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Rescuers hike all night to bring back 300-pound man

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER RECEIVING word that a hiker was in need of help near Sykes Hot Springs in the Big Sur backcountry early Sunday evening, two search and rescue teams swung into action and embarked on a 13-hour journey through stormy weather to reach the man and bring him back.

“Search and rescue teams were notified at about 8 p.m. on Sunday of a 20-year-old hiker who needed help and could not make it out on his own,” the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office reported. “Thanks to the assistance of other hikers in the area, an SOS rescue signal was sent out and emergency notification was made to 911.”

The report didn’t say what the hiker was suffering from or who he is, but an Instagram post by the team reported that he “fell ill and became too weak to hike out.” It also noted that he weighs 300 pounds.

The river rises

The rescue workers, who included members of the Monterey County Sheriff’s search and rescue team, the county’s urban search and rescue team, and Cal Fire, set out on foot. The report didn’t say what route they took, but it would have taken hours to reach the hiker, who they found near the hot springs before daybreak.

The initial plan called for airlifting the man by helicopter, but stormy weather made that unsafe.

“The patient was provided first aid, but due to weather conditions, helicopters were unable to assist,” the report indicated.

They placed the hiker on a specially designed gurney

with one wheel. Resigned to hiking him out, the rescue workers began an arduous trek back to civilization, but they faced an unexpected hurdle.

“While returning, rescue teams became stranded and were unable to cross a river where water levels had risen,”

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PHOTO/MCSO SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM

A dozen workers carry an injured hiker across the Big Sur River early Monday morning.

MPWMD: Water moratorium to end

■ Cities to get hefty new supplies

By KELLY NIX

THE WATER district’s New Year’s resolution is to bring plenty of water for new housing and commercial development, and the head of the agency said that will happen within months.

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District general manager Dave Stoldt said that expansion of its wastewater reclamation project, dubbed Pure Water Monterey, is expected to come online toward the end of 2025. It will provide 2,250 acre-feet of new water for communities that have been under a moratorium for decades.

The project “will expand the recycled water supply on the Peninsula to over 50 percent of existing customer demand and will provide for new housing and jobs,” Stoldt said last week.

When it starts production, the expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide a total of 5,750 acre-feet, or about 1.8 billion gallons, of purified wastewater annually. Stoldt has promised it will be enough to supply the Peninsula for a quarter-century for all its needs — a statement Peninsula water provider California American Water disputes.

Reclamation projects aim for 50 percent of existing demand

In any case, while the new water is not yet flowing from the taps, Stoldt said his agency is in the process of allocating a portion of it to each Peninsula city and in some unincorporated areas of the county.

“Because each city is a different size and will grow at a different rate, their future needs will be different,” he explained. “Hence, the allocations of water will vary for each.”

Online by end of year

The allocations, available in March, will help with home remodels and additions where existing water meters are present. The district is expected to adopt an ordinance that same month to allow the allocations.

A draft of the ordinance, Stoldt explained, says cities, unincorporated parts of the county and other jurisdictions that will get new water should only start allocating it to projects that won’t be completed before Dec. 31, 2025.

“That is, we have told the jurisdictions that we prefer all projects to wait until the Pure Water Monterey Expansion

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Homeowner, city face off over metal roof

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN BRANDI Faia learned last March that her insurance company would no longer cover her ranch-style home at the northeast corner of Torres and Second



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

An example of a modern home with a vertical-panel metal roof — a style that was rejected for one Carmel home by the planning commission last month.

because it’s in a high-fire-risk area and has a deteriorating wood shake roof, she decided to replace it with one made of metal panels running vertically from peak to eave. But that solution — which she said was suggested by her insurance agent — has been a nonstarter with the Carmel Planning Commission, which first told her to pursue a horizontal-panel metal roof and then last month decided she should install metal shingles or some other fireproof product instead.

Some already approved

At their Dec. 11, 2024, meeting, commissioners acknowledged they have approved metal roofs with vertical seams in the past, even though the city’s design guidelines state that metal roofs are inappropriate in all contexts, but they decided it would be wrong for Faia’s house.

Two months earlier, commissioners had approved Faia’s application for various updates to her aging home, including a new fence, windows and other repairs, but

See ROOF page 18A

Bye-bye, Shell — there’s a new Chevron in town

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE new owner’s promise to donate three wooden Shell signs to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea’s historical archives, the gas station at San Carlos and Fifth quietly became a Chevron this week. HASCO Holdings LLC, which purchased the station from racecar driver Mario Andretti’s company in March 2024 for \$9,822,500, received approval last month to make the switch and installed some of the new signs Monday.

According to the Dec. 13, 2024, permit issued to Brian Collins of Calcraft Corporation — which handles branding for petroleum companies and other large corporations — the old sign hanging over the planter at the corner and the two channel-letter signs over the pumps and on the side of the building are being deeded to the city to be put in the Harrison Memorial Library History Room.

Only in Carmel?

The permit also authorized the contractor to replace all the Shell signage with Chevron equivalents made from metal or wood and acknowledged the decals on the pumps themselves would be swapped out as well.

The brand change brings Chevron back to the city after more than 15 years, when fuel station owner Andy Hill parted ways with the supplier to replace it with Alliance. (Many longtime residents still refer to his place at Junipero and Fourth as “the Carmel Chevron.”)

Getting to that point took some time and marks a significant change for the corner station, which has offered Shell products for more than 60 years.

Designed for Shell Oil Co. by the architecture firm of Burde, Shaw & Associates — which also created the plans for the former bank at Seventh and Dolores and the

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PHOTO/IAN MARTIN

As part of a switch from Shell to Chevron, workers remove a hand-carved sign from the gas station at San Carlos and Fifth.

FEARING FAST FOOD, COMMISSION PUTS OFF VOTE ON ‘BIG SQUEEZY’

By MARY SCHLEY

MAD DOGS & Englishmen bike shop can sell coffee and pastries out of its Ocean Avenue location, and members of a prominent local restaurant family can open a crepe shop in a former liquor store on San Carlos, the Carmel Planning Commission decided last month. But the man who wants to operate a juice and smoothie spot on Lincoln Street must prove his business isn’t a chain before commissioners will let him proceed.

The Big Squeezy, owned by Ash Shoukry, has a location in the Crossroads shopping center, and he wants to open another in the space next to the former Cottage restaurant that was previously occupied by an art gallery. Patrice Pastor’s Esperanza Carmel owns the building.

At the Dec. 11, 2024, meeting, associate planner Jacob

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Best buddies

Miles wasn't supposed to happen. Well, not like this. His mother was a golden retriever. His father was a chocolate standard poodle. Miles is, therefore, a golden doodle. Except he's black. The only one in the litter who was.

Miles was born in Marina 15 years ago, one year before his favorite person was born. She's in high school now, busy participating in most sports and doing well in class, but she never forgets that Miles has been her priority and best buddy her entire life.

Although Miles lives in San Benancio, he is happi-



est at the beach. Asilomar is his favorite. He makes a beeline to the water upon arrival, running right in and sitting himself down among the waves.

"When Miles comes out of the water," his person said, "he shakes all the water out of his coat, soaking all of us. And then he goes right back into the waves for another dip in the sea."

Miles also likes to play with the other dogs at the beach, any and all of them, big or small. But what appeals to him more than his cadre of canines is people.

"Miles is super friendly," his person said. "When my friends come over, he runs over to greet them before I can get there. And then he stands nearby us the entire time, wagging his tail in that good-natured, quietly hopping-to-be-noticed kind of way."

Well, there is one thing Miles just might prefer over anything his "Mr. Trashman" – a squishy doll that resembles a trash collector in his little orange vest.

"Miles has had Mr. Trashman since he was born," his person said. "It's a kind of security toy he takes everywhere he goes. I just hope it never wears out or gets lost."

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Swedish tourist gets serious dog bite on first day here

By KELLY NIX

A WOMAN visiting Pacific Grove from Sweden had to be rushed to a hospital last week after a dog attacked her while she was out for a run.

On Dec. 23, the Swedish tourist, who has not been identified, was jogging on a sidewalk on the 100 block of Caledonia Avenue when a dog, which was leashed, bit her, according to her friend, who detailed the attack in a social media post last week.

“She needed an ambulance ride to the emergency room to receive almost two dozen stitches and emergency care for blood loss,” LB Burnett reported the day of the attack.

Pacific Grove Police Acting Chief Brian Anderson said the bite occurred about 9:45 a.m.

Quarantined

“A dog sitter was walking a 3-and-a-half-year-old terrier mix and another dog,” Anderson told The Pine Cone. “The sitter attempted to move the dogs away from a passing jogger, but the terrier was able to bite the victim.”

He said the dog, named Flynn, has been quarantined “and the investigation is still ongoing.” The police department, Anderson said, has not issued a ticket to the owner.

Burnett said the dog that bit her friend was a Doberman. The term “terrier mix” is sometimes used to describe a dog that has been cross-bred with an American pit bull terrier, though it’s not clear which breed of dog bit the woman.

Flynn’s sitter was taking care of him and the other dog while their owners were in Great Britain, Burnett said.

