks said her daughter was led down dark rabbit holes on social media where eating disorders and self-harm were glamorized.

Dr. Jean Twenge, a psychology professor at San Diego State University and author of the book, "iGen," has been studying the correlation between social media and teen mental health. Twenge's research shows eighth graders who spend 10 or more hours per week on social media are 56 percent more likely to describe themselves as unhappy than those who spend less time on platforms. She also found that teenagers who spend five or more hours per day on their devices are 71 percent more likely to demonstrate a risk factor for suicide.

The proposed warning label will face vigorous debate, over its potential effectiveness and possible violation of the First Amendment. Tech companies and affiliated trade organizations have already signaled they're ready for a fight.

"I think there is a clear constitutional defect with this bill and, should it be passed into law, it will be set aside by the courts,' said Todd O'Boyle with the Chamber of Progress, a tech-backed coalition.

O'Boyle said a mandated warning is an issue of compelled speech and noted a court could rule the label is viewpoint discrimination, as it singles out online speech over other forms of speech.

The tech coalition also argues social media provides an enormous benefit to

"You apply warning labels to products like tobacco. Tobacco has absolutely no health benefits. There is no safe amount of tobacco, but we do know that large numbers of young people really benefit from social media," said O'Boyle.

'Unsupportive' households

He said this is especially true of kids in "unsupportive" households who may find a helpful community online.

Instead of warning labels, O'Boyle would like to see the California Legislature develop a safe social media curriculum for school districts.

'That would include things like how to know when you are looking at misinformation, how to judge fact from fiction, also how to be safe online and how to know when to put the phone down," he said.

The Pine Cone has been a member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce for more than 100 years.



A parent of two daughters, O'Boyle said it is up to parents to teach kids about social media and decide when certain technologies should be introduced.

On Monday, Bonta said he is ready to take on Big Tech if a legal battle ensues.

"We expect a lawsuit. We always expect lawsuits, so we will fight in court, but the fact that we might get sued down the road, after an important law that protects our children is passed, will not slow us down," he said.

Meta lawsuit

Monday's backing of AB 56 wasn't a standalone act for Bonta. In 2023, he was part of a bipartisan coalition of 33 state attorneys general who filed a lawsuit against Meta accusing it of using features that addict kids.

Bonta also heeded the call of the Surgeon General earlier this year and joined with a different set of 42 states' attorneys general, this time to call for social media warning labels nationwide.

Kids, phones and social media have been on the minds of many lawmakers across California this year. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed several bills designed to reduce the amount of time kids spend on social media, including the Phone-Free School Act.

The law requires schools to develop and implement plans limiting or prohibiting smartphone use during school hours in time for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The State of California isn't the only entity looking for ways to curb social media use. Australia passed a full social media ban for anyone under 16 earlier this year, setting itself up as a test case for taking on Big Tech.

Other countries, including France, as well as some U.S. states, have passed laws to restrict access for minors without a parent's permission. In Florida, a full social media ban for kids under 14 is being challenged in court on free speech grounds.

Kahan's bill, AB 56, is expected in committee as early as January.

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"They don't have anybody — you'll be one of the first!"

The advice was life-changing for Drapkin, who learned to create, manipulate and lend his voice to marionettes.

After earning a Master of Fine Arts degree from the institute, he spent 16 years with Leningrad's Bolshoi Puppet Theater as an actor, assistant director, artistic director, and puppet maker, and won national and international awards for his work in television and film.

His most prestigious prize was almost accidental. In 1975, while setting up lighting at an international festival in Bulgaria, Drapkin was ordered by a frustrated director to step in as a last-minute replacement for a lead actor who was too drunk to

"I had not rehearsed. I stayed up that night trying to memorize the script and ad-libbed the lines I didn't know. I went onstage in a wolf costume and limped through the play with a torn meniscus in my knee," he remembered.

Drapkin was surprised to be presented with the festival's Best Male Actor award, a competition that included performers representing 16 theaters from all over the

"The jury thought my limp onstage was part of my performance. They thought it was funny and added some personality to my character," he recalled with a grin.

Four years later, after bribing a Soviet official with most of his savings, Drapkin defected to the United States, made his way to Silicon Valley and, in 1979, began a 30-year career as a mechanical designer and electromechanical engineering technician.

'Jim Henson has died'

In 1990, after wrangling a two-month leave of absence from his employer, he seized an opportunity to teach summer classes in puppetry, script writing, producing, directing and acting at the Eugene O'Neill Cultural Center in Connecticut. The program was to be overseen by legendary Muppets creator Jim Henson.

"I got in my Toyota Corolla and started driving from the Bay area to Connecticut," he said. "I spent the first night in Utah, then turned on the car radio the next morning and heard, 'Jim Henson died last night from unknown causes."

Drapkin drove on, found his way to Henson's celebration of life at St. John's Cathedral in New York and discovered tickets were being sold at the door for \$40 to \$250.

"I walked back to my car and I heard

someone shouting, 'Edward! Edward Drapkin!'" he said. "I turned and saw the woman who had presented me with my Best Male Actor award 15 years earlier in Bulgaria." She darted inside and returned with a

VIP ticket for Drapkin, who watched the service from the front of a church filled with 5,000 mourners.

His VIP ticket also admitted him to a banquet, where he met director Frank Oz, who collaborated with Henson on "Sesame Street" and seven Muppet movies.

After learning from Oz that Henson's company seemed likely to be in disarray for at least a year, Drapkin headed for home, where more stunning news awaited. His wife had left him for another man.

'My beautiful Natasha'

In 1998, the newly divorced Drapkin serendipitously reconnected with Russian acquaintance Natasha Lipkin — "my beautiful, beautiful Natasha," he calls her today — whom he married in 2003. They moved to Carmel in 2010.

Since 1998, Drapkin has exhibited his art, including paintings, in New York, Los Angeles, San Diego, Carmel, Boston, the San Francisco Bay area and St. Petersburg, Russia, but insists he's still learning and growing as a sculptor.

The only work he currently shows publicly, "The Centaurus and the Mermaid," is a stunning bronze at Carmel Valley Art Association, but Drapkin is perpetually adding to his body of work, working toward the goal of a solo exhibit.

Images of his art and additional information can be found online at edwardssculpture.com.

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PacRep's 'Jersey Boys' is canceled

A MUSICAL that pays tribute to the legacy of the early 1960s hit musical group, the Four Seasons, PacRep Theatre's production of "Jersey Boys" has been canceled, the theater group announced. The musical opened Nov. 15 at the recently reopened Golden Bough Playhouse and was expected to run through Dec. 22.

"Unfortunately, due to medical issues and further circumstances beyond our control, PacRep is unable to continue our production of 'Jersey Boys,'" the theater group reported.

Options for ticketholders include transferring tickets to "any regular performance in our 2025 Season," or "converting your ticket purchase to a donation to help the company through this challenging time." "If this is not possible, refunds will be offered," PacRep added.

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of everyone involved and an apology from the city for closing the beach. The lawsuit demanded a jury trial.

As it had done previously, Monterey County filed a motion for dismissal "for failing to state a cause of action or cognizable legal claim for which relief can be granted," and the city's lawyers filed a similar motion a month later. In November 2023, Cousins again dismissed Buccola's complaint without prejudice and recommended she take advantage of the court's legal help desk. He also struck her demand for punitive damages, since municipalities cannot be subject to them.

Buccola filed her second amended complaint in December 2023, and it was soon followed, once again, by motions for dismissal filed by the city and county.

Lawyers in trouble

Numerous filings and hearings have occurred throughout the year, including disputes over discovery, protective orders, and Buccola's failed efforts to get the judge, Cousins, recused.

In an additional twist, the city's lawyers with Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont LLP were referred by Cousins to the Standing Committee on Professional Conduct for the Northern District because they were not members of the bar of the district.

Regardless of that setback, the judge dismissed Buccola's case. He had granted the county's motion for dismissal in August and on Oct. 24 granted the city's motion to dismiss because Buccola failed to comply with a discovery order and told the court she would not do so.

"Plaintiff does not dispute that she

violated the court's discovery order. The only question at issue, then, is whether dismissal is the appropriate sanction as requested by the Carmel defendants," Cousins wrote in his decision. "The court concludes it is, based on an analysis of the relevant factors and plaintiff's representations. Plaintiff's arguments to the contrary focus only on whether her failure to comply with the court's order was justified, and are unavailing.

The court therefore dismisses this action as to all Carmel defendants but declines to award costs or fees on the motion."

'Abuse of discretion'

But Buccola is still fighting. On Nov. 27, she filed a motion to vacate more than a dozen orders and judgments - including the dismissals — "due to the ongoing deprivation of the plaintiff's due process rights and abuse of judicial discretion," and another document declaring that the court, its magistrates, the defendants and "unidentified attorneys" had also deprived her of her rights "by multiple non-responses.'

She argued every action of the sanctioned attorneys should be voided.

"To say the plaintiff/claimant has been disappointed by the judicial confusion and abuse of discretion would be an understatement. She had expected to find the justice our country prides itself on, instead she has discovered bias, collusion and conspiracy, RICO, Title 241 and 242 violations, and has many times been in shock at the way this court has conducted its affairs, shown unspeakable and criminal leniency to her opponents while bulldozing over her Godgiven, constitutionally protected rights, which began on the beach with the defendants over four years ago."

She also said she "lays claim to her \$19,690,952 default judgment."

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sacrificial lamb in favor of its Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.

To increase Cal Am's political influence and harm, Mary Ann Leffel, Monterey Peninsula Airport District board chair, directed a "hostile takeover" of Marina's chamber of commerce to promote the MPWSP crusade.

Leffel volunteered to fill a temporary vacuum as president, but then refused to step aside; Leffel, along with her new member allies, voted Cal Am in as a chamber of commerce member. Cal Am has cost Marina \$12.7 million to date in litigation expenses to protect and preserve Marina's water supply from Cal Am encroachment. Despite Marina City Council members requesting that Leffel relinquish her role, Leffel stubbornly moved instead to pack the chamber with cronies to ensure the Cal Am membership victory.

Leffel had previously corruptly blocked the Local Agency Formation Commission's approval for Measure J's constitutional voter-approved eminent domain buyout of Cal Am, even though staff and independent expert financial analysts had recommended approval.

Leffel neither lives in Marina, nor operates a business there. Cal Am and Leffel must resign because they constitute a detrimental and unsustainable menace to Marina.

> **Margaret-Anne Coppernoll,** Marina

Electoral College = *voter suppression* Dear Editor.

You are absolutely correct that the Electoral College will never be changed through a constitutional amendment process, but I think you are missing the point of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Whether Trump wins the Electoral College by two votes or by 500 makes absolutely no difference in any tangible way. He wins and therefore becomes president with all of its rights and responsibilities. You either win the election or you lose it, and that is all that matters.

The NPVIC would have delivered the proper victor in 2024, in this case Trump, because he won the popular vote.

But here is where eliminating the power of the Electoral College does make a difference. Rather than having all the campaigning and the lion's share of the campaign spending going into a handful of "battleground" swing states that determine the outcome, if there were no Electoral College, every vote throughout the land would count equally. Currently, if you live in a solidly partisan state like Illinois or Oklahoma, the incentive for turnout is minimized. Why bother to vote when the outcome is obvious? There are other good reasons to turn out, i.e., downballot races and propositions, but not everyone thinks that way.

More than 6 million voters in California voted for Trump and it counted for zero in the Electoral College, because Harris got more than 9 million votes. But 7 million registered Californians did not show up to the polls this November, and 4 million more eligible Californians are not even registered. Fully 40 percent of eligible Californians were no-shows this year. There is no way to

know how many chose to stay home because the presidential outcome was predetermined in our state, but it's a sure bet that that number is over a million and possibly

We live in a democratic republic, and encouraging all qualified citizens to participate in elections strengthens our republic. The Electoral College is the largest voter suppression influence on the electorate, and the sooner it is eliminated or disabled, the better off our country will be.