“My friend is experiencing significant anxiety while also managing the medical aspect of her injuries,” Burnett said. “I’m also concerned about the safety of this dog knowing that it has the capacity to cause this level of harm to someone passing by.”

Made contact

The attack occurred the first day the Swedish woman was in Pacific Grove.

“She was celebrating her arrival to our beautiful, friendly town by taking a jog to the beach — only to unexpectedly come across this highly aggressive dog,” Burnett said.

The owner of the dog has contacted the Swedish tourist via email, Burnett said.

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A bite from a large dog caused these deep cuts to a Swedish woman who was visiting Pacific Grove.

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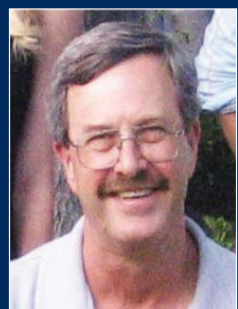
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Purse and shoes found on street

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Night clerk at a hotel on Camino Real reported receiving a suspicious call from an unknown caller. The individual stated the caller was attempting to flirt with her. The unknown caller only called once, and the clerk was not able to get a name. The clerk was able to get a phone number from the caller ID. The phone number was called, and it met with negative results. The phone number was a ghost number. The clerk wanted the incident documented.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle stopped on Sunset Drive for a CVC violation. The driver was found to be driving on a suspended license and was cited and released on scene.

Carmel area: Armed bank robbery on Carmel Rancho Lane.

Carmel area: A suspicious circumstance was reported at the Crossroads.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Conflict over and unauthorized access to residential property on Fifth while couple goes through divorce. Reporting party is concerned that it may continue now that the division of assets is finalized and wanted CPD to be aware of the circumstances. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Domestic partners in verbal altercation inside a residence on Pacific Grove Lane.

Pacific Grove: Subject on 13th Street was placed on a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

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

Pacific Grove: Purse turned into Seaside Police Department by a good Samaritan.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Central was placed on 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

Carmel area: A violation of restraining order on Guadalupe Street was investigated.

Pebble Beach: Shoplifting reported on 17 Mile Drive.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 45-year-old male from Marina was found slumped over the steering wheel of his car at Guadalupe and Second at 1505 hours. He was arrested for DUI and was taken to Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended death at Camino Real and Second.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse was placed on an involuntary mental health hold due to being unable to care for himself.

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

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Park Street was towed for expired registration.

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



The gavel falls

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

Nov. 25 — The Monterey County District Attorney's Office completed review of the case submitted by the Monterey County Sheriff concerning deputy Gaspar Estevez. The D.A.'s office determined that proof beyond a reasonable doubt does not support that Estevez committed any crime.

During a conversation in late October, an inmate told Estevez that there were weapons in every housing unit at the jail. According to Estevez, he told the inmate to turn a weapon over to prove he wasn't bluffing. About a week later, the inmate provided Estevez with a five-and-a-half-inch-long inmate-manufactured weapon, commonly referred to as a shank. At the end of his shift that day, Estevez took the shank home and put it on his garage shelf.

On Nov. 7, approximately two weeks

later, after another inmate indicated he had observed the shank exchange, sheriff's investigators interviewed Estevez. He told the investigators all of the information recounted above. Estevez claimed that he wanted to investigate shank-making in the jail, determine what materials are being used, make the jail a safer facility and show jail officials "the big picture," at least in part because there was an opening in the classification unit that he desired. He also claimed that as time passed, he forgot the shank was still in his garage.

Estevez was cooperative throughout the interview. Although he was read his Miranda rights, he did not invoke his right to remain silent or request counsel. He admitted he should have booked the shank into evi-

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Judge declares accused animal killer mentally fit

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER HE unsuccessfully pleaded insanity, criminal proceedings are again underway against Vicente Arroyo, who was arrested five months ago after he allegedly slaughtered dozens of animals in a rural area near Prunedale.



Vicente Arroyo

Arroyo, 40, was arrested by Monterey County SWAT team members Sept. 3, 2024, after they used drones to locate him and his crashed truck in a vineyard off Avery Lane. In the aftermath of his early-morning rampage, they found numerous firearms, including an illegal assault weapon, along with loaded and empty magazines, and discovered he'd killed a pony, two miniature horses, 14 goats, five rabbits, a guinea pig, 10 chickens, seven ducks, 14 cockatiels and 20 parakeets, according to the criminal complaint against him. A search

warrant served at his home the next day turned up seven more firearms and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

The Monterey County District Attorney's office filed a criminal complaint against Arroyo alleging 92 felony counts and one misdemeanor, along with numerous enhancements.

Mental competence

At Arroyo's Sept. 5 arraignment, defense attorney William Pernik "expressed doubt as to the defendant's mental competence" and requested a mental-health evaluation as allowed by the California Penal Code. The judge agreed and referred Arroyo to "a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist or other expert" for the purposes of determining his fitness to stand trial.

When he was set to attend an Oct. 23 court hearing on his mental condition, Arroyo refused to leave his

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BODY REPORTED IN OCEAN COULD NOT BE FOUND

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CREW on a whale-watching boat reported seeing a possible body floating in the water about 4 miles off the coastline at Marina State Beach late on the morning of Dec. 29, but a search for the remains was unsuccessful,

and the bodies of drowning victims from earlier in the week are still missing, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Andy Rosas.

Following the report at 11 a.m. Sunday, assistance was

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Police investigating fatal three-car wreck

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A 22-YEAR-OLD San Francisco woman died on Christmas Eve morning after being involved in a three-vehicle collision on Highway 68 between Canyon Del Rey and Ragsdale Drive, according to Monterey Police Assistant Chief Michael Bruno.

“Witnesses said that a white Dodge Nitro was traveling westbound on Highway 68, just west of Ragsdale Drive,” he said. “As traffic was slowing ahead, the driver of the Dodge was unable to stop his vehicle and struck a white Lexus SUV. The Dodge continued into the eastbound lanes of Highway 68 and struck a blue Honda Accord head on.”

Eva Whitney, one of the passengers in the Honda, sustained major injuries and was transported to Natividad Medical Center, where she later died, according to

Monterey P.D. and the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office. The driver and another passenger in the same car were also injured and subsequently treated at Natividad Medical Center, as was the driver who caused the crash.

No cite yet

Bruno did not release the name of the driver or anyone else involved and said the investigation is ongoing, with assistance from the California Highway Patrol.

“We are still investigating the collision, and the driver has not been charged with anything,” he said Monday. “If the driver of the Dodge is arrested, we will release the information.”

Anyone who witnessed the crash or who has any other information is asked to call MPD detective Greg Galin at (831) 646-3872.

Head-on crash on Hwy. 68 injures 3, blocks road

By KELLY NIX

A YOUNG couple from Monterey received major injuries Tuesday afternoon when a driver traveling the opposite direction on Highway 68 crossed the double yellow line and hit their sedan head on.

At about 1:25 p.m., a man and woman in their 20s and their 3-year-old daughter were in a BMW traveling uphill toward Monterey just after the Haul Road parking area when a male driver in a Subaru Outback crossed into their lane and crashed head-on into their car, striking mostly the driver’s side of the sedan and forcing it off the road.

The Subaru driver and the male passenger in the BMW were unresponsive when first responders arrived, according to the CHP. Both sides of Highway 68 were blocked, which led to about an hour-long backup for drivers.

The man and woman in the BMW were taken by ambulance to Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, which has a

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PHOTO/SCARLETT NIX

The driver of this Subaru crashed into a BMW Tuesday, causing injuries to several people and snarling traffic on Highway 68.



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Elvin facing prison after plea deal

By KELLY NIX

A PENINSULA man with a lengthy criminal record has reached a deal with prosecutors that could send him to prison for up to three years after he was arrested at a popular Monterey park last month for lewd behavior, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office said this week.

Riley Elvin, 29, was arrested by Monterey Police at El Estero Park Nov. 30, 2024, for fondling himself while lying on the ground against a tree. His arrest came less than three weeks after he was sentenced to felony probation for threatening to kill the former principal of Pacific Grove High School in late 2023 and freed from Monterey County Jail.

"Mr. Elvin had his hands inside his

pants and was masturbating his penis," Monterey County Assistant District Attorney Lana Nassoura told The Pine Cone Dec. 19 regarding his most recent criminal charge.

The lewd conduct charge was in violation of his felony probation terms.

Probation violation

Elvin is back in jail for the misdemeanor, but Nassoura said Tuesday that prosecutors and Elvin's attorney reached an agreement whereby Elvin will admit to violating probation in exchange for dismissal of the case.

"Due to the admission of the violation of probation, he will be sentenced to either

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Illegal pot grower could get 20 years

Guilty of 'depredation' of backcountry

By CHRIS COUNTS

STEPPING UP pressure on those who persist in growing cannabis on public lands — and employ chemicals that harm wildlife — the U.S. Attorney's Office announced that Mexican national Jacinto Correa Cruz, 56, pleaded guilty in federal court this week to three counts stemming from his participation two years ago in a massive illegal growing operation in the Big Sur backcountry.

Location not disclosed

Cruz, who will be sentenced in March, faces up to 20 years in prison, along with a fine of \$1,000,000, plus restitution. He was charged with one count of depredation against federal lands, along with counts

pertaining to illegally growing and distributing cannabis.

Law enforcement didn't say precisely where the illicit patch was located in Big Sur, but reportedly discovered "two plots that had been cleared of most native vegetation to make way for approximately 10,000 marijuana plants." A staggering 33,780 gallons of water was being diverted from a river or creek daily to water the plants.

Perhaps worse, the growers employed an array of toxins to keep wildlife from consuming the crops.

"Highly poisonous and illegal chemicals, such as carbofuran, methamidophos, and diphacinone, were found on site and detected in the soil and water," the report indicated. "These pesticides are known to have killed sensitive and endangered species throughout California."

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AI, child sexploitation, sideshows and retail theft targeted by new laws

By CAITLIN CONRAD

A NEW quarter-century has arrived, and with it come hundreds of new laws in California. Many took effect on the first of the year, and others will come online this spring and summer.

The laws cover a broad range of issues, including attempts to rein in the use of artificial intelligence and get tougher on crime.

■ Crime

Lawmakers wrote a host of bills in 2024 designed to crack down on everything from rampant retail theft to the growing menace of automotive sideshows.

Assembly Bill 2943 gives prosecutors the power to stack the value of stolen property from different victims and in different counties in order to reach the felony grand theft threshold of \$950. The new law also makes it a felony to possess \$950 worth of stolen goods or more with the intent to sell or exchange the items.

Additionally, the law allows an officer with probable cause to arrest a person for shoplifting, something that was illegal in 2024.

The New Year also brings increased penalties for criminals who start fires while committing retail theft. Prosecutors can use that as an aggravating factor when determining how to charge a person.

Thanks to Assembly Bill 3209, business owners can keep convicted thieves out of their stores. In 2025, courts can issue retail theft restraining orders against criminals convicted of shoplifting, theft, vandalism or assault of a retail employee, prohibiting them from entering the same store or any of its associated locations.

New rules laid down in Proposition 36 are the law of the land in 2025, as well. The tough-on-crime measure saw a landslide victory, with 70 percent of Californians voting “yes” last year. The initiative, which Gov. Gavin Newsom and other progressives opposed, increases penalties for theft and repeated convictions for drug possession.

After a decade of criminal justice “reform” in the state, Prop 36 reclassifies some misdemeanor drug and theft crimes as felonies. It’s a reversal of Prop 47, approved by voters in 2014, which downgraded those offenses.

■ Sideshows

Sideshows have created a headache in recent years for law enforcement and residents. They often involve multiple drivers taking over streets and intersections to perform high-speed tricks. The events are dangerous and sometimes deadly. Just

last month a man was shot and killed at a sideshow in Prunedale.

A host of bills designed to stop the reckless behavior are in effect. The new rules make it easier for police to impound vehicles involved in sideshows. In 2025, even those not racing can have their cars impounded, including people who use their vehicles as barricades for the show.

While not specifically related to sideshows, two additional vehicle-related bills crack down on crime. Assembly Bill 2111 will make it illegal to alter license plate coating in an effort to evade electronic detection. And Senate Bill 905 removes

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Investigation of police shooting near Golden Bough to wrap up next month

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN two months after a Carmel police officer shot and killed a man on Monte Verde Street near the Golden Bough Playhouse, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office is close to finalizing its findings on the incident, Chief Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon said Thursday.

James Marshall, 27, was mortally wounded in a confrontation with police in the backyard of his residence Oct. 25, 2024, after they were called to the neighborhood where witnesses saw Marshall walking around "dressed in tactical gear, armed with pepper spray, a knife, a 3-foot-long crowbar and what later turned out to be a BB rifle" styled to look like an assault rifle, according to the DA's office. One of the 911 callers said Marshall had held him at gunpoint.

Marshall's mother had also called police to report that her son wanted to harm himself by forcing officers to do it, according to Police Chief Paul Tomasi.

Beanbag rounds

The chief, Sgt. Gerald Maldonado and officer Rene Guevara had set up outside Marshall's home, though they didn't know where he was until they saw him on a nearby sidewalk. After Marshall, who was also wearing a helmet, moved to his driveway, Maldonado fired beanbag rounds to try to subdue him. They had no effect — other than to cause him to drop the BB gun, which the officers discovered later.

Guevara, the only officer to fire his service pistol, did

so after Marshall lunged at Maldonado with the crowbar, body-cam footage shows. The three officers had followed Marshall into his backyard, where he started smashing objects with the crowbar and picked up a door that had been taken off its hinges, and then advanced slightly with the door while yelling.

He dropped the door but grasped the crowbar as the officers screamed at him to drop the weapon and get on the ground. Maldonado fired more beanbag rounds at him, and while Marshall seemed to react a little, he continued to yell and didn't yield.

Attorney review

But when Marshall charged toward Maldonado, Guevara fired five shots from his service pistol. Though he was mortally wounded, Marshall remained upright and continued to advance toward the officers until he was tackled by Guevara.

The officers immediately began providing medical aid, according to police and the DA's office, and an ambulance took Marshall to Natividad Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

After the incident, the three officers were separated for questioning by the DA's office, which is tasked with investigating shootings involving law enforcement. Such reviews can take months, due

to the wait for toxicology and autopsy results and reports from various investigators, and Brannon said Jan. 2 that he expects the review will be finalized in February.

"The investigation binder is complete and was just presented for attorney review the week of Dec. 16," he told The Pine Cone.



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A still from an officer's bodycam shows Police Chief Paul Tomasi trying to convince James Marshall to put down his crowbar. Tomasi did not fire his weapon.

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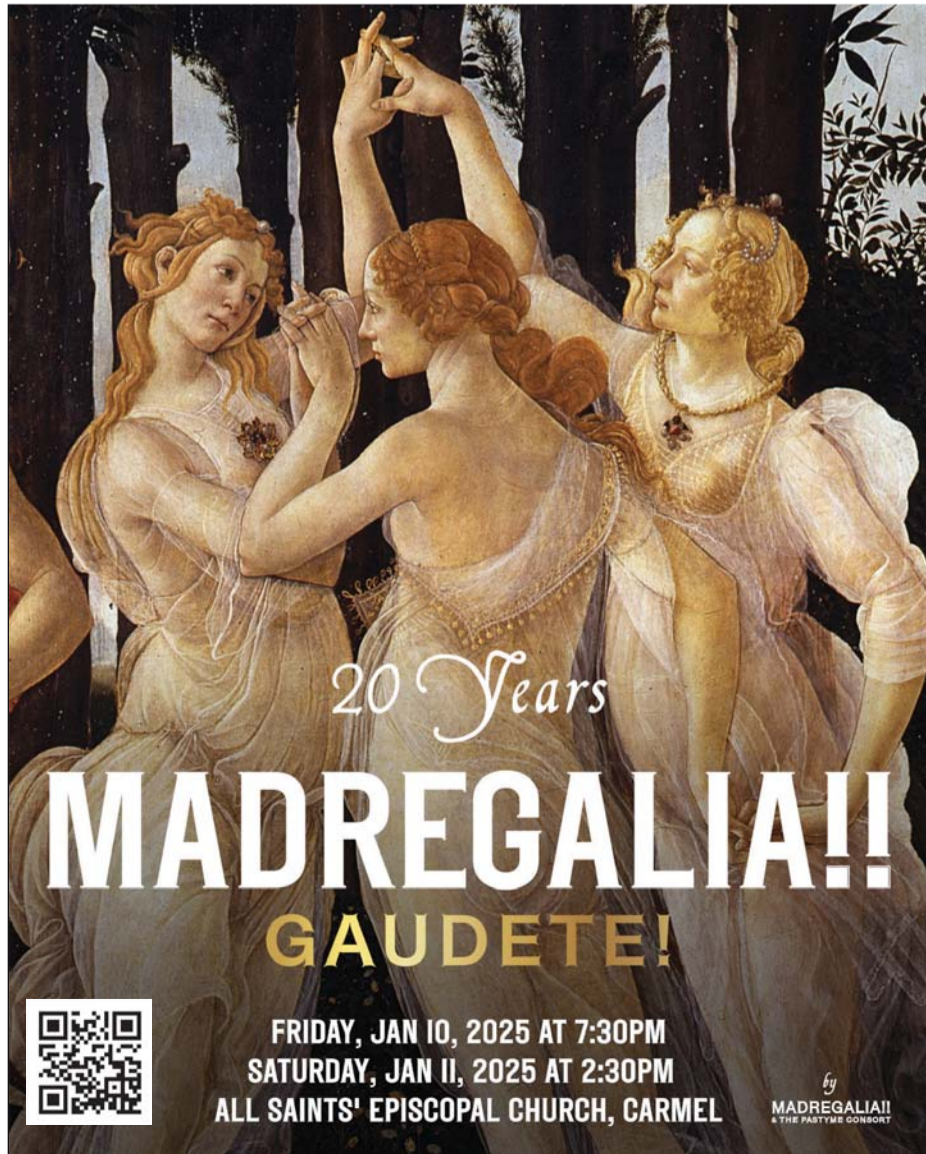
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New supervisor to be sworn in Tuesday

By CHRIS COUNTS

TAKING THE oath of office Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Salinas, Kate Daniels will be sworn in as the next supervisor for Monterey County's 5th District, with Sen. John Laird doing the honors.