> Michael Baer, San Jose

HR 10218 averts nuclear war Dear Editor,

President Biden puts the world at the brink of nuclear war by allowing American long-range ATACMS missiles to be fired into Russia using American personnel, American satellites, American targeting, and American intelligence.

Former U.N. weapons inspector Scott Ritter has talked with Russian officials. They view this as a direct U.S. attack on Russia, putting the United States in a state of war with Russia and triggering Russia's nuclear doctrine.

Urge members of Congress to sponsor HR 10218, introduced by Rep. Clay Higgins to prohibit ATACMS missiles to Ukraine and take diplomatic measures to reduce the current threat of nuclear war. Last Saturday the National Press Club hosted "No Nuclear War: A Call to Reason," with panels of experts moderated by Scott Ritter and Medea Benjamin, available on YouTube.

It is urgent to act now. Nuclear war destroys everything, including our future. No one wins.

Nina Beety, Monterey

Carmel High helps others give back Dear Editor,

Every December CASA of Monterey County offers the children and youth in foster care across the county whom we serve a memorable holiday experience: the chance to "shop" at our office for gifts to give to the people in their lives whom they love. "Gift of Giving" is a joyful and important event for everybody — the children and youth, our dedicated staff and volunteers, and the many local organizations who support the event by collecting and donating gifts.

I write to thank students and teachers at Carmel High School for a wonderful and generous project they completed in late November collecting gifts for this project.

Under the guidance of Aubrey Powers, six teachers participated in a Gift Drive Competition. CHS students donated more than 400 gifts as part of the drive. They created an Amazon wishlist to help families make purchases easily and had great success thanks to an outpouring of support. The winning class was Ms. Ward's 2nd period. Our congratulations and thanks to all of you.

On behalf of the entire CASA organization, we thank Carmel High School teachers and students for your sustained commitment to this project and for your overwhelming success. You have made it possible for hundreds of children and youth to celebrate the holidays in the most meaningful way possible — by giving back to those they

Beth Wilbur, executive director, CASA



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He will return for a hearing in January, however, at which his attorney plans to fight for the return of \$1,007 in cash the officers took off Juarez when he was arrested.

Continued official retention of legal property with no further criminal action pending violates the owner's due process rights," Koppekin's office argued in a recent court filing.

Since the district attorney's office hasn't initiated the forfeiture proceedings that would be required in order to seize the cash, and since it was unlikely connected with the crimes because jewelry was stolen — not money – the lawyer said, "all U.S. currency must be returned to Mr. Juarez." A court hearing on the motion has been set for Jan.14.

The stolen jewelry was never recovered.

HONORS

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according to Panetta's office.

Alvarez is the recipient of a Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

After he was released from captivity in 1973, Alvarez attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, where he received a master's degree in operations research and systems analysis. He later worked for the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington D.C.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan named Alvarez deputy director of the Peace Corps, and a year later, the president appointed him deputy administrator of the Veterans Administration.

'Uncommon courage'

Panetta thanked Sen. Alex Padilla for carrying the bill in the Senate and honored Alvarez for his "uncommon courage, resilience, and bravery."

"The Everett Alvarez Jr. Congressional Gold Medal Act recognizes his heroism with the highest honor Congress can bestow," Panetta said. "When our nation faces tough times and serious challenges for our future, we look to the service and sacrifice of those like Commander Everett Alvarez, Jr. to remind and inspire us as to what it takes for our democracy to endure."

Everett Alvarez High School is named after the veteran, as well as a park in Santa Clara County and a post office in Montgomery County, Md.

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- infrequently, at first — in the county around 12 months

"It has now become a lot more common," Grover told The Pine Cone this week, adding that at least one person a week in his clinic, Pacific Rehabilitation & Pain, tests positive for xylazine.

The availability of the drug varies regionally. For instance, in Philadelphia, Grover said, a study two years ago found that xylazine was present in 26 percent of fatal drug overdoses.

"In this same 2022 study, there were no deaths involving xylazine in Denver or Phoenix," he said.

Since the federal government hasn't addressed the xylazine threat, Panetta and the other lawmakers said there's a patchwork of regulations at the state level, which, "while well-intended, risks driving legitimate xylazine producers out of the market due to legal uncertainty and jeopardizes research into testing and treatment."

CALENDAR

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Independence Day be recognized.

She also asked Doneux to consider fewer "ethnic cultural-specific" events and more "American cultural-specific" events and some "European-American cultural" holidays.

Doneux didn't appear to like Bui's suggestions, saying he would "really have to reflect on that and think about it." While claiming that the calendar is intended to be "all about inclusion and diversity," Doneux went on to say he didn't want to "blanderize" the list.

Still grappling with the idea of including more European and American events, Doneux said a question that needs to be answered is, "What is a real cultural event in light of the purpose of this task force?"

"I would need to see the purpose and mission statement of the task force again and reflect on that" before making changes to the calendar, he said.

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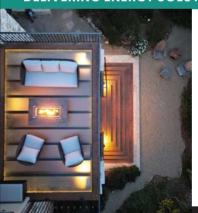
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The latest gifts, wrapped in tradition and memories

By ELAINE HESSER

WHERE DID you first meet Santa Claus? For many children of the 1970s and 80s, it was the local shopping center. Of course, walking among that many stores inevitably raised existential questions like, "How can Santa simultaneously be at Sears and in the food court?"

Nevertheless, surrounded by decorations, unconsciously humming along to "Deck the Halls" and enveloped in a familiar yet intoxicating blend of aromas from perfume samples, pine branches and food courts, it was easy to feel festive. Locally, The Barnyard Shopping Village, Carmel Plaza, The Crossroads Carmel and Del Monte Center still eagerly welcome customers to California-style winter wonderlands.

We spoke with the women who manage these complexes about what it takes to maintain the magic in these days of clicking and scrolling.

Anne Sierra spent 25 years working for Macy's, beginning right out of college at the retailer's Del Monte Shopping Center outlet. In December 2023, she returned to the Monterey shopping center as its general manager. She said that although online purchasing has its place, it can't duplicate the in-person experience. "It is exciting to see firsthand the latest merchandise and be able to touch, feel and try on garments," she said.

Making connections

Kristin Torrice, general manager of Carmel Plaza since August 2021, noted, "While staying home and clicking 'add to cart' is convenient, shopping in person makes you feel immersed in the holiday spirit with decorations, sparkling lights, and seasonal music."

Carmel native Cynthia Buhl, in her 21st year at The Crossroads, agreed. "Nothing beats the connection you get with store owners and employees or when you unexpect-





Carmel Plaza and other local shopping centers are great places to get into the holiday spirit and interact with real, live people.

edly run into your friends and neighbors." Not only that, she said, there's "the good feeling you get knowing that by shopping local, you're helping the store and the people working there."

Creating the right atmosphere is important. "Each year, The Barnyard installs a 16-foot holiday tree," said Marilyn Schultz, who's been running that center since 2015. A professional lighting and decorating company "strings additional garden and building lighting, hangs two or three dozen wreaths, countless red bows, and decorates the tree, which takes at least four people one full day," she added.

Sierra said building Santa's house and putting in all the lights, trees and decorations at Del Monte Center requires about a week, but preparations begin months ahead,

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Bark once for Chewy Vuiton, twice for Pawda

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

WHAT EDDIE, an 11-year-old German shepherd, seems to love most about Christmas is that the gifts his person gives him are wrapped in paper. Apparently it is the chase and the challenge — more than the discovery of the contents — that delight him as he holds down the package with paw and starts shredding it with his teeth.

Typically the present, a darling dog toy, slips out across the floor, unnoticed, while Eddie continues to wrestle with the wrapping.

"Eddie knows when he sees a wrapped gift that he needs to open it," said his person, Linda Toplarski of Monterey. "And he usually moves on to unwrap the next present before playing with whatever he's opened."

Sometimes, Eddie will pause his paper-shredding, study his overflowing toy basket, and begin to unload it, one item at a time. Then he'll study the situation and put them all back before unwrapping more gifts.

"Eddie doesn't need another toy," Toplarski said, "but he has more coming. 'Tis the season, and we can't forget

Santa would never neglect the needs of a family dog, so we'd better be sure there's a stocking hung by the chimney with care. And if the Jolly Old Elf happened to swing by Diggidy Dog in Carmel, Fido might find a long-lasting Himalayan brand dog chew or two, flavored with pumpkin, blueberry, strawberry or mint. He also might discover a cookie, perhaps a snowman, candy cane, Christmas tree, pumpkin pie, or doggy donut made of sweet potato and peanut butter and frosted with a yogurt glaze.

Store manager Demetrius Mikell advising thinking a bit and reading labels before you buy, reminding everyone that dogs can have food allergies, too. Also, he said, "Since dogs have different levels of chewing, you don't want something too hard if your dog is older, or too big, if you have a smaller dog.'

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"It's important to buy the best toy for your particular dog," he continued. "If he tends to tear toys apart, look for a more durable, longer-lasting toy. A Fluff and Tuff is a really good choice, as are Hartz Dura Play and Spunky Pup."

High-society dogs might want to be treated to a plaything or accessory by Chewy Vuiton or Pawda Toys. Or perhaps a shiny, blinged-out collar by Smoochers, said Mikell, available in many colors, plus light-up collars for







Dogs like Eddie (top left) can't wait to unwrap their presents, especially when they come from one of the area's many excellent pet supply stores, Diggidy Dog.

nighttime or predawn constitutionals. As the season shifts into cooler weather, a short- or smooth-coat pup might appreciate a puffer jacket or perhaps a buffalo-plaid thermal. They come in an array of solid colors to suit his or her aesthetic. Around here, they're also useful in July.

Keeping things calm

Another important gift is safety and security during a season of unexpected interruptions to their home environment and routines.

A house full of party guests can overwhelm a pup, causing him to become anxious, overexcited. That could lead to barking, pacing, destruction, or withdrawal. Situating him and his bed in a quiet room during humans' social hour and visiting with him periodically may help him feel safer and more relaxed.

Removing a pet from the party guest list also will keep him from sneaking holiday food from the table when no one's looking.

While it's okay to give your dog a treat now and then, it should be a small, healthy one based on his diet, not scraps from the party. No candy, chocolate, alcohol, small bones, milk, raisins, nuts, apple seeds, onions, garlic, or yeasty bread for your four-legged friend.

Once the soiree's over, store leftovers out of reach and secure the trash. Then, reunite with your pets to reassure them it's safe to venture back into their home environment.

Which leads us to the most meaningful gift we can give our dogs during the holidays, and always: Ourselves. What our dogs really desire is time with us.

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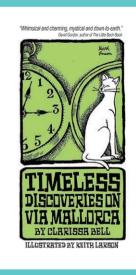
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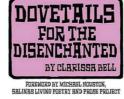
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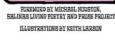














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HOLIDAY GUIDE

What do high school students want? We asked one.

By TULLAH MCCOLL

GIFT-GIVING ISN'T everyone's forte, and not knowing what to buy for loved ones can cause stress around the holidays. The struggle can become more apparent for adults who have to shop for the beloved teenagers in their lives. That's understandable — teens can be indecisive and unclear when it comes to what they want. I know — I'm a junior in high school. However, there's no need to stress. Here are some suggestions.

Although sweatpants and hoodies can be seen as overly casual, trendy loungewear has become a staple in every teen's wardrobe. With Carmel's unpredictable weather, good quality hoodies, sweatshirts and sweats are valuable items in teens' closets. Carmel Surf Shop (San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth) has comfortable jackets and pullovers, along with fashionable sweatpants. Lululemon carries popular and comfortable pants and outerwear, as does Hollister, both found at Del Monte Shopping Center. If you're looking for a more versatile item, fleece jackets and puffer jackets, like Patagonia or North Face, are items many teenagers would look forward to and can be found

at Coast Carmel (on the corner of Ocean and San Carlos) or The Treadmill in the Crossroads. Jackets like these are fashionable, extremely comfortable and warm.

'Pretty specific'

On the other hand, if you're tired of seeing the teens in your life looking like they just came from gym class or rolled out of bed, jeans are still necessities. Since its release in 1873, Levi's denim has never gone out of style, and Carbon California (Ocean and San Carlos) has it for men and women. Other basic, yet practical, clothing items can be found at Faherty Carmel, just across the street. The shop carries simple T-shirts and long-sleeved tops, along with flannels. Whether it be a light underlayer flannel shirt, or a quilted linen flannel jacket, plaid is timeless and always a good addition.

Sometimes, buying clothes for teens can be difficult—we can be pretty specific with our choices. If you are

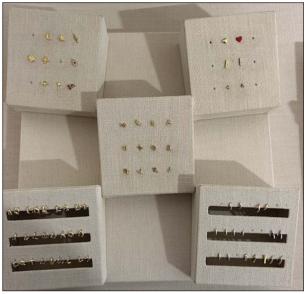
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(Top right) Carmel Surf Shop has clothes for winter beach weather, or (above, from left) consider a cozy jacket from Coast Carmel, timeless flannel from Faherty Carmel, Levis from Carbon or jewelry from Gorjana.



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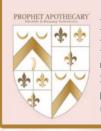
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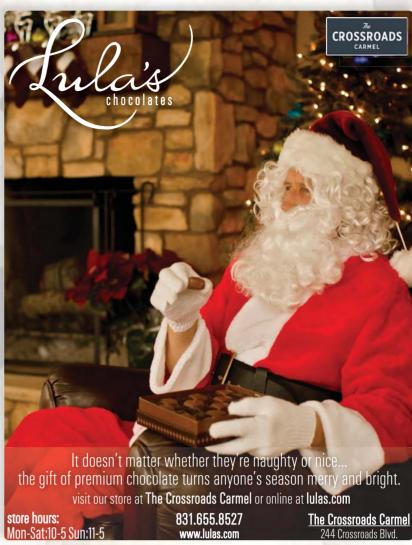


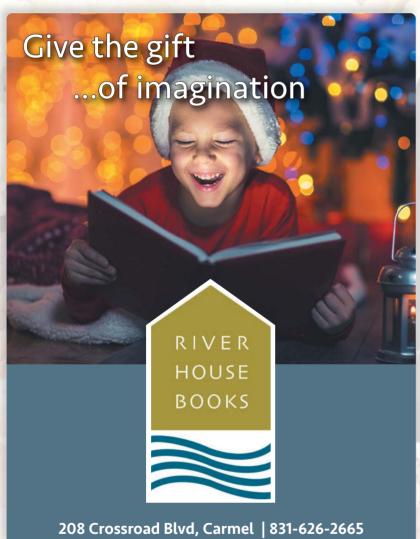
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DOING YOUR holiday shopping at a local benefit shop lets you support a good cause while checking people off your gift list. Head over to Carmel Rancho shopping center, where on Carmel Rancho Boulevard alone you'll find three such spots Joining Hands, the SPCA, and Yellow Brick Road. It's no wonder some call it "thrift shop row." Over the hill in Pacific Grove, there's Spirals Consignment and Benefit as well as the Animal Friends Rescue Project Treasure Shop.

All of the benefit shops featured here scrutinize donations, from single items dropped off at the shops, to large estates, so merchandise is guaranteed to be in great condition. Besides, it's fun to find something from the past that sparks memories in the recipient's mind, or a hard-to-find piece of jewelry or collectible. Also, there is a rapid turnover of goods. Something you spot one day may be gone the next, so don't let that unique painting or music box get away from you.

Joining Hands Benefit Shop is the fundraising vehicle for Interfaith Outreach of Carmel, a nonprofit that gives grants to local agencies providing housing services on the Monterey Peninsula such as I-HELP, the Carmel Foundation, Community Human Services, and many others. This year, the organization surpassed \$1 million in funds granted since opening in 2010, all thanks to the proceeds from its benefit shop. Goods include shoes and clothing, as well as household treasures like records, fine china, golf clubs, and furniture.

For the critters

Down the row — for the animal lovers out there, which we know are legion you'll find the SPCA Benefit Shop, sup-





There's so much to see — and at great prices — at local benefit stores like the Animal Friends Rescue Project's Treasure shop (left) and Spirals (right), which supports the Alliance on Aging

porting SPCA Monterey County. It serves the needs of dogs, cats, horses, and birds, as well as exotics and wildlife and provides education and outreach to the community. It also funds veterinary procedures including spaying and neutering — that might be needed for animals in its care. The SPCA is committed to finding "forever homes" via fostering and adoption. Its benefit shop has been around for more than 30 years, according to its staff, and the organization has been serving local animals since 1905.

Across the street, the Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop, started by a community group circa 1989, sells donated goods so it can give scholarships to local youth to pursue their higher education (I was one such recipient almost 20 years ago), as well as grants for organizations that support physical, social, and other basic needs in Monterey County communities.

Grant recipients include the Alzheimer's Association, the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation, and Chamber Music Monterey Bay, among many others. Yellow Brick Road is known for its book shop, filled with contemporary and vintage volumes. With \$8 million donated over more than 30 years, the group brings to mind the Margaret Mead quote, "Never doubt that

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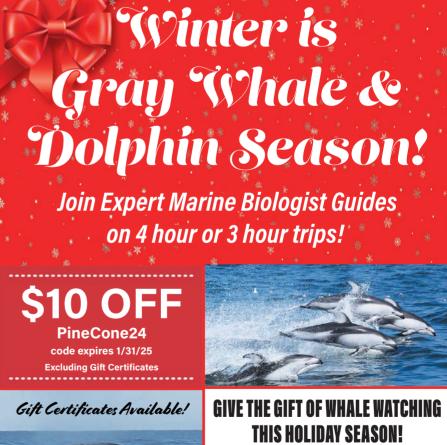
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looking for a potentially safer idea, shoes are always a great option. Adidas sneakers are trending right now — particularly the Samba, Campus, and Gazelle styles. Another popular choice is Birkenstocks, especially its Boston Clogs and Arizona Soft Footbeds. Check with the experts at Lloyd's (Ocean and Dolores) and Hedi's (Ocean and Mission Street).

Jewelry is a special gift because it's versatile and personal. However, if you're feeling a little lost about what's trending, I'm here to help. Dainty jewelry that is easy to layer is especially popular among teen girls. Gorjana (Ocean Avenue between Dolores and San Carlos) has many designs and styles of bracelets, earrings and neck-



Treat the high school or college student in your life to a snuggly Sophie faux-fur throw blanket from anthropologie.

laces. Other popular accessory options are the enewton beaded bracelets that can be found at elizabethW (Ocean between Sixth and Seventh), and the Kendra Scott necklaces that Coast Carmel carries. If you're looking for a more inexpensive stocking stuffer, Francesca's at Del Monte Center also has gold and silver jewelry.

Blankets, candles

Clothing, shoes and jewelry are great gifts, but they can be the sort of things that people like to pick out themselves. If you want to spare the teens in your life the discomfort

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booking entertainment, coordinating with the company that takes Santa photos, and lining up nonprofits that raise money by providing gift-wrapping services. She also arranges shuttles for employees who must park off-site to

open up more spaces for customers.

The fact that these centers are all outdoors can complicate things, said Schultz. You can't put in the greens too soon, or they "start looking sad by the end of the season," she said. "There is also the real possibility of torrential rain spoiling your outdoor plans — which happened to us

two years ago when Santa visited — so there always has to be an indoor contingency plan or your investment in your event is wasted."

Behind the scenes, the managers agreed that there are

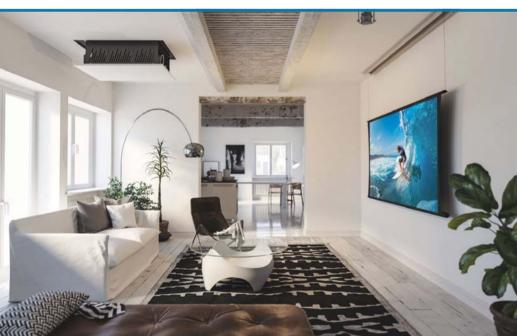
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Del Monte Center reaches out to Santa months in advance — and the crew there trims a mighty nice tree, too.

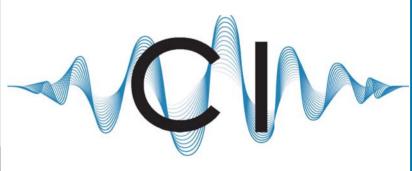












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of asking to exchange your gift, there are choices that almost eliminate that possibility. Blankets, candles and pillows are always a safe bet. Anthropologie in Carmel

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many uncredited actors, from extra security, to maintenance people, all ready to handle whatever comes their way.

"Every day some new challenge emerg-

es — or repeats itself," said Schultz. There's "petty theft of light bulbs, furniture, umbrellas and even fire pits, trespassing, loitering, vandalism, overnight camping, kids skateboarding down staircases, seagulls nesting, rodents eating the pumpkins at night (or people walking off with them)," plumbing issues, storms and power outages. She credited the center's ability to deal with them to workers like day porter Eddie Nunes, "who has cheerfully started his day at the Barnyard a little after 6 a.m. for over 20 years," and consulting facilities manager Gray Ruese, who "coordinates repairs with an army of contractors and service companies."

Sierra spoke of the "Del Monte Elves," a maintenance team of six people who "work long hours and do not get enough credit for the impact they make in creating a magical atmosphere for our customers.'

Heroes

The retailers, themselves, are heroes to the centers' managers. Torrice lauded employees who "embody patience and cheer, all while juggling long shifts, demanding

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A small treasure at Spirals.

ic Grove truly feels like it's loaded with loot to be plundered. Established in 2006, its sales support the Animal Friends Rescue Project, dedicated to finding good permanent homes for abandoned, stray and abused companion animals. A maior component of AFRP is its foster services, which aid in the transition to pet adoption. There's also a veterinary clinic that provides services to its program animals.

The shop contains treasures of old, like a leather Polaroid camera case or enamel camping mugs, as well as luggage, jewelry, books and more.

On Lighthouse Avenue in P.G., you'll find Spirals Consignment and Benefit Shop, where proceeds benefit the Alliance on Aging. Since 1970, that nonprofit has supported seniors in the community with services such as tax and legal support and Medicare counseling, among many others. In 2021, it says it helped 1,979 people with tax counseling, resulting in federal and state tax refunds of \$1,688,319. The shop has loads of clothes, shoes and exotic memorabilia, like a mosaic box from the Middle East or a watercolor from Asia.

As you go down your shopping list this holiday season, be sure to check out our local benefit shops. You're sure to find nearly everything you seek — and more — while also supporting local nonprofits that work for the betterment of our community. And don't forget to shop for yourself, for, according to Oscar Wilde, to love oneself is a lifelong romance.



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crowds, and working during peak holiday moments, often missing out on personal celebrations with family and friends."

Brick-and-mortar store owners who compete with e-tailers that generally have

much lower overhead, "work around the clock to ensure their shelves are stocked, their customers are happy, and their businesses thrive in the most crucial sales season of the year," Torrice added.

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"Every single retailer here who gets up every day and opens their doors is an absolute hero," asserted Buhl.

Shopkeepers and their staffs can provide helpful suggestions and a human touch, frequently backing up the customers' purchases with guarantees and helping to sort out problems without them having

to sit on hold, listening to messages about how "valuable" their patronage is.

Most important, perhaps, is, as Buhl put it, "Retail centers have evolved into essential gathering places for friends and family to meet, hang out and enjoy one another. People need another place to go for that physical connection."