"Taking the oath of office is finally here," Daniels announced on Facebook.

"I first met Kimbley over 30 years ago at Carmel High School in a peer counseling class," the incoming supervisor said. "Later, we served together in student government. Kimbley is passionate and dedicated to serving the public, most recently as mayor of the city of Salinas and as president and CEO of the Monterey County Business Council. Kimbley's roots in District 5, her management skills, her extensive work on housing, homelessness and infrastructure issues, and most importantly, her responsiveness to constituent inquiries and needs, make her a perfect fit for this role."

'A wealth of knowledge'

Claudia Link, who worked as policy advisor for outgoing supervisor Mary Adams, will join Daniels' staff in the same role. The new supervisor said Link possesses a wealth of knowledge. "She is passionate about supporting others and contributing to her community," Daniels said. "If you do not already know Claudia, you will find her to be as kind and caring as I know her to be — we are lucky to have her."

After winning nearly 60 percent of the vote in a three-way race in March, 2024 Daniels replaces Adams, who became supervisor in 2016 when she defeated incumbent Dave Potter. Adams was reelected in 2020.

Daniels was Adams' campaign manager in 2016 and later worked as her chief of staff before being appointed to the Monterey County Planning Commission.

Daniels also worked as a policy advisor to Laird, stepping down in September 2024.



PHOTO/FACEBOOK

Incoming supervisor Kate Daniels (right) with chief of staff Kimbley Craig (left) and policy advisor Claudia Link (center).

"It has been nearly 10 months since our victory in March. Please join us in person in the board chambers or on Zoom for this special moment."

Daniels also revealed who is joining her staff. Her chief of staff will be Kimbley Craig.

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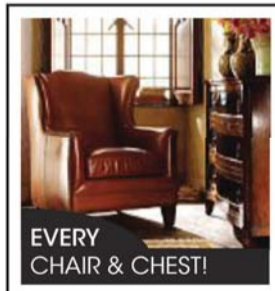
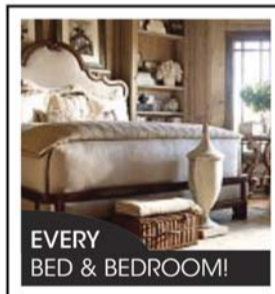


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WATER

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has received final approval and is online,” he said.

That’s well and good for remodels and additions, but any project requiring a new water meter, such as new housing, will have to wait until the State Water Resources Control Board lifts an order prohibiting new hookups on the Peninsula.

Will it be enough?

Stoldt said he believes the water supplied by the reclamation project will be enough to prompt the state to lift the 30-year-old-order and said his staff plans on meeting with state officials early this year to urge them to do so.

With a host of new laws imposing major housing mandates on local cities and the county, the state Public Utilities Commission is expected to update supply and demand estimates for the Peninsula, which could also help get the water-meter ban lifted. The estimates could be released soon, and Stoldt said the water district would likely make a formal request to lift the order after that happens.

“The CPUC’s decision on supply and demand will have an impact on lifting the order,” he said.

Cal Am — which provided initial funding for the wastewater expansion and continues to be a business partner — agreed last year to purchase the water it produces.

“California American Water continues to advocate for water conservation and recycling as key components of a long-term water solution for the increasing periods of drought our region endures,”

spokesman Josh Stratton told The Pine Cone this week.

However, the private company contends that its proposed desalination plant in Marina, which has been approved by the state’s coastal commission, is the only project that would offer a drought-free, long-term water supply for the Peninsula.

And the company has said it would not back the water district’s bid to end the state’s ban on new water meters until that project is complete and producing water.

“Without a drought-proof water supply online, a premature lifting of the order is likely to result in water supply shortages during periods of drought and would be irresponsible,” Stratton said. “When the reliable, drought-proof water supply of the desalination project comes online in 2028, Cal Am intends to apply to the state to lift the cease-and-desist order.”

Carmel — 14 million gallons

Expansion of the water reclamation project requires the construction of nearly two miles of new pipeline, a 1,200-foot, deep well to monitor groundwater conditions, and a basin that percolates water produced from weekly backflushing of the injection wells.

Stoldt said the pipeline project is on schedule and will likely be completed the

last week of February. Two wells will be finished that same month, but pumps and electrical and control systems won’t be in place until August.

Sewer agency Monterey One Water’s advanced water purification facility in Marina is also being augmented to accommodate the extra water.

Additional ozone pretreatment, membrane filtration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet/advanced oxidation equipment is being installed.

Once all that is finished, the City of Carmel is slated to receive a new allocation of 14 acre-feet (about 4.6 million gallons), Pacific Grove, 32 acre-feet (about 10.4 million gallons), and Monterey will receive a lion’s share of 141 acre-feet, which amounts to about 46 million gallons. Unincorporated Monterey County will get 72 acre-feet, Department of Defense sites,

27 acre-feet, and the Monterey airport district 44 acre-feet. Del Rey Oaks will get 6 acre-feet, Sand City, 14 acre-feet and Seaside, 21 acre-feet. The water district will keep 2,175 acre-feet for reserves.

Pacific Grove city manager Matt Mogensen said Thursday that the city does not intend to allocate any of the expansion water until it gets the approval from the water district.

“I think the Pacific Grove City Council will have a robust conversation in the future on how they will want to use any new water allocations from the water district,” Mogensen told The Pine Cone in an email message.

The Environmental Protection Agency is providing a \$77 million loan for the reclamation expansion project. Another \$35 million will come from Monterey Peninsula water customers.

COUNTY SEEKS COMMENTS ON CLIMATE PLAN

By CHRIS COUNTS

OFFICIALS SAY the county has an opportunity to shape what a more climate-friendly Monterey County will look like — and they’re giving residents a chance to share their opinions.

Visit montereyclimateaction.konveio.com and look for the Climate Action Simulator, which gives people a chance to weigh in on how the county will prioritize its carbon emission reduction targets. It’s uncertain if the public’s opinions will count for anything, but the exercise does provide a snapshot of the type of energy mandates the state is imposing on its citizens in the name of reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

“Using an online Climate Action Simulator, residents can step into the role of a climate action planner and help the county prioritize key actions,” the county announced Tuesday. “The simulator lets users select actions they believe the county should take over the next five years and see how those selections add up toward

emissions reductions goals — your input is encouraged.”

Pick your poison

The web page asks people to prioritize 16 different climate-friendly actions, including electrifying existing homes, reducing vehicle travel, transitioning to zero-emission vehicles, electrifying landscape equipment, increasing composting and recycling, planting more trees, and reducing water use for homes, businesses and agriculture.

Locals are also asked to share any of their own ideas on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving resilience to climate change.

Ten of the 16 actions listed in the survey require residents to rely exclusively on electricity for power — at a time when utility companies are struggling to provide enough for existing uses, particularly during heat waves. To usher in an era of clean energy, the state is enacting future bans on just about every type of technology that relies on gasoline or natural gas.



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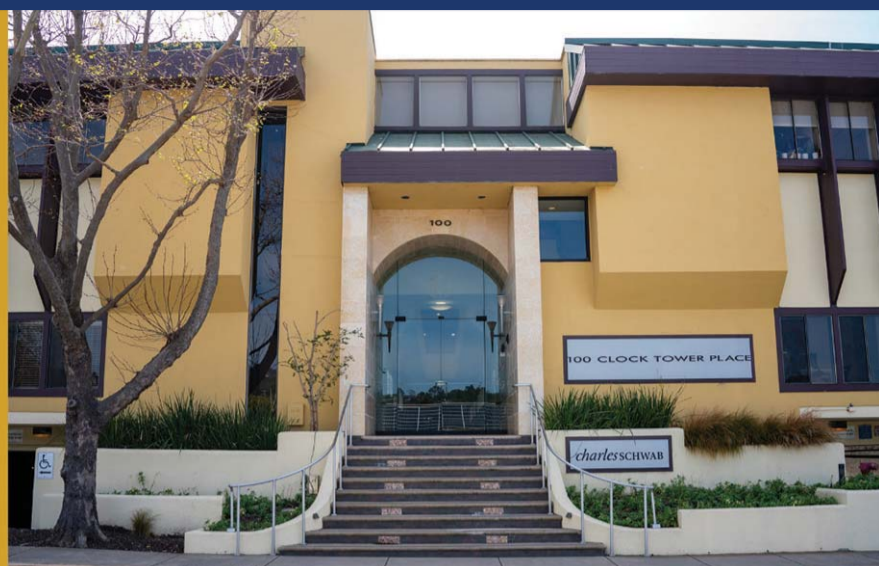
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PG&E: New gear will help prevent outages

By KELLY NIX

A TRANSFORMER shipped from Asia that was recently installed in Monterey will offer “greater reliability” in much of the Monterey Peninsula, according to PG&E.