Not to mention smelling perfume, paging through real books and having a latte.



From left to right, the managers who make shopping magic happen: Marilyn Schultz (Barnyard), Cynthia Buhl (Crossroads), Anne Sierra (Del Monte Center), and Kristin Torrice (Carmel Plaza).





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Finally, don't be embarrassed if you still are unsure of what the adolescents in your life are looking for under the tree. A lot of the time we don't know, ourselves. Even though it may seem cliche, a gift card is always valued. Whether it's for a specific store or something they can use anywhere, gift cards are a way of showing the young adults in your life that you want them to be able to buy something that makes them happy.



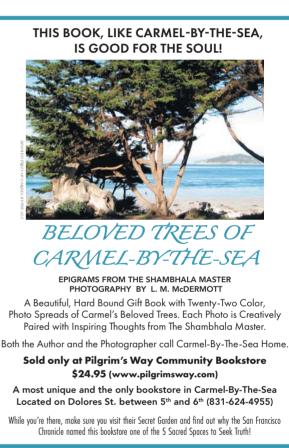


ElizabethW's jewelry display is a great reminder that for your younger friends and family, poppin' (cool) stuff can come in small packages.

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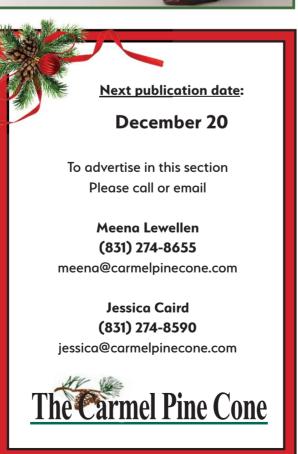


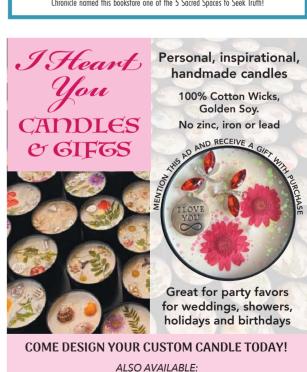




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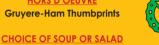
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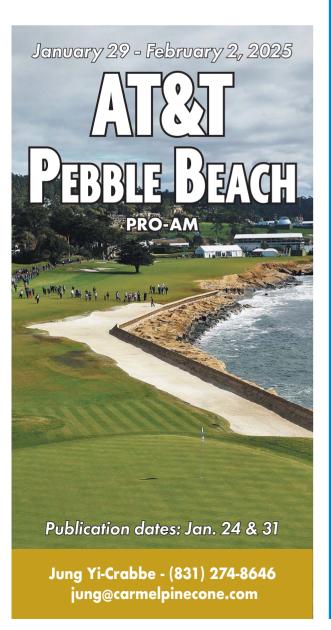
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BASKETBALL

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was among Stevenson's hardest workers during the offseason to emerge as a contender for playing time at guard. The top offensive threat in Stevenson's early games has

been freshman Kobie Crutcher, who torched Monterey for 28 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals, riddled King City with 26 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 steals, and had 18 points and 18 rebounds in the loss to Soledad.

Crutcher came into the week averaging 23.7 points, 9.7 rebounds, 2.3 assists, and 4.7 steals.

Maria Hall is "well-rounded, understands the game, handles the ball, shoots well, and defends," said Clymo. Hall scored 8 in the King City game.

Caroline Bufkin, a middle blocker on the volleyball team, is a strong athlete with "competitive fire that elevates the entire group," her coach said.

Phoebe Johnson will battle for court time as an interior player, and Perriyanna Luckett will see action on both varsity and JVs this season.

The Pirates return to the PCAL's Mission Division, where the competition will include Carmel, North County, Rancho San Juan, Pacific Grove and North Salinas.

"We finished in the bottom third of the league last year, and I anticipate that there's going to be more strength and balance, top to bottom, this season," said Clymo, whose 2023-24 squad was 3-9 in the division, 6-17 overall.

The Pirates played Sacramento-based Rio Americano on Thursday and have home games at 6:30 Friday against Oakdale, 2 p.m. Saturday against Templeton, and 7 p.m. Wednesday against Everett Alvarez.



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In 1982, she worked with renowned architect Frank Gehry to rebuild the fire-ravaged Hollywood Library in honor of Goldwyn's mother, who took him there as a child.

"I loved Sam Goldwyn; I knew I worked for the kind-



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Highlights of Maggie Hardy's early career included a stint producing the 1987 and 1988 Academy Awards.



est, nicest man in Hollywood and was so fortunate to have an association with foundation participants — the likes of Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and Norman Lear." Hardy's major interest was not the glitz and glitter of Hollywood, but doing good work for worthy projects.

Life savers

In 1987 and 1988, Goldwyn was asked to produce the Academy Awards. The shows provided memorable behindthe-scenes stories, like Sean Connery's stage fright.

"He wouldn't go on," Hardy said. "I kept feeding him Life Savers. His mouth would go dry and I had to verbally nudge him on stage at his cue." The 1988 Oscars won an Emmy for Outstanding Variety-Music Events

Hardy is drawn to big projects, like the centennial celebration for the Statue of Liberty in 1986, run by Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation chairman Lee Iacocca, where she was in charge of fundraising and community affairs for the 13 Western states.

She was also a coordinator for Pope John Paul II's visit to Los Angeles in 1987. When L.A.'s Archbishop Mahoney refused to give up his fully furnished rooms to the Holy Father, Hardy scrambled to find the pontiff a place to stay. She was successful and fulfilled his request for a newspaper, a television set and a bottle of V8, too.

In 2001, she was appointed by Speaker of the Assembly Bob Hertzberg to the California Coastal Commission. "The hardest public service job I've ever had. A lot of reading and a lot of soul searching, but I loved it," she professed.

Hardy served as director of philanthropy for the Middlebury Institute of International Studies from 2003 to 2006. While working with the Big Sur Land Trust, she invited Clint Eastwood, Leon Panetta, Jacques Cousteau, Ted Turner and Jane Fonda to what became a sold-out dinner at Spanish Bay, helping the organization become much more visible.

Her consulting firm, AquaTera, works with ocean- and land-based nonprofits. "Helping is the core of my existence — the way I was brought up." she added. She also works with Oceana, the largest global ocean organization in the world. "We work to point out what humans are doing to destroy the oceans and what we can do to save them," she said.

'Profound moments'

Since moving to Carmel in 1991, she has served on the executive committee of the Pebble Beach Company Foundation for 14 years, as well as 17 years on the executive committee of the Concours d'Elegance.

Hardy lives near the Village in Carmel Valley next to a pond alive with birds, wildlife and lush vegetation. "There are profound moments in our lives," she mused, "like when I saw this pond for the first time, like what I grew up with on Chesapeake Bay, or when living in Italy and seeing an enchanting castle across the way. It changed my life, because I discovered as a 7-year-old there was a world bigger than mine. I could see that castle over there, and I wanted to go over there — and I did."

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happened again, she was going to be hit by a car and killed. The defendant told officers that he understood the danger and that she needed constant supervision.

Prior to Eliana being released back into the defendant's care, he was advised again of the need to install safety devices and locks around the Prunedale property where he lived with his daughter. He was provided with government funds to assist him in purchasing the necessary devices to be installed on the property — including locks, GPS monitors and alarms. The defendant did not take advantage of the resources offered and failed to secure the property.

At 10:55 p.m. on the night of April 7, 2023, CHP officers responded to southbound Highway 101, just south of State Route 156, on a report of a child on the freeway. When officers arrived at that location, they saw a deceased female child. Witnesses told officers that the young girl was running along the 101 freeway and then ran into the lanes of traffic where she was struck by multiple vehicles. CHP officers remembered responding to the call a few weeks earlier involving Eliana and believed that she was the deceased child. This fear was later confirmed. This was almost the same location and at a similar time of night.

Officers responded to the defendant's residence, and he was found in a dilapidated trailer on the property, which was in disarray and emitted a foul odor. He responded to officers' calls to come outside, and they noticed that he appeared disoriented and smelled of alcohol. He was unaware that his daughter had left the trailer and asked officers if Eliana had

Investigators interviewed Eliana's family and teachers and learned that she was frequently unwashed and wearing dirty, ill-fitting clothes. Her teachers would clean her up and put her in their own children's old clothing. They would share their food with her. Resources were made available to the defendant over and over to assist with Eliana's clothing and hygiene needs. He failed to take advantage of those resources.

This case was thoroughly investigated by the California Highway Patrol, with the investigation led by Lieutenants Kendra Charlesworth and Nichole Pacheco. The Monterey County District Attorney's Office Investigation Bureau also assisted in the investigation. District attorney victim assistance program manager Alma Sanchez supported the family of Eliana's mother during the court process.

The Monterey County District Attorney's Office encourages anyone struggling to care for someone with special needs to seek assistance, because there are resources avail-

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Dec. 14 – Join us for traditional Christmas caroling and hot cocoa bar, 2 to 4 p.m. at Meuse Gallery / Simon Bull, Ocean Avenue at Monte Verde Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Dec. 14 – Los Laureles Lodge 24th Annual Christmas Gift Show. Talented crafters will showcase creativity and their handcrafted items of all types, including candles, knits, soaps, jewelry, baked goods and much more. Sale hours are 11 a.m to 3 p.m. at 313 W. Carmel Valley Road. Lunch served in the restaurant from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Details: (831) 659-2233.

Dec. 14 – HOW ORIGINAL Music Showcase! An exciting full day of all original music (2-10 p.m.), showcasing 10 talented Monterey Bay area songwriters and bands. This year's event also features special guest Eva Gardner, bassist for P!NK, performing her original music. This event supports local performers and will also raise funds for The Carmel American Legion Post 512, benefiting veteran's programs. Purchase tickets at the The Carmel American Legion Post 512 (831) 624-9941; ALPOST512carmel.org

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

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Dec. 15 – Carols in the Forest concert begins 3 p.m. at Church in the Forest, Stevenson Campus, 3152 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach. Jubal Joslyn, tenor, Sophia Gonzalez, mezzo, Amalia Diaz, violin, Janneke Hoogland, cello, Cathryn Wilkinson, piano. Tickets \$20 at Eventbrite or on site. Students free. Contact (831) 624-1374 or churchintheforest.org.

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.

Dec. 20 & 21 – St. Mary's Celtic Concerts proudly hosts the 18th Annual Winterdance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20-21. Get in the spirit of the season with music, song dance by The Weeds, Amelia Hogan, Paul Katopish, and Irish dancers Marissa Gilman and Cameron Carlson-Riddle. Tickets and info at www.celticsociety.org.

Dec. 21 – Gospel Flava Christmas Concert featuring the powerful and joyful voices of the Monterey Peninsula Gospel Community Choir under the direction of John L. Nash, Jr. will perform their annual Gospel Flava Christmas Concert at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Concert at 4 p.m. A joyous event not to be missed. The event is free. Donations welcomed. CashApp: \$mpgcc50Zelle:mpgcc50@gmail.com www.mpgcc.org

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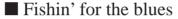
including "Surfin' USA," "I Get Around," "Don't Worry Baby," "California Girls" and "Good Vibrations." Jardine sang lead vocals on "Help Me Rhonda."

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Jardine will share the whouse. stage with his Endless Summer Band, which features his son, singer Matt Jardine, and former Heart keyboardist Debbie Shair.

Opening both shows is a Big Sur-based reggae band, **The Big Survivors**.

Tickets start at \$95. For more details, call (831) 622-0100 or visit pacrep.org. The theater is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth.



An up-and-coming blues singer and guitarist who earned for her first Grammy Award nomination this year, **Samantha Fish** takes the stage Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Thanks to a busy touring schedule, a devoted following and a bounty of talent, the rising musician has released a dozen albums since her debut 15 years ago — including 2023's "Death Wish Blues," which marked her first studio

collaboration with singer and guitarist Jesse Dayton. The record was nominated for a Grammy for Best Blues Album.

Tickets start at \$39.50. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. goldenstatetheatre.com

Also at the Golden State Theatre, singer and guitarist **Rick Schuler** pays tribute to the music of John Denver Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Denver, who was famous for hits like "Rocky Mountain High" and "Thank God I'm A Country Boy," died while flying a small plane over Monterey Bay in 1997.

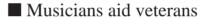
Tickets start at \$39.

■ Mission hosts choral concert

Presenting "a festive Baroque Christmas concert" featuring the works of Bach and others — and accompanied by soloists from I Cantori's Vocal Arts Academy —

I Cantori di Carmel performs Saturday and Sunday, 8 p.m., at the Carmel Mission.

General admission tickets cost \$47, with discounts for students and active military. 3080 Rio Road, visit icantori.org.



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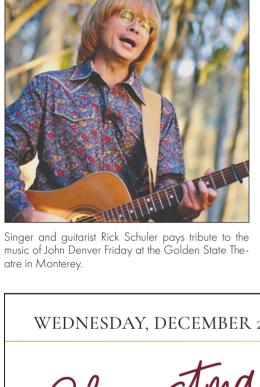
Beach Boys co-founder Al Jardine plays a fundraising concert Dec. 17-18 at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

Saturday from 2 to 10 p.m. at Carmel American Legion Post 512.

The lineup includes The Transducers, along with singers and guitarists Eva Gardner, Brad Mallory, Dan Frechette, Kyle Kovalik and others.

Tickets are \$30. The venue is located at Dolores and Eighth.

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sponge cakes — filled with buttercream

and rolled up and covered in chocolate

frosting to look like tree trunks. Some-

times they're dusted in powdered sugar for

a snowy look and decorated with marzipan

The dessert honors the tradition of burning a Yule log in the hearth at Christ-

or meringue mushrooms.

Soup to Nuts

mastime, symbolizing new beginnings, good luck, prosperity for the family — and deliciousness.

Luckily, you don't have to travel far to find the decadent holiday cake. Lafayette

Bakery and Café (Barnyard shopping center) and Monterey's Alta Bakery (502 Munras Ave.), Paris Bakery (271 Bonifacio Place), and Parker-Lusseau Pastries

(539 Hartnell St.) make them, as does Patisserie Bechler (1225 Forest Ave., P.G.).

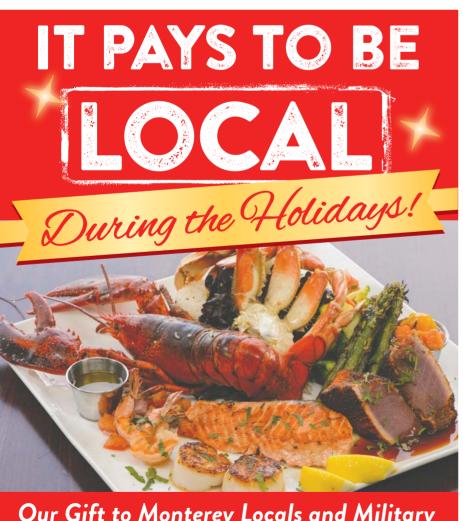
At Lafayette, baker Axel Maillet said, "To put it simply, bûches de Noël are a very huge tradition in France. As a pastry chef, it means one of the busiest times of

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Yule logs — or Bûche de Noël, if you're feeling fancy, are seasonal confections of soft sponge cake with delicious fillings, then decorated to resemble fantastical versions of something you might find in the forest. Local bakeries' versions, like these from Alta Bakery (left) and Parker-Lusseau, are available for your holiday feast.



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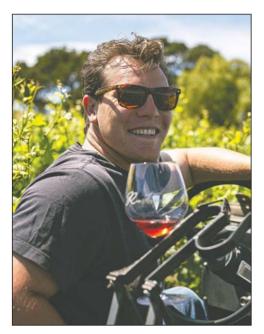
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the year, making the pastry chef part of the tradition." The fruits of his labors include chocolate, lemon/berry, coffee, and passion fruit/coconut bûches by the slice, or cakes that serve four to five people. Indi-



Winemaker Chad Silacci of Rustiqué Wines on River Road in the Salinas Valley is turning out bottles of estate-grown pinot and chardonnay, along with other varietals from the Santa Lucia Highlands.

vidual slices are available in the bakery, while whole cakes require pre-order. Order at lafayette-bakery.com or call (831) 915-6286 by Dec. 23 for pickup up as late as Christmas Eve.

Alta's version is a thin chocolate buttermilk cake rolled with hazelnut chocolate mousse, decorated with whimsical meringue mushrooms and garden flora. It serves six to eight people. Order through Dec. 18th at altamonterey.com or in the café. Paris Bakery offers four flavors:

Grand Marnier, coffee, chocolate, and hazelnut. They're available in the store while supplies last and come in individual slices, or cakes that serve four, six, eight, 10 or 12 people. Order via phone at (831) 646-1620 by the 20th with pickup through the 24th.

For something a bit different, Parker-Lusseau offers an eclectic selection, including chocolate and spice, chocolate-espresso, triple chocolate, chocolate, passion fruit and coconut, and chocolate-raspberry bûche. They are available in sizes for four, six, eight, 10, 12, or 16 servings. Said Yann Lusseau, "We like our bûches to be beautiful and playful. All the decorations are handmade and tasty, but above all, they must be the most delicious dessert to cap a festive dinner." Order through Dec. 18 in person or by calling (831) 641-9188.

Patisserie Bechler makes flavors like coffee, chocolate, Grand Marnier, and hazelnut-amaretto serving four to six, eight to 10, or 12 to 15 sweettoothed diners. Call (831) 375-0846 to order, or stop by in person.

■ Foragers help health center

The nonprofit Big Sur Health Center's Foragers Fest fundraiser returns Jan. 24-26 with "an unforgettable weekend of culinary exploration, local flavors and community spirit."

Anchored by the Jan. 25 Fungus Face-Off, a competition pitting local chefs against each other in their efforts to produce the best small bite using foraged ingredients, the event also offers guided mushroom hikes Saturday and Sunday, and planning for special dinners Friday is underway.

This year limited to 200 people to ensure there's plenty of room for everyone

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regardless of the weather, the Fungus Face-Off will feature chefs and wineries sharing their best offerings in the Big Sur Lodge from noon to 3 p.m.

The afternoon will include Martha's Hopyard brewery, the Bitter Ginger cocktail company and chefs from more than a dozen spots from the Peninsula and beyond, including Big Sur Lodge, Big Sur River Inn, Deetjen's, Esalen, Fernwood, Post Ranch's Sierra Mar, Solstice, and Ventana. Bernardus, Big Sur Vineyards, Chalone, Chesebro, Flywheel, I Brand, Joyce, LadySomm, Morgan, Paul Lato, Scheid, Twisted Roots and Wrath are signed on to pour. Tickets to the face-off are \$125.

Foraging walks and talks will be offered Saturday and Sunday starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Big Sur Lodge for \$75 per hiker. The outings — two each day limited to 30 guests apiece — will be led by mushroom experts Mark Gillespie, Anthony Gerbino, Todd Spanier and Dr. Phil Carpenter, and Lisa Haas, assisted by Maryia Crabbe, will provide a display of local wild mushrooms and discuss identification, medicinal and culinary uses.

Tickets for everything are on sale now, and organizers are working on special dinners that will take place Jan. 24. Find more information at bigsurforagersfestival.org.

■ Estéban is ready for Christmas

Monterey's Casa Munras Hotel continues its bicentennial year with a three-course Christmas dinner from 2 to 8 p.m. Dec. 25 in its restaurant, Estéban. For \$89 per per-

son, diners will enjoy a choice of creamy Brussels sprouts soup or chicory and spinach salad, followed by prime rib, cioppino (leave the new white cashmere sweater at home) or an herb-roasted half chicken. Finish up with a Basque chocolate cake and balsamic strawberries or Spanish flan with fresh berries. An a la carte and children's menu will also be available. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling (831) 375-0176.

■ The most important — and charitable – meal

Del Monte Grill & Cafe will donate 15 percent of breakfast sales to Community Partnership for Youth throughout December 2024 when customers mention the organization. Located at 2030 North Fremont in Monterey, the restaurant serves breakfast all day.

CPY provides alternatives to gangs, drugs and violence in the local community, with offerings that include after-school mentoring and tutoring, a five-week all-day summer program, middle school leadership, a high school life skills, leadership and job preparation, the seven-week Strengthening Families program, and a visual and performing arts academy.

The restaurant's initiative is led by chef/owner Manuel Aviles, who worked for 15 years at Pebble Beach, and Malyory Aviles, general manager.

"We very much support the work that Community Partnership for Youth has done for over 30 years and are happy to contribute to their important work in our community," he said.

In this case, contributing to a good cause means indulging in one of 16 omelet varieties or six eggs Benedict selections, alongside other options like huevos rancheros, pancakes, and French toast.

The nonprofit's executive director, Shari Hastey, said, "We are incredibly grateful to chef/owner Manuel Aviles for his generous support of Community Partnership for Youth. This holiday season, his kindness and commitment to our mission will help us continue to inspire and empower young people in our community. Thank you for making a difference, one breakfast at a time!"

■ A trip down River Road

With so many wonderful wine options in town, it's easy to forget that there are a host of wineries and tasting rooms scattered throughout the county. Several are located on River Road in the Salinas Valley and, although some of these wineries have tasting rooms in Carmel, many do not, which means the only way to taste these wines is by making the drive. But it's an easy drive and well worth the effort.

If you're headed down the valley on River Road, one of the first wineries you come to is Rustiqué, owned by the Silacci family. The tasting room is at 1010 River Road, just south of the Chualar River Road intersection, inside a beautiful and charming barn built by the Sargeni family in 1919 as part of their dairy farm. Robert Silacci is a direct descendant of that family, and he and his wife, Rusti Lee, became sole owners of the property in 2014. The winery is

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FOOD & WINE

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Live music Dec. 13-19

■ Big Sur

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

■ Carmel

Barmel — **Jazville** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.

The Crossroads shopping center — The Peninsula Carolers (Christmas music, Saturday at noon). Highway 1 and Rio Road.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz,



Singer and guitarist Samantha Fish rocks the Golden State Theatre in Monterey Saturday at 8 p.m.

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.

De Tierra Vineyards tasting room — singer and guitarist **Greg Brock** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

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

La Playa Hotel — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

The Links Club — singer Shannon Casapia and guitarist Glenn Bell (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 Paul Behan (Saturday at noon), pianist Martan Mann (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist John Sherry (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Folktale Winery — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

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

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Cisco Jim** (country, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

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

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named in honor of Rusti, who died in 2019.

The vineyards date to 1999, and the first vintage of wine was produced in 2006. Winemaker Chad Silacci, son of Robert and Rusti Lee, said that he feels honored and excited to be part of a new wave of winemakers within Monterey County. "There has been and continues to be so many great producers in the area to look up to, and I feel an extreme amount of gratitude for the pathways they've built for the younger winemakers like myself and the ways in which they've represented the region."

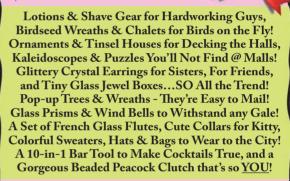
He may be a young winemaker, but his talent is evident in his wines:

2023 Oaked Chardonnay — Fragrant fruit flavors of green apple, lime and pear with a slight touch of vanilla, ending with lively acidity and minerality on the finish. \$36

2023 SLH (Santa Lucia Highlands) Pinot Noir — delivers with juicy cherry flavors moving to more earthiness and mushroom essence, ending with a touch of oak. \$42

Sally Baho, Elaine Hesser, Roxanne Langer and Mary Schley contributed to this week's column.