“The new transformer was shipped from Korea to Long Beach and then transported on the highway from Long Beach to Monterey,” Brian Hardwick, a superintendent for PG&E, explained.

The 75 megavolt ampere transformer will replace a much smaller transformer to keep up with population growth and power demands, Hardwick said.

“A larger need, thus a larger transformer,” he explained.

Crews with PG&E had to first remove the old transformer and demolish the concrete pad where it sat to make way for the new one.

A video PG&E released shows a large transport truck hauling the equipment on North Fremont Street past Denny’s restaurant at night and installing the multi-ton unit during the day.

“The transformer being installed is essentially the heart and muscle of this station” in Monterey, said Dillon Bergstrom, a project manager for Ampirical Solutions, a PG&E contractor. “To put it

in a metaphor, this is putting a brand-new engine into a car.”

It will increase the power capacity and distribution not only in Monterey but in nearby cities that the power station serves, Bergstrom said.

Will it help?

A Monterey resident who has lived on the Peninsula for more than 80 years suggested that lengthy power outages here are a much newer phenomenon. While he told The Pine Cone that the new transformer would help, the primary problem is other antiquated power infrastructure.

“Is living in the dark our future?” the resident asked in a letter to The Pine Cone. “I know many frail seniors dependent on CPAP machines, oxygen generators and central heaters, issues that are all ignored by our politicians.”

While lengthy power outages on the Peninsula have become more commonplace, Teresa Alvarado, a PG&E vice president for the region, said the upgrade will “enable greater reliability.

“With this project, I hope our customers see that we are investing locally, that the dollars they are paying are being reinvested in the community to serve them today and tomorrow,” Alvarado explained in a video released by the company.



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After four decades at Big Sur Health, Carey passes torch

By CHRIS COUNTS

ENDING A 40-year tenure as the leader of the Big Sur Health Center, Sharen Carey announced she is stepping down as executive director of the rural medical clinic. Carey will be replaced by Kathie Lester, who according to the center has an extensive background in healthcare program management, nonprofit leadership and business.

After a transition period, Carey will continue to work for the clinic as a grant administrator.

"I'm excited to pass the torch to Kathie," Carey said. "Her experience, passion and dedication make her the perfect person to lead the health center into its next chapter. I have no doubt the community will embrace her, just as they have supported me over the years."

Lester's resume includes stints at the American Lung Association in Minneapolis and at a homeless shelter dedicated to victims of domestic violence in Spokane, Wash. Most recently, she was employed by residential treatment facilities for adolescents.

'Aligns perfectly'

A graduate of The University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., Lester is also "an animal rescue advocate, an avid hiker, an enthusiastic traveler and music lover."

Health center board President Derric Oliver said he's thrilled to welcome Lester to the clinic, which is located just south of the Big Sur River Inn.

"Her extensive experience, combined with her deep understanding of healthcare systems, nonprofit management and community advocacy, aligns perfectly with our mission to provide accessible and compassionate care to our patients. We are confident her leadership will strengthen our programs and enhance the lives of those we serve."

Lester is excited for the opportunity to lead the clinic, which is "committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality medical care to the residents, workers and visitors."

"I am truly honored," she said. "The health center plays an invaluable role in this community, and I look forward to working alongside the dedicated staff and board members to continue providing high-quality care. I am eager to meet community members and contribute to this vital mission."

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SQUEEZY

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Olander recommended the planning commission approve the application, filed by Shelly Larsen on behalf of Shoukry, to sell cold-pressed juices, smoothies, bowls and other healthy fare. It would be classified as a specialty

restaurant, just as coffee shops are, with customers ordering at the counter and most often taking their food to go, though a minimum of 14 seats must be offered for dining onsite, according to the Carmel Municipal Code.

Not fast food

In his analysis, Olander concluded The Big Squeezy would not constitute a “drive-in, fast food, takeout or formula establishment,” as prohibited by the code, because it

will be uniquely tailored for Carmel. While Shoukry once had Big Squeezy locations in Louisiana, he sold them, according to Larsen, and now owns just the one at the Crossroads.

“The business name, menu and branding are unique to this Carmel location, as is consistent with past practice for differentiation of existing businesses when locating a similar established brand or business in Carmel,” Olander said in his report. “This is similar to what the planning commission has approved in the past for businesses like Alvarado Street Brewery and Olivier Napa Valley,” which opted for variations on their names to differentiate them from other locations.

And one of the proposed conditions of approval, he noted, requires all products sold at the Lincoln Street location to bear the name, The Big Squeezy by the Sea.

But that wasn’t enough to mollify commissioners or restaurateur Ken Spilfogel, who said he was speaking for the business community in objecting to the application.

“My concern is all of a sudden, we have a lot of specialty restaurants occurring,” he said. “This is not just from me, but from the restaurant community, also.”

He complained about a “lack of transparency” and suggested other restaurant owners should be allowed to review such applications before they’re brought to the commission.

“The restaurant community would have a little more say,” he said, adding that he and others don’t want downtown Carmel to turn into Alvarado Street, which has several fast-food spots.

Similarly, while he said he couldn’t find much direct information about the business online, restaurateur Rich Pepe — who owns Carmel Bakery locations in Carmel and Monterey, as well as two restaurants in town — said a Google search using AI identified The Big Squeezy as a Louisiana “juice bar chain.”

“Seems this is a franchise,” Pepe said, adding that he would wait for the staff report to learn more. “Any images I’ve found all have the same packaging and menus.”

Signs and colors

According to a Q&A writeup on the Crossroads website dating from the early Covid era, Shoukry “grew up in Monterey County, attended Cal Poly, where I was an ag business major, and after a year abroad, came back to the Salinas Valley — one of the produce capitals of the world.”

He said he worked in conventional farming for 20 years and then took over an organic farm, which led to his

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forming a juice company. The interview with Shoukry makes no mention of the Louisiana chain.

He also said The Big Squeezy works closely with Carmel High, where Larsen's daughter was a student.

At the Dec. 11, 2024, planning commission meeting, Larsen told commissioners that while the bottled juices would be the same as those sold at the Crossroads location, where they're produced, the bowls, cold brew coffee, smoothies and other items would be different.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke said she would need more information, including a full menu, and she worried The Big Squeezy might successfully expand to have more locations.

"In a year or more, there may be many more of these businesses, and suddenly we do have formula food in Carmel," she said, adding that tacking "by the Sea" onto the name "is not really a significant change."

She mentioned Alvarado Street Brewery's growth over the years to include three restaurant locations — each of which offers a different menu — a beer garden at the Monterey Bay Football Club stadium and a taproom and production facility, suggesting such expansion amounts to a chain.

Locke also said she wants a say in the design of the shop's sign, interior decor and colors, and any exterior changes, including whatever ADA improvements are required.

'More comprehensive package'

Commissioner Erin Allen echoed Locke's concerns that The Big Squeezy "could continue to grow," while chair Michael LePage said he wouldn't want to cap the number of locations a business could open.

Nonetheless, he said, "We want to see something that reflects the character of

Carmel."

"What I hear from the restaurant community is they want quality restaurants that have unique products and serve them in a manner which respects the business and the community and its character, and we don't want to get into a formula fast-food business which sort of dilutes the quality of the restaurants," he said.

With that, the commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to allow the applicant to address the issues raised by commissioners and the restaurant community and provide "a more comprehensive package" at a future hearing.

At the same meeting, commissioners approved an application from the owners of Mad Dogs & Englishmen,

which has bike shops at Ocean and Mission, on Cannery Row in Monterey, and in Santa Barbara, to amend its use permit so it can function as a coffee shop from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, with seating for up to 20 people in the Ocean Avenue storefront.

Coffee, creperie OK

Senior planner Evan Kort recommended approval, and the commission adopted the amendment without discussion as part of the meeting's consent agenda.

Commissioners also unanimously OK'd Fadi and Loie Alnimri's application to open Carmel Creperie in Carmel Square on San Carlos Street in the former location of a longtime liquor store and a few short-lived retail shops.

According to the menu provided with the application, the restaurant will offer a wide range of savory and sweet crepes seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The menu is pretty extensive," Locke commented. "I don't have the same questions here as I did with the previous application," and even though the Alnimris are involved in other local restaurants, "this is a standalone," and "something we don't have in town."

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Gayle Walter Holmes

On the anniversary of the passing of Gayle Walter Holmes, we offer this tribute to her life.

Rarely has the pioneer spirit lived as strongly in a person than it did in Gayle Holmes, who passed away at Carmel Valley Manor on Dec. 6, 2023, at the age of 92.

Born on May 14th, 1931, to Edwin Howard Walter and Marjorie Gay Walter in Hillsborough, California, she had a zest for life that took her on an incredible journey from attending the Katherine Branson School for Girls in Ross, California, as a boarding student (the school is now simply known as The Branson School), to Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, and Parsons School of Design in New York City, before returning to San Francisco.