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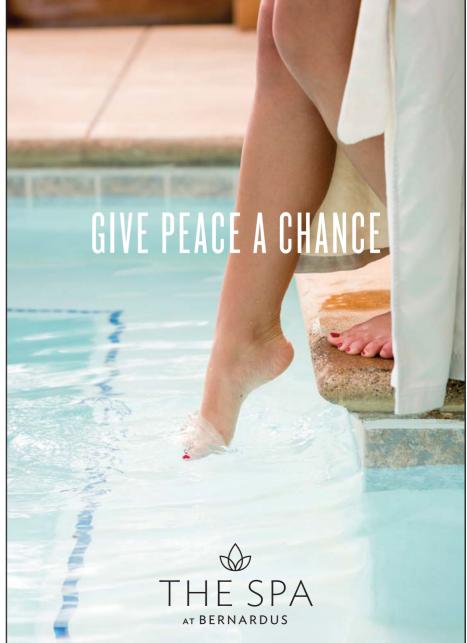
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20242115 following person(s) is(are) doing

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
FRESH LEAF FARMS, 925 JOHN-SON AVENUE SALINAS, CA 93901, County of MONTEREY Registered Owner(s):
FIRST LEAF FARMS, LLC, PO, BOX 673 SALINAS, CA 93902; CALIFORNIA This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictifious 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:

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Caurty 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 filled 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).

Codej. Publication Dates: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2024 (PC 1139)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242101 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

The following person(s) is (are) doing both ness as:

1. REBECCA SHANSBY ENTERPRISES

2. RHINO ADVENTURES FUELED BY JESUS

3801 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 IN-FORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS

TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242102
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The bollowing 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.:
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 IN-FORMATION 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 misdemenor 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 Tuitavuki, 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 of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with 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 than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement was the filed before than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new

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. 24CV004755
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, CHERYL LYNN EISNER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name:

A.Present name: CHERYL LYNN EISNER

APresent name:
CHERYLLYNN EISNER
Proposed name:
CHERYLLYNN EISNER-BEBE
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 tollowing person(s) is January

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 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 Fictifious 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,
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Section 17920, where it expires 40 days
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thoes 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
1741 et seq., Business and Professions
Code).
Publication Dates: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13,
2024 (PC 1133)

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

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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business unsiness under the fictitious business unsiness under the fictitious 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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 2024. 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 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Codel.

Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC 1142)

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.

93955. County of Principal Place of Business:

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
ASCENT APARTMENTS GOZB, 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

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 Fictifious Business Name Statement was to filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictifious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Codej. 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: A1 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

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ZANAREZ
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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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/Jason Aguayo Manzanarez
Date signed: Nov. 5, 2024
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 5,
2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision

sudin 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 Botch 40 Ref. No.: <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> APN: <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER ASSESSMENT LIEN** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER ASSESSMENT LIEN. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPER. TY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On DECEMBER 31, 2024 at 10:00A.M., Vacation Ownership Title Agency, Inc., Authorized Agent under and pursuant to the Notice of Delinquent Assessment recorded on August 05, 2024 as Document No. 2024027452 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, in cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, state or federal credit union, state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the State) AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 168 W. ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said assessment lien in the property hereinafter described: Association: Pacific Grove Plaza Vacation Resort Association a California non-profit corporation Name of Reputed Owner(s): <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> EXHIBIT "A" PACIFIC GROVE PLAZA - BATCH 40 REF. NO. - APN - REPUTED OWNER(S) - UNIT NO. - UNDIV. INT. - SEASON - USAGE - PARCEL II UNDIV. INT. - PARCEI IV UNDIV. INT. - DELINQ. AMOUNT - PLUS FCL COSTS: PGPAA 1515 902-015-015-000 BARBARA A. GORMLEY, A MARRIED R15CD 1/51st RED ANNUAL 5.483% 3.564% \$2,307.95 \$350.00 WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, INCLUDING INTEREST OF ANY CURRENT SPOUSE PGPBA0702 902-007-002-000 JACK W. CROGHAN AND JAN A. CROGHAN R7C 1 /51s white annual 7.938% 5.160% \$2,713.53 \$350.00 husband and wife AS IOINT TENANTS PGPBA1008 902-010-008-000 IRK FAMILY TRUST AS JOINT TENANTS PGPBA1008 902-010-008-000 LRK FAMILY TRUST R10CD 1/51 st WHITE ANNUAL 6.221% 4.044% \$2,625.87 \$350.00 Said Assessment Lien describes the following real property: <SEE EXHIBIT "B"> The property heretofore described is being sold "AS IS". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: A TIMESHARE ESTATE LOCATED AT 620 LIGHTHOUSE AVE., PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950 The undersigned Authorized Agent disclaims any liability for any incor rectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the unpaid Assessments secured by said Assessment Lien, with interest thereon, as provided herein, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Assessment Lien. At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total mount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above-described difficult of the original bullete of the configuration section by the doce-described Assessment Lien and estimated costs and expenses is: \$<SEE EXHIBIT "A"> The Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, written Declarations of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Assessment Lien. The undersianed caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Notice of Deindustrisging a custom in a viole of Definition and Lie clinic for the order Notice of Defininguent Assessment and Claim of Lien to be recorded on September 05, 2024 as Document No. 2024031496 in the county where the real property is located and nore than three (3) months has elapsed since such recordation. DATE: December 2, 2024 AUTHORIZED AGENT OR PARTY CONDUCTING SALE: VACATION OWNERSHIP TITLE AGENCY, INC. 7898 Mission Grove Parkway South #100 Riverside, CA 92508 Phone: (951) 610-0810 By: Deborah Macias, Foreclosure Officer Vacation Ownership Title Agency, Inc. NPP0468389 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024, 12/20/2024

Publication dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC1204

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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.

93955.
County of Principal Place of Business:
MONTEREY.

MONIEREY.
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.

3181, Monterey, CA 93942.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAUIFORNIA
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
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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 Remynse, President
Date: Nov. 3, 2024
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13,
2024.

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(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name
Statement generally expires at the end of
five years from the date on which it was
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state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal,
State, or common law (See Section 1441)
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
MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): 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 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 filled with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 18, 2024.

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 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Codel.

Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC 1146)

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 PI. #201A, Carmel,
CA 93923. CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

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.

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.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS
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that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant
to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242064
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RUBY DOMINGUEZ INTE-RIORS, 25405 Via Cicindela, Carmel, CA 93923. CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
RLD INTERIORS ILC, 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.
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/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

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 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024. (PC 1148)

CHRISTMAS WEEK LEGAL DEADLINE

Legal notices must be submitted no later than 3 P.M. Thursday, December 19 (before Christmas week)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST T.S. No.: 24-0153 Loan No.: HOWLAND Other: 2519880CAD APN: 001-995-007-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/05/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Law Offices of Richard G. Witkin APC, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee, or as agent for the trustee, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GOLNESA HOWLAND A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, recorded 01/09/2024 as Instrument No. 2024/000760 in Book N.A., Page N.A. of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 09/24/2024 in Instrument No. 2024/034113 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 12/31/2024 at 10:00 AM At the corded 09/24/2024 in Instrument No. 2024034113 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 12/31/2024 at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 400 DRAKE AVENUE #7, MONTEREY, CA 93940 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$112,534.19* * The actual opening bid may be more or advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$112,334.19 have actual opening bid may be more of the less than this estimate. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust including advances authorized thereunder and also including, without way of limitation, the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust together with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BID-DEPS: If you are considering hidding on this property lies you should understand that there are risks invoked in hidding at created by said Deed of Trust. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on a lien, not on the property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a
trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property lies. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not
automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned
off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior
to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title
insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you
should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary,
trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale
postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn
whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you
may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this internet website WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned
to this case 24-0153. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify
postponement informat can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case, 24-0153, to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify a go will be trustee to the proof of the proof an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION AND STATUS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEYEN DAYS A WEEK, GO TO: WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM OR CALL (916) 939-0772. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DISCLOSURES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: (1) At the time of sale, the opening bid by the beneficiary may not represent a full credit bid. The beneficiary reserves the right, during the auction, to increase its credit bid incrementally up to a full credit bid. The beneficiary may also bid over and above its credit bid with cash, cashier's checks or cash equivalents. (2) a tuli creali bia. In the beneficiary may also bid over and above its creali bid with cash, cashier's check by one of pop Sale (TDUS) will not be issued to the successful bidder until the bidder's payment has been deposited in the trustee's bank and cleared (all holds released). The bidder may have to take additional actions as required by trustee's bank in order to facilitate the deposit and clearance of bidder's funds. (3) If, prior to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may deficiency that the consultation is to the consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may deficiency that the consultation is the consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may deficiency that the consultation is the consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may deficiency that the consultation is the consultation with its attorneys. cline to issue the TDUS and return the bidder's funds, without interest. If, subsequent to the issuances of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may rescind the TDUS pursuant to Civil Code Section 1058.5(b) and return the bidder's funds, without interest. (4) When conducted, the foreclosure sale is not final until the auctioneer states "sold". Any time prior thereto, the sale may be canceled or postponed at the discretion of the trustee or the beneficiary. A bid by the beneficiary may not result in a sale of the property. All bids placed by the auctioneer are on behalf of the seller/beneficiary. (5) NEW – SEVERAL CITIES IN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (GOOGLE "MEASURE ULA"), HAVE IMPOSED VERY LARGE, NEW TRANSFER TAXES ON SALES OF CERTAIN HIGH VALUE PROPERTIES. THESE TAXES CAN AMOUNT TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OR EVEN MORE. AS A CONDITION OF THIS SALE, THESE TAXES WILL NOT BE PAID BY THE FORECLOSING LENDER NOR BY THE FORECLOSURE TRUSTEE. THESE TAXES, IF AND WHEN CHARGED, ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER AT THE FORECLOSURE SALE. This communication may be considered as being from a debt collector. To the extent your original obligation was discharged or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code, this notice is for compliance and/or informational purposes only and does not constitute an attempt to collect a debt or to impose personal liability for such obligation. However, a secured party may retain rights under its security instrument, including the right to foreclose its lien. Date: 11/20/2024 Law Offices of Richard G. Witkin APC 5805 Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite 670 Sherman Oaks, California 91411 Phone: (818) 845-4000 By: APRIL WITKIN, TRUSTEE OFFICER NPP0468128 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024, 12/20/2024 Publication dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC1203)

tarist Kito Rayburn (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse — Singer and multi-instrumentalist Alligator (blues, zydeco and Cajun, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.



Singer and guitarist Cisco Jim plays country music Friday at Trailside Café in Carmel Valley.

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

Cibo — The Dave Holodiloff Duo (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer Lee Durley and pianist Bill Spencer (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer Miranda Perl and guitarist Adam Astrup (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Estéban Restaurant — guitarist Catherine Broz (Spanish music, Friday and

Thursday at 5 p.m.). 700 Munras

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist John Sherry (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist Zack Freitas (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist Terrence Farrell (Latin music, Sun-

day at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row. Midici Pizza - singer and bassist Dennis Murphy and guitarist Paul Magpusao (Sunday at 5 p.m.), singers Miranda and Janice Perl, guitarist Adam Astrup and bassist Zach Westfall (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.).

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa - pianist Steve Mann (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist Gary Meek (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist Dave Holodiloff (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Reija Massey (pop, rock and country, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery

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 RJ DeMarco (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Gin Fragonard** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist Peter Barnes Martin and guitarist Arman Sangalang (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Recycled Records — singer and guitarist Alex Ramirez (Saturday at 6 p.m.), 604 Lighthouse Ave.

Salty Seal Pub — Rachel Spung & The Soul Service (r&b, Friday at 8 p.m.), The Edge Band (rock, Sunday at 4 p.m.), Chuck 'n' Buck (rock and blues, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

Sly McFly's — 3-Mile Smile (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), Phil 'n' the Blanks (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Wendi Kirby Music — singer Jon-Mark Hurley (Christmas music, Sunday at 4 p.m.). Tickets are \$39. 550 Hartnell St.

■ Pacific Grove

Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds — singer and multi-instrumentalist Meredith McHenry (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and pianist TJ Kuenster (jazz, Thursday at 4 p.m.). In the Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, 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 Holysea (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

PG's Meetinghouse — electric banjoist Terceira ("alternative electronic," Friday at 6 p.m.), The Arman Sangalang Trio (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), singers and guitarists Scott Cooper and Fred Rodriguez (Americana, Sunday at 11 a.m.), Open Mic (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Pebble Beach

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and multi-instrumentalist Alison Sharino (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Casey Frazier (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile

■ Seaside

Gusto Pasta and Pizza — singer Jaqui Hope and keyboardist Bobby Phillips (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont

To update these listings, email chris@ carmelpinecone.com.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20242111 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

ness as:

1. STUDIO 7 WEST
2. STUDIO VII WEST
26263 Isabella Ave., Carmel, CA
93923.

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 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

dollars (\$1,000).
\$\footnote{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
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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 faced.

File No. 20241990
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LAURA'S DAY CARE, 1235 DE 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.
BY SIGNING, 1D ECLARE 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 mischemanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Laura Espilia Gonzalez
Date signed: Oct. 29, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 29, 2024.

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Publication Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC 1150)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20242117
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MAGUIRE EVENTS, 40 Rancho San Carlos Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
Counly of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
RMTM LLC, 40 Rancho San Carlos Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Ins business is conducted by a minist in-bility company. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 18, 2024. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL IN-FORMATION 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/Margaret Maguire, Member Date: 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 filled before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictilious 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 1151)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20242170 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is for the The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CANDITAX, 1510 Cottonwood Dr., Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
MARIA CANDELARIA MONTEJANO DE RAMIREZ.
This business:

This business is conducted by an individual. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact 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 the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/Maria C. Montejano de Ramirez Date signed: Nov. 26, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 26,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20242108 The following person(s) is (are) doing

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 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024 (PC 1201)

Ine following personis is lare, some business as:
Heart N Soul Wellness, 1077 Cass St, Monterey, CA 93940
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Heart and Soul Wellness Physician Assistant Inc., 680 Lighthouse Ave. #776, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
This business is conducted by a Corporation

This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
Heart and Soul Wellness Physician Assistant Inc.
S/Jennifer Carlquist, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/14/2029.
12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/24
CNS-3874701#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024. (PC 1202)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20241989 iling type: ORIGINAL FILING. ne following person(s) is form Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HAVEN THERAPY, 56B Lot 1 #5337, Suite #8110, Carmel, CA 93921. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: HAVEN FAMILY THERAPY INC. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a corporation.

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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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 punshable 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/Samantha Acosta, President
Date: Oct. 29, 2024
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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF UNSCHEDULED VACANCY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. In accordance with the requirements of Government Code 54974, the following special vacancy notice was posted at Carmel-by-the Sea City Hall located at Monte Verde between Ocean and 7th Avenue, Harrison Memorial Library, located on the NE corner of Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Street, the Carmel-by-the-Sea post office, 5th Avenue between Dolores and San Carlos Street.

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is now accepting applications to fill two (2) unscheduled vacancies:

- One (1) vacancy on the Forest and Beach Commission - One (1) vacancy on the Planning Commission

FOREST & BEACH COMMISSION:

This commission has five members. At least two-thirds must live in the City, and the remainder may be residents of the City's Sphere of Influence. **Due to the current make-up of this Board, the applicant may reside** in the City or the City's Sphere of Influence. Applicants should have an interest in or knowledge of the City's parks and open spaces. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, with a Tour of Inspection before the meeting (1:00-2:30 p.m.).

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission consists of five members, who must be residents of the City. Applicants must have an interest in and knowledge of planning matters. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with a Tour of Inspection prior (between 2-4 p.m.).

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications are available on the City's website at https://ci.carmel.ca.us/boards-and-commissions or may be requested by contacting the City Clerk at cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us or by calling 831-620-2000. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2025. Applications may be emailed or dropped off to the City Clerk by the deadline.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Applicants will be interviewed by the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem in mid-to-late January (date to be determined). The City Council is anticipated to approve the appointments at its February meeting

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY CITY OF CAREML-BY-THE-SEA

Nova Romero, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: she is the duly appointed and qualified City Clerk for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and that on December 4, 2024, she caused the above Special Vacancy Notice to be posted in accordance with California State Government Code § 54974.

NOVA ROMERO City Clerk City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Publication dates: Dec. 13, 2023 (PC1206)

/s/ Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA Publication dates Dated: December 4, 2024 Dec. 13, 2024 Publish: December 13, 2024

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-002** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting of Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the City Council conducted the introduction and first reading, and at its meeting of Tuesday, December 3, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA AMENDING CHAPTER 10.36.010 OF THE CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTION (1), UNDER SECTION (C), IDENTIFYING COMMERCIAL LOADING ZONES TO COMPLY WITH CVC

AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Dramov, Ferlito, Richards, Mayor Potter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None. This Ordinance was enacted and will go into effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption. A complete

copy of the Ordinance is available in the Clerk Clerk's Office, Monte Verde, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 93921. If you wish to challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising

only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall at, or prior to, the public hearing.

22500 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 413-THE "DAYLIGHTING BILL"

CHRISTMAS WEEK LEGAL DEADLINE

Legals must be submitted no later than 3:00рм

~ Thursday, December 19~

for publication in the 12-27-24 Pine Cone

Email: legals@carmelpinecone.com

ICE DIRECTORY

Deadline: Monday, 1 p.m. • NOTICE: SERVICE DIRECTORY ADS ARE ACCEPTED ONLY BY EMAIL • Email service@carmelpinecone.com

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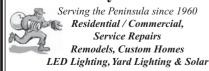
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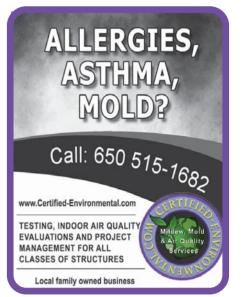
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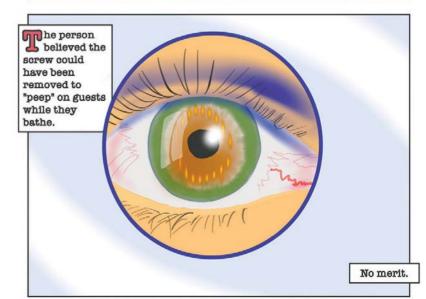
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Downtown galleries dress up for the season, host holiday art walk

SIXTEEN DOWNTOWN galleries that are owned by local artists celebrate the holidays Saturday from 4-7 p.m. during the last Carmel Art Walk of the year. The event is free. "A lot of our galleries have special plans for this month's event," painter and gallery owner Joaquin Turner told The Pine Cone.

Here are some of the highlights:

"Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery will have musician Anne Sibley performing and will be serving hot cider, along with the opportunity to make holiday cards with collage,"

explained Turner, who will be playing vin-

tage Christmas records and serving tasty

treats in his gallery. "Nicole Cromwell Gal-

lery will have live music, festive sips, and

holiday shopping with talented local arti-

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ing holiday treats and Bernardus wine." Look for the lanterns

Scott Jacobs told the newspaper he's excited about a new series of figurative paintings that are now on display in his namesake gallery, and he'll be also be serving wine from De Tierra Vineyards.

will be doing a still life demo. Meuse Gal-

lery will have carolers. And Patricia Qualls

Gallery is having an exhibit of small works

perfect for holiday gifts, and will be serv-

Carmel Art Association is part of the

tour. "Join us for our holiday reception and enjoy delectables along with live jazz performed by the Rick Forchino Combo," town's oldannounced est gallery, which recently

unveiled a show featuring 100 pieces priced at less than \$1,000 each.

Other participants include Gallery Sur, Gallery North, Edi Matsumoto Art & Design and Galerie Plein Aire. Some, like Perlmutter's gallery, are also raising



This painting by Maria Poroy is included in "A Few of My Favorite Things," which is on display at Venture Gallery in Monterey.

money for worthy causes.

"I'm looking forward to seeing our community, as well as holiday visitors, in the gallery for the art walk," Perlmutter added. "It's a great way to close out the year and give back to support others, too."

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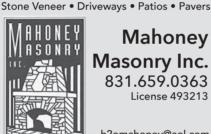
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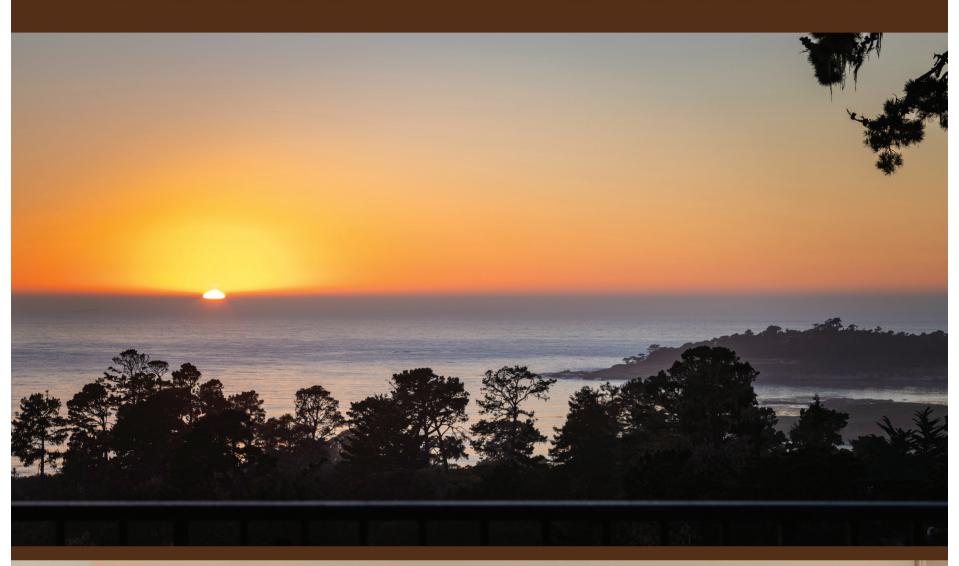


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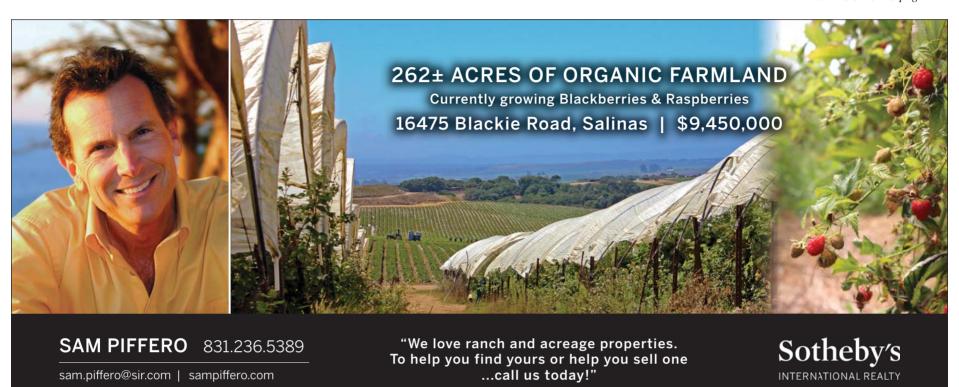


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RECENTLY I saw an interview with an aging celebrity who was asked, "If you could, what would you tell your younger self?" That's a scary proposition, because I remember the words from a Bob Seger song: "Wish I didn't know now what I didn't know then." Still, I would

forge ahead. Perhaps it would do some good to scare the snap out of that young whippersnapper.