Shortly after, she met her dashing husband-to-be, Harry Edward Holmes. They had a two-year whirlwind romance and eloped to Wally's Hot Springs, Nevada, where they married on September 1, 1957.

They subsequently had three children: Marshall, who passed away in 2013, Hilary Gustafsson of Carmel Valley, California, and Gay Holmes Condos of Sun Valley, Idaho.

Over the following decades, Gayle would move to Montecito, California, Sun Valley, Idaho, Pebble Beach, California, and Aspen, Colorado, before finally putting down roots for good in Pebble Beach. She spent her final years happily residing at the Carmel Valley Manor.

An enterprising businesswoman, she started her career working for the famous California designer Michael Taylor before starting her own company, Gayle Walter Interiors, which operated for more than 70 years creating elegant designs for both private homes and hotels.

Always up for an adventure, she had an ongoing affinity for the outdoors that was born after backpacking in the Sierra Nevada mountains as a teenager. Throughout her life, she could often be found on a trail with one of her many dogs, whom she considered loyal hiking companions. Her love for animals, especially horses and donkeys, was also a passion that led her to donate countless hours volunteering with her local SPCA and other animal rescue operations.

She enjoyed playing tennis, skiing and gardening and was a lifelong member of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club, where she won many awards and accolades.

During her time in Sun Valley, she helped to spearhead construction of the children's library at the Community Library in Ketchum, among other philanthropic efforts.

Highly regarded by her friends, she is remembered as a kind and thoughtful woman whose generosity knew no bounds. She always had a twinkle in her eye and a desire to make everyone in her life — whether she had known them for 20 years or 20 minutes — feel welcomed and invited. She was generous with her friends, and was always willing to lend a hand.

Though life took her to many places, she regarded herself as a true native Californian who could trace her family's time there to before the Gold Rush in 1849. Perhaps her optimistic spirit and undying positivity were the result of that pioneer heritage. To Gayle, life was truly one adventure after another. Whether it was her next trip, dinner party, welcome luncheon, grandchild or fundraising activity, she approached them equally with an enthusiasm and zeal for life that was unmatched.

Her three grandchildren, Griffin Gustafsson, 26, Grace Gustafsson, 25, and Harriet Condos, 18, were the light of her life. Known to them fondly as MorMor, she taught them to grab life by the horns and never let go — a lesson they won't soon forget.

Happy trails Gayle ... Mom ... MorMor. We know you're smiling down on us, encouraging us to live our best lives and not accept anything less.

You, for certain, never did!

ROOF

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they told her she should install a metal roof with horizontal seams, rather than the vertical ones she wanted. Commissioners also said the roof needs to be less reflective and more muted in color.

"The applicant made efforts to fully comply with this condition but was unsuccessful in finding a solution for the horizontal seam," assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson said in his Dec. 11, 2024, report. "The applicant is now requesting modification of this condition to allow a vertical standing-seam roof."

He recommended the commission grant her request.

"The residential design guidelines state metal, plastic and glass roofs are inappropriate in all neighborhoods," Swanson said, but deviations from the guidelines are allowed, and the commission in the past has OK'd metal roofs.

Said what?

Commission chair Michael LePage said he recalled recommending a metal shingle roof, but Swanson said the direction, as stated during the meeting and written in the conditions of approval for Faia's project, specifically called for a horizontal-seamed metal roof.

"As a builder, I know that's not available," LePage protested. "I would never

recommend that."

Daniela deSola, Faia's architect, said she and the roofer explored the idea of installing a horizontal-seamed roof or metal shingles, but that "this was extremely problematic, and after a lot of research, the only alternative we could find was the one we proposed."

At the meeting, Faia said she was frustrated and upset by having to spend months trying to get a new roof on her house.

"My roof leaked during the last rain," she said. "I have water in my house, damage, and rats in my attic. I'm very frustrated, so please bear with me, I feel really upset."

'An experiment'

Faia told commissioners her roofer was incredulous when she said the commission told her to go with a horizontal-seamed metal roof. "He laughed," she said. "He said that's impossible."

Faia said her research revealed the alternative metal designs, including stamped shingles, would be far too expensive and offer no warranties.

"I don't want to be an experiment," she said. "I want to place a roof on my house that's going to last a lifetime. I don't want to go through this again."

Resident Neal Kruse, who objects to metal roofs on principle, said other products will satisfy insurance companies' requirements for fire-proof materials.

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LINDA DIANNE CHARLES

Jan. 16, 1947 – Dec. 21, 2024

Linda Dianne Charles passed away on Dec. 21 at Westland House from complications of Parkinson's disease. Born in Pensacola, Florida, to Jean and Lucia Kirsch, she experienced a nomadic childhood as the daughter of a Navy officer. Her early years included three formative years in Hawaii, fostering her love for change, new friends and adventure.



Linda earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics education from Florida State University. After moving to Los Angeles, she taught elementary school in Long Beach while pursuing a Ph.D. in mathematics education at USC. Though she regretted not completing her dissertation, a career shift led her to Palo Alto, where she became a consultant, editor and eventually the author of dozens of math instructional resources used nationwide.

She co-authored *Mathland*, a groundbreaking program for elementary math education that became Cali-

fornia's top-rated curriculum in the early 2000s. Later, she helped launch Classroom Connect, which integrated the internet into classroom learning.

In 2002, Linda retired to Carmel, where her interests shifted. She served on the Big Sur Land Trust board and volunteered at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which became her passion. As a guide for 15 years, she delighted in sharing her love of marine life, particularly octopuses. Even when health challenges ended her volunteering, she remained a regular visitor.

Linda also co-founded the Monterey chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby, advocating for federal carbon taxes and educating the community on climate change.

Her greatest joy was her role as a stepmom to Carrie and Kim, and later to their husbands, Dan and Matt, and her five grandchildren: Macy, Katie, Lucas, Ryan and Zoe. She cherished family gatherings, shared books and photos with the children, and encouraged curiosity, confidence, and happiness. Another significant joy in her life was her two dogs, Shamrock and Clover.

Linda also treasured her wide circle of friends, engaging in spirited dinner conversations and traveling with her husband Randy and friends. She is survived by Randy, her stepdaughters and their families, her brother Michael Kirsch (Babette) and her sister Susan Chase (Rusty Diamond).

The family deeply appreciates the exceptional care provided by Dr. Sharon Wesley, who guided Linda's medical journey with compassion and expertise. Special thanks also go to the staff at CHOMP, including Dr. Hightower, Dr. Halamandaris, Melissa Rosenthal and Dr. Packer, the dedicated team at Westland House, as well as Dr. Veliz and Chris Regan at Carmel Valley Manor.

Linda's humor and optimism were unwavering. When people expressed sympathy for her Parkinson's, she would smile and say, "Everybody is going to get something!" She was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed.

To celebrate Linda's life, please donate to the Monterey Bay Aquarium in her honor.

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“There are a lot of roofs that are still going to work and meet the fire requirements,” he said.

Planning commissioners, though sympathetic, were unwilling to grant Faia’s request.

“I don’t want to see more metal roofs,” said commissioner Erin Allen. She asked planning staff to research the issue of insurance companies’ requirements for acceptable roofing materials in California.

“If that’s a real thing, then we’re going to have to take that into consideration,” she said. “I feel like we’ve seen these over and over again — metal roofs — and we probably have enough of them.”

Costs?

Commissioner Stephanie Locke observed the city has fielded and approved numerous applications for metal roofs, but she wanted more information before OK’ing Faia’s request.

“The discussion of metal roofs is ongoing,” observed chair Michael LePage. Over the years, houses in Carmel have

generally had wood roofs, since that was the most available material, “but we’ve got this problem now with fire,” and insurance companies are demanding fireproof roofs.

“I know we’re not supposed to talk about costs,” he added, but the city “shouldn’t be putting extra burdens on our homeowners” by requiring expensive roofs.

Legal fight

Nonetheless, he said, a standing-seam metal roof wouldn’t be appropriate for Faia’s ranch-style house, so he recommended looking into metal shingles, instead.

“Let the applicant work with staff to come up with some kind of metal shingle roof,” or other acceptable material, he said. “It is the opinion of the commission at this point that a standing-seam metal roof is not appropriate for this style of house.”

Afterward, Faia expressed frustration with the commission’s answer and the entire process.

“The commission agreed to metal, but they don’t want the seam to be vertical because apparently they have approved too many — they are drawing the line at my doorstep and insisting on

horizontal-seamed metal shingles but offer no option of approvable materials,” she told The Pine Cone.

Faia objected to the seemingly arbitrary approval of metal roofs and said she may take legal action against the city.

“I have been going in circles, it is a moving target, and I am out thousands of dollars in architectural fees, city planning

fees, engineering fees, and ridiculous California Fair Plan insurance rates,” she said. “My next step will be to consult legal counsel, as the damage to my house was entirely avoidable and a direct result of the commission’s incompetence. It is definitely not the path I wish to take, but they are forcing me into it with their hypocrisy and ineptitude.”

FRANK PETER DONANGELO

1935 - 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Frank Peter Donangelo announces his passing on Dec. 14, 2024, in Monterey, CA at 89 years old.