First of all, stop with the jelly donuts. They have a way of sticking with you as you get older. Same with beer. It's not holy water like those fraternity guys said it was.

Stop wishing you were taller, handsomer, and the star quarterback to attract girls. Treat women well. Respond to their tenderness and their graceful endurance, and they'll respond to you.

By the time you're 18, you should have a life philosophy. Base it on something with oomph and stamina. The Bible is a good place to start. It's filled with truth which you can use to counter any secular attacks on your core values. You'll need it because the world is filled with indefinable evil that will try to upend your spiritual journey. Morality will be driven out of education. Meritocracy will be replaced with mediocrity and entitlement. Being

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Read. Read. Continue to foster your love of words. That ability will serve you well in ways you can't

Don't be afraid of doubt. It's normal. See it as a chance to grow and learn. Being able to question your own beliefs is a sign of intelligence. It means you're open to the possibility you are wrong. Embrace it and see where it takes you.

One step ahead

Do a periodic progress report. Think of what you are good at. Is there a talent you're not using? How are you living? Be kind. Be early. Do it right the first time.

I won't get into all the technological wonders you'll witness. It will be more fun for you to watch them develop and see how they impact your life.

Honor your father and mother. They, and their generation, kept us free when freedom was in jeopardy. You come from good stock. Your grandparents left the only life they knew to travel across an ocean, probably in steerage, seeking a better life. Your parents overcame a pandemic, an economic depression, and two world wars to guarantee that better life for you. Family is all.

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One true thing

The hardest part of getting old is losing the people who made life as good as it is. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Today is the oldest you've ever been, and the youngest you'll ever be." Treat each day that way. Have the foresight to use it wisely and the vigor to dance your way through it. Say one true thing each day. Savor friends. Be serene as the sea at sunset but scold the coming of the night. Walk

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Finally, I do have one tip for you. In 2022, a horse named Rich Strike with odds of 80-1 will run in the Kentucky Derby. Do whatever you want with that information.

Anyway, so far, so good. Maybe we'll run into each other someday.

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two lost purses reported.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass report at San Carlos and 10th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances at Fifth and Perry Newberry.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched after report of a deceased person found on Monarch Lane. Deceased person released to family.

Pacific Grove: A possible violation of a restraining order was reported. Unfounded.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to the report of a 54-year-old male on Los Robles with a gunshot wound.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from a vehicle at Lincoln and First.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass warning given to a male at Ocean and Monte Verde.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost California driver's license at the beach.

Pacific Grove: Information report for a family dispute on Moreland.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle stop was conducted in the 700 block of Lobos in the City of Monterey for California Vehicle Code violations. It was determined that both occupants had probation terms. The driver was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. The 49-year-old male driver was cited and released at the scene.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle repossessed at San Carlos and 12th.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision on Junipero.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Abandoned vehicle towed from Junipero and Third.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism at Country

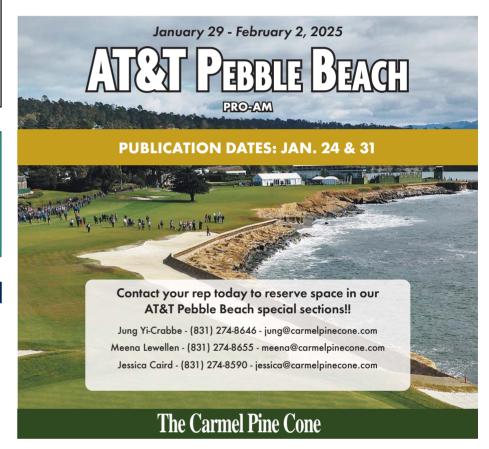
Club Gate Center possibly involving high school students.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Ocean View Boulevard was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Trailer on Laurel Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Domestic partners on Pacific Grove Lane were in a verbal altercation inside a residence.

Carmel area: A 59-year-old female on Highway 1 reported stolen checks that were cashed.



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7077 Fairway Place — \$3,825,000

Thomas Nunes and Michael Scarr to Tom and Judy Colich APN: 157-093-006

Highway 68

60 Harper Canyon Road — \$975,000

Jane Okuma to Omar and Ana Estrada APN: 416-251-007

14520 Mountain Quail Road - \$1,135,000

Michael Marcroft to Kelly Nielsen APN: 161-632-006

Marina

3972 Hayden Way unit B - \$380,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Roxana Hosseini APN: 031-294-002

3346 Tracy Court - \$998,000

Visionary Development LLC the Hemant and Sandhya Patel APN: 033-272-009

3034 Arroyo Drive — \$1,659,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Anthony Roaque APN: 031-311-031



25990 Junipero Street, Carmel — \$3,150,000

Monterey

1057 Hellam Street - \$950,000

Felix and Anne Roux to Terry and Yumiko Wegner APN: 001-243-013

Tide Avenue — \$1,250,000

Joshua Sweeney and Tatiana Ellison to Jeffrey Hansen APN: 011-442-055

1109 McClellan Avenue — \$1,280,000

Thomas Peterson and Judith Carbonaro to Thi Nguyen APN: 001-151-012

40 Twin Oaks Drive - \$1,283,000

Michael Stone and Kim Reisenbichler to Robert and Francesca Torrise APN: 101-201-026

5 Shepherds Place — \$1,477,000

Thomas and Patti McGuire to Svetlana and Vasily Andrianova APN: 014-062-012

Moss Landing

222 Monterey Dunes Way - \$2,150,000

Jane Riede to 222 Dunes Beach LLC APN: 229-061-027

Pacific Grove

602 Acorn Court - \$750,000

Sandra Young to Daniel Belshaw APN: 007-711-002

239 Junipero Avenue - \$1,300,000

Daniel Belshaw and Tammy David to Stuart and Sandra Young APN: 006-524-004

835 Bayview Avenue — \$1,610,000

Lydia Cathey to Adele Margolis APN: 006-133-007

520 Lighthouse Avenue unit 204 - \$2,900,000

520 Lighthouse Corp. to Karsten Chin and Joyce Hirata APN: 006-178-015

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529 Lighthouse Corp. to Robert and Marguerite Novelli APN: 006-178-019

Pebble Beach

Ocean Pines Lane — \$1,271,000

Residential III LLC to James Washington and Lisa Villafranca APN: 008-582-031

3084 Sloat Road - \$1,900,000

Michael Leach and Stumbo Trust to Wendilyn Hunter APN: 007-421-002

3154 Bird Rock Road - \$2,175,000

Karen Pennell and Cowdrey Trust to Eugene and Young Williams APN: 007-343-018

2884 Lasauen Road - \$4,175,000

Eugene and Young Williams to Humayun and Ruth Sheikh APN: 007-181-021

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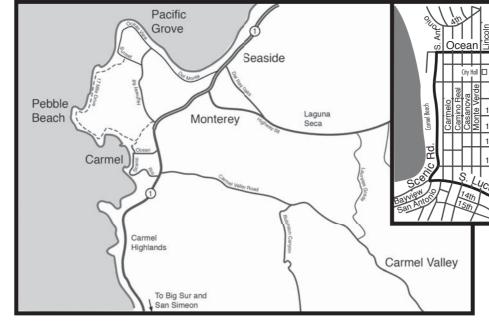
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62 Del Mesa Carmel	Carmel
Coast Realty & Property Mngmt	915-4675
\$945,000 2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
4000 Rio Rd #26	Carmel
KW Coastal Estates	220-5186
\$1,298,000 2bd 2.5ba	Su 12-2
95 High Meadow Ln	Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty	238-5793
\$1,895,000 3bd 2.5ba	Su 11-1
25450 Via Cicindela	Carmel
Carmel Realty	206-9969
\$1,985,000 3bd 2.5ba	Fr Sa Su 1-4
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Sotheby's Int'l RE	402-2884
\$1,995,000 3bd 3.5ba 9668 Willow Court Compass	Sa Su 12-2 Carmel 236-5290
\$2,150,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3 Su 12-2
Mission 4 SW of 1st Avenue	Carmel
Carmel Realty	915-6187 / 915-7415
\$2,195,000 3bd 2.5ba 25265 Arriba Del Mundo Compass	Sa Su 1-3 Carmel 262-7768
\$2,550,000 3bd 2ba	Su 12-2
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Carmel Realty	915-7415
\$2,590,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
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\$2,795,000 3bd 3ba	Sa 12-2
25987 Mission St	Carmel
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\$2,925,000 4bd 2.5ba	Su 12-3
25905 Junipero Avenue	Carmel
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Forest 5 SW of 7th Avenue	Carmel
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Casanova 4 NW of 13th Street	Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE	320-1109
\$5,200,000 3bd 3ba	Su 2:30-4
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\$2,225,000 2bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2:30
9 Story Road	Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE	917-9886
\$2,395,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
310 El Caminito Road	Carmel Valley
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25950 Colt Ln	Carmel Valley
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13369 Middle Canyon Road	Carmel Valley
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Sotheby's Int'l RE	915-7256
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\$2,750,000 3bd 4.5ba	Su 12-2
1109 Arroyo Dr	Pebble Beach
Compass	238-2022
\$2,795,000 4bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
4055 Sunset Lane	Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE	277-6020
\$3,195,000 4bd 4.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
4138 El Bosque Dr	Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE	238-4075
\$3,350,000 4bd 3.5ba	Su 1:30-3:30
1086 Spyglass Woods Dr	Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Realty	917-7029
\$3,850,000 4bd 3ba	Sa 12-3 Su 1-3
1268 Viscaino Rd	Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE	238-8116 / 277-3371
\$4,495,000 4bd 4.5ba	Sa 12-2 Su 1-4
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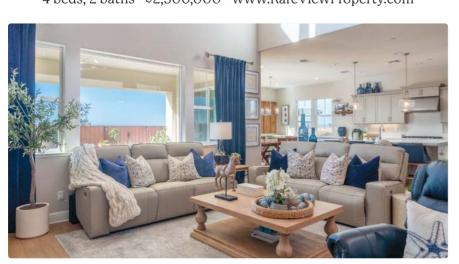
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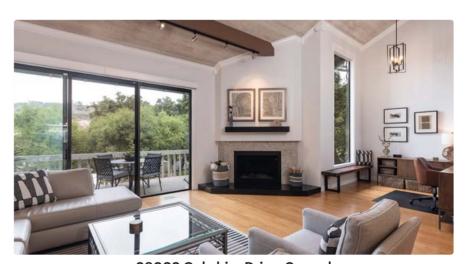


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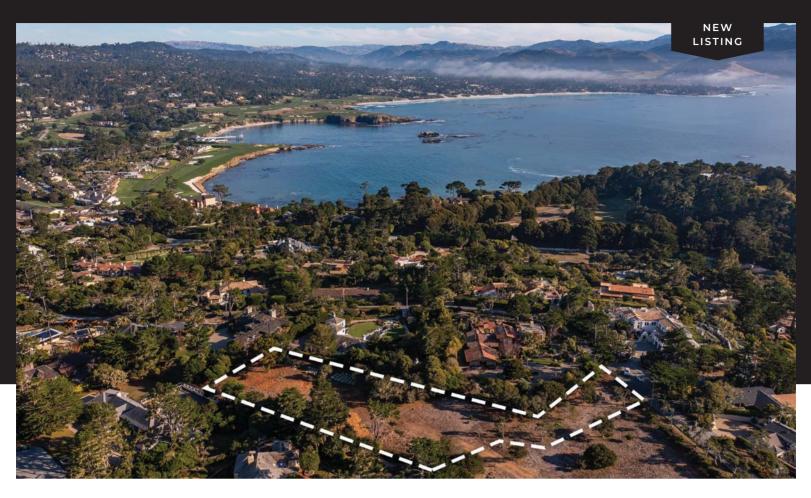


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