Born on Feb. 4, 1935, in Chicago, IL, Frank was the son of Peter and Angelina Donangelo.

As vice president of planning and development for Cannery Row Company, Frank was instrumental in the progression of the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, InterContinental The Clement Monterey, Steinbeck Plaza & Lighthouse Square properties. Prior to that, he was employed by the City of Monterey as a planning consultant for 27 years.

Frank is survived by his wife of 64 years, Josephine Donangelo; daughter, Jackie Garza (Richard); sons, Mark (JoAnn), Mike (JoAnn) John (Kanika); grandchildren, Jimmy, Mark Jr., Matt, David, Marie, Nathan and Madison. He is also survived by his sister, Jill Rogers; as well as nieces, Michele Hill and Anne Marci; nephews, John Billman, Brendan Billman and Joey Rogers; great-grandchildren, Joey, Olivia, Gianna and Mia. He was predeceased by his grandson, Frank Donangelo, in 2017.

As a cherished member of the community, Frank will be remembered for his constant array of jokes, his positive attitude, and most of all his love for his family.

He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. We love you dad — we’re sure you’re flying with the angels now.

Visitation will take place 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, 2025, to be followed by recitation of the rosary at 5 p.m. at The Paul Mortuary, 390 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025 at San Carlos Cathedral, 500 Church St., Monterey, CA 93940.

Donations in Frank’s memory can be made to Palma School at www.palmaschool.org 831.422.2309 or to a charity of your choice.

JACK RICHARD JAMES

Jack Richard James, born Aug. 28, 1935, in Hanford, CA, to Earl and Ruth James, went to his heavenly home on Sept. 17, 2024, at the age of 89.

Jack worked in the construction industry all of his adult life, both on the Central Coast and the Central Valley regions of California.

Jack is survived by his wife, Bernice James; his two daughters, Lori James, and Kathy (James) Reed and her husband Clay; and his two grandchildren, Daniel Reed and Emily Reed. A private Celebration of Life service was held in Jack’s honor on Nov. 23, 2024.

MARY BUTLER

June 29, 1937 ♦ December 14, 2024



Mary Fluckiger Butler, 87, of Dubuque died peacefully on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Bethany Home in Dubuque, Iowa. Private family services will be held at Linwood Cemetery.

Mary was born on June 29, 1937 in Dubuque, IA, and was the only child of Frank and Bernice Fluckiger. She graduated from Dubuque Senior High School and attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Mary married Peter Dan Butler on November 14, 1959 in Dubuque, IA. They had two children; Peter Butler II, and Paul Butler.

Mary was very proud of her family and loved spending time with Peter, their kids, and grandkids. They were a big part of her life. They had many happy memories as a family. Mary and Peter II often teamed up against Peter Sr. and Paul on Sunday afternoons to play golf. Mary often accompanied Peter on the golf course and enjoyed putting (with one eye closed) while Peter was playing. She was a better putter than Peter, which made him both proud and annoyed.

Mary loved to travel with her husband, Peter. They particularly enjoyed train trips out west with their sons Peter II and Paul. Peter almost always took his golf clubs along to play the many renowned golf courses across our country. Their love of golf eventually drew them to Pebble Beach, CA, where they lived for many years overlooking their beloved Pebble Beach Golf Links next to Carmel Bay. Mary’s favorite daily activity in Pebble Beach was taking her morning walk on the Pebble Beach Golf Links overlooking the beach and Carmel Bay.



Mary was an active member of Finley Hospital’s Sunshine Circle. One of the special things she did was to make homemade Christmas ornaments for Advent calendars, which she loved and was very proud of.

Surviving are Mary’s two sons, Peter (Cara) Butler, of Pebble Beach, CA and their children, Ellis (Ellie) and Peter Butler III (P3); Paul (Kathleen) Butler, of Bozeman, MT and their children, William and Abbey Butler; and brothers-in law, John (Alice) Butler and Tim (Nancy) Butler, both from Dubuque; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Peter D. Butler Sr.; her parents, Frank and Bernice Fluckiger; and her in-laws, Ellis and Barbara Butler.

Memorials for Mary may be sent to Bethany Home or the Sunshine Circle/Unity Point Health-Finley Hospital.

Our family wants to extend our gratitude and thanks to Bethany Home and Dr. Chad Nachman for the professional and highly trained staff who compassionately assisted Mary in the last years of her life. We also want to thank Hospice, who supported Mary and counseled her family during the final days of her life.

Lisa Flanagan and Charlotte Leick were invaluable in the care they provided Mary. We can’t thank them enough for the thoughtful, one-on-one assistance they provided Mary.

LAWS

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a loophole that required a car's door to be locked before someone illegally entering it could be charged with burglary.

Artificial Intelligence

The new frontier in technology is getting some guardrails in 2025. Several laws are tackling a number of AI problems, including making it illegal to use a dead person's likeness without the consent of their estate, requiring consent from

actors and musicians to use their likeness, and allowing victims of doxxing to sue for damages. Doxxing involves publishing private information, such as medical records or home addresses, to intimidate, harass or shame people.

California's new AI laws also target election content. Assembly Bill 2655 requires social media platforms to remove deepfake content within three days of someone flagging it. Elon Musk has already filed suit against the law, claiming a violation of free speech.

Similarly, AB 2839, which allows courts to order the removal of AI-generated election coverage, is also on hold. The bill was supposed to take effect in time for

the 2024 presidential contest, but a judge issued an injunction halting the law over First Amendment concerns.

Child safety

A law championed by celebrity socialite Paris Hilton requires more transparency at teen treatment facilities. Senate Bill 1043 requires short-term residential treatment centers to publicly post online when they use restraints or isolation rooms. The instances will be filed for public review on an easy-to-use dashboard.

In 2024, it was only a misdemeanor to purchase or solicit sex from a child 15 years or younger, but now it is a felony. District attorneys will also have more discretion when charging someone who purchases sex from a 16- or 17-year-old.

Additionally, child sex exploitation survivors can sue social media platforms over any app that led to harm against them. Assembly Bill 1394 also requires companies to allow survivors to report content that depicts them.

Education

The Phone Free School Act takes effect this year but won't force schools to keep phones out of the classroom until July 2026. The law requires school districts to come up with plans to limit or restrict student smartphone use over the next year and implement the rules in time for the 2026-2027 school year. Since teens got hold of smartphones more than a decade ago, depression and anxiety have gone up and test scores have gone down nationwide.

Transgender teens are getting privacy protection in 2025. Assembly Bill 1955 prohibits schools from requiring teachers to inform parents if their children identify as transgender. The bill also makes it illegal for districts to tell parents if their children request to go by different names or

pronouns at school.

Consumer protection

Clicking "cancel" is easier this year. Assembly Bill 2863 requires companies to make it just as simple to "click cancel" as it was to sign up for a subscription. Businesses will also need consent for automatic renewals for any contracts entered into after July of this year.

However, buying a used car is a bit riskier. Assembly Bill 1755 tightens the timeline for filing a lemon lawsuit. For the last five decades, consumers have had the right to demand car companies fix or replace defective vehicles they sell.

Come April, buyers will have to notify the manufacturer in writing about any car trouble before filing suit for warranty violations.

Employment Laws

Employers are no longer allowed to ask for your driver's license when you apply for a job, unless the gig requires driving.

Large employers also have to up health-care coverage in 2025. Companies with 100 or more workers are required to provide health insurance benefits that cover infertility diagnosis and treatment. Health-care coverage for in vitro fertilization and other treatments will need to be in effect starting in July for most beneficiaries; however, government workers may not see the change until 2027.

Lawmakers in Sacramento kicked off the newest two-year legislative session in December and have already started writing more bills, some of which may take effect as emergency statutes. Those bills deemed urgent are designed to Trump-proof the state and could provide millions of dollars for the California Department of Justice to wage war against the incoming administration.

RICHARD ALLEN WECKER

November 18, 1944 – November 15, 2024



Richard Allen Wecker, 79, of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts passed away on November 15, 2024 after falling ill and being hospitalized in Syracuse, Sicily.

Rich was born in Carmel, California at Peninsula Community Hospital in 1944 to John Francis Wecker and Florence Beatrice Wecker (nee Snow). He spent his early years living in different parts of the United States

and overseas in Linz, Austria along with his siblings while his father John served in the military. Eventually the family returned to the Monterey Peninsula where Rich attended high school at Junipero Memorial in Monterey, California. After high school, he received a full scholarship to play basketball at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. After graduation he was accepted to Army OCS and graduated as a Second Lieutenant, serving a tour in Vietnam where he was wounded and was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star as well as other awards. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain.

Later, while stationed in Mannheim, Germany, Rich met the love of his life, Patricia (nee Pickett). After a short time together, they married in 1970 while still in Germany and began their new lives together. Upon leaving the military, Richard went into the insurance business like his father John, while Pat taught school for a brief time before they started their family. Daughter Meredith was born in 1977 and son Nathan followed in 1981.

His sense of adventure never left him, and in Pat he found a fellow traveler. They were dedicated to seeing the world even in dangerous times (like the Arab Spring in Egypt). In addition to conventional trips, Rich enjoyed adventure travel: cruising to spots like the Arctic and the Antarctic, and hiking across both France and England as well as many other journeys. Most impressive were the wonderful, professional quality photos Rich took to document their trips. Despite their busy schedule, he always made time to travel to California for family gatherings, weddings and birthdays.

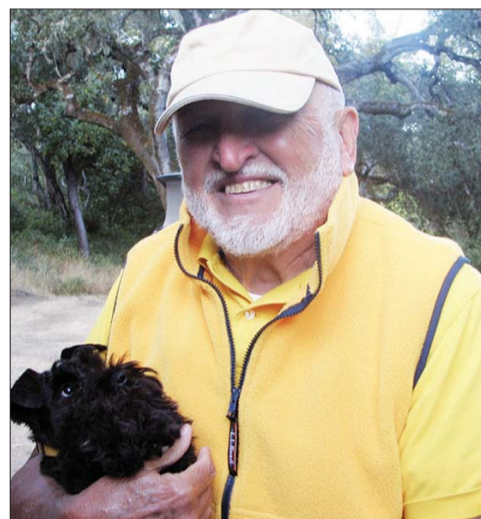
Richard's distinguished career in the insurance industry began in 1971 when he joined New York Life as an agent in the Salinas General Office. He rose through the ranks of management to become Senior VP in charge of Agency, then Senior VP in charge of marketing. After retiring from New York Life, he served as President and CEO of LIMRA International, the largest trade association in the insurance industry with 450 member companies worldwide.

His community service began while he was still working. He ran successful campaigns for United Way while at New York Life and at LIMRA. After retirement he was a founding member of Coastal Neighbors Network (an organization dedicated to assisting people wishing to age in their own homes). He also was a dedicated supporter of the New Bedford Symphony.

Though he loved working, being involved in his community, and traveling, Rich's favorite role was that of grandparent. He treasured his time with his grandkids and loved being their Shakespeare coach (spending countless hours on the phone rehearsing lines with both Satya and June).

Rich was preceded in death by his parents, John and Florence Wecker, his brother John Wecker Jr., and is survived by his wife Pat, his two children Meredith (Andrew) and Nathan, grandchildren Satya, June, and Aili. He is also survived by his brothers Terry (Angela), Robert (Sue), Tom (Deborah), Mike (Cheryl), and his sister Paula (Ron Ridley) along with many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

No service will be held. Charitable contributions in his name can be made to Gateway Center of Monterey County, Inc. at 850 Congress Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950 or through their website at www.gatewaycenter.org.



HOMER LEE BOSSERMAN III

Jan. 1, 1936 - Sept. 12, 2024

Homer Lee Bosserman III died Sept. 12 peacefully in his sleep at his home in Carmel Valley. He was born on Jan. 1, 1936, in Hicksville, New York and graduated from Sayville High School where he was the valedictorian for his class. He received a bachelor of science degree in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and continued with graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley where he received a master of science degree in physics.

In 1965, taking a break from working on his doctorate, he found an opportunity to teach physics and astronomy classes at Monterey Peninsula College. In 2016, 51 years and 102 semesters later, he retired to his home in Carmel Valley. Homer will be remembered as an extraordinary teacher who engaged students in his classes and made the subject matter relevant to their daily lives. He had a long, varied and wonderful life filled with many unforgettable adventures and lasting friendships that he valued above all else.

He was the youngest member of his family and was preceded in death by his parents, Homer Lee Bosserman Jr. and Mary Ida Braun, and his two sisters, Rosemary Going and Irene Kennedy.

A Celebration of Life is planned for 4:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at the Monterey Peninsula College baseball field.

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POT

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Cruz was arrested in July 2022. The site, meanwhile, was heavily impacted by the illicit activity.

“Law enforcement also discovered a camp area with a tent and 15 sleeping bags, and a kitchen area with thousands of pounds of trash and dead animal parts,” the report continued.

The terrain where the grow site was found is steep, with dense vegetation. It’s home to many species of plants and animals, including some that are rare.

“The complex is located in the Ventana Wilderness region of the national forest, a federally protected area that is known as a top ‘biodiversity hotspot,’ and is home to more threatened and endangered species than any other national forest in California,” the United States Attorney’s Office observed.

Cleanup costs?

Cleaning up the site could cost close to \$100,000, which will now be borne by taxpayers. An FBI spokesperson noted it will “take years to heal” the impacted land.

United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, Ismail J. Ramsey, said it’s important to not let illegal growers get a foothold on public lands. The problem is a big one in California, with the growers often working for criminal cartels.

“The illegal cultivation of marijuana on public land poses significant environmental risks to public lands and wildlife that must be combatted,” Ramsey said. “We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to prosecute those who abuse natural resources and harm the environment while illegally growing marijuana on federal land.”

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DAWN LYNETTE SOLLECITO

FEB. 28, 1961 – NOV. 19, 2024

PEBBLE BEACH

Loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, Dawn Sollecito went to be with her Lord and Savior on Nov. 19, 2024. Dawn was born to Gilbert and Melba Sosack in South Gate, CA. She was raised in South Gate, graduating from South Gate High School in 1979. Ultimately, she moved to Orange County, going to work for Calvary Church of Santa Ana in the children’s department. In 1990, she met her husband-to-be, Tony (Anthony) Sollecito on a blind date. Dawn married Tony in 1994 and had twin daughters, Kimberlee and Kristin, in 1997.

In 2001, Dawn and Tony decided to move to the Monterey Peninsula after Tony accepted the position of Chief of Police of the Seaside Police Department. For the next 23 years Dawn would lovingly raise her daughters and work as an interior decorator and home stager. Dawn suffered kidney failure and endured dialysis treatments three times a week for the past four years. Despite this, she was always very positive and fought courageously for her health. Many people who observed her health struggles commented that she was one of the toughest people they had ever met.

Dawn is survived by her loving husband of more than 30 years, Tony. Also left to honor her memory are her wonderful daughters, Kristin and Kimberlee; sisters, Denise, Darlene and Diane and her brother, Steve.

Dawn had a loving relationship with Jesus and her family is comforted in knowing that she has a mansion in her Father’s house.

Services have been held.

SHELL

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Carmel Police Station on Junipero, among others — the station was built in 1963-1964. Among its more subtle features are Shell emblems imprinted in the aggregate exterior and corner signpost.

The city’s historic context statement, which guides planners in gauging the significance of the town’s buildings, describes the station as “a remarkable example of a utilitarian building whose design blended well with the existing architectural fabric of Carmel.”

“An industrial take on the Bay Region style so popular in Carmel from the 1940s through the 1960s, the station is softened by skylights in the roof over the service area and wood trellises over the gas pumps and corner signage,” the document states. “The uniqueness and sensitivity of the design were the successful result of the Carmel Planning Commission’s insistence that a ‘manufactured service station’ would never be built in Carmel.”

The station received a Governor’s Design Award in 1966 for being “California’s best example in the service facilities category.”

After HASCO applied in August to rebrand the station to Chevron and remove all of the Shell signs and decals,

city councilwoman Alissandra Dramov wanted assurance the former hand-carved wooden signs would be saved. At the time, assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson thanked her for raising the matter and said he would bring it up with the applicant.

The former Carmel Shell was among the half-dozen stations HASCO purchased on the Monterey Peninsula and in Salinas for a total of more than \$64.4 million, according to the Monterey County Assessor’s Office.

RESCUE

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the sheriff’s office said. “Rescue crews and the patient remained at this location until daylight.”

After the sun came up, rescuers were able to carry the patient across the Big Sur River and deliver him to an awaiting ambulance, which took him to a local hospital, where he was treated. The rescuers, meanwhile, received a well-deserved rest.

“The rescue covered 16 miles of steep and rugged trails,” the report added. “Search and rescue team members described this operation as ‘physically exhausting’ as rain began to fall early in the morning, worsening the already difficult rescue conditions.”

ROBERT (‘BOB’ OR ‘BOBU’) SCHUH

Robert (“Bob” or “Bobu”) Schuh departed this earthly abode for his next adventure on Nov. 10, 2024.

He was born in Redwood City, California on Nov. 17, 1944. He spent his formative years in Pasadena. Hiking and camping in the San Gabriel mountains ignited a life-long passion for nature and wilderness; a trip to Alaska established an enduring connection to the Land of the Midnight Sun; and early success running a landscaping business in high school fostered his entrepreneurial spirit. In a characteristic act, he would use the profits to build a cabin in Piñon Hills for the common use of friends and family.



After discovering that Jesuit seminary wasn’t for him, he began attending Cal Poly Pomona. Ever on the lookout for the next adventure, he soon after heeded the call and departed for Southern India as a Peace Corps volunteer.

In South India, Bobu took his hippie turn and never looked back. He traveled across Andhra Pradesh drilling fresh water wells. He married his first wife, Linda, there, whom he had met during his training in Vermont.

Bob and Linda returned to the United States in 1969 but failed to kick their habit of service. After Bob narrowly survived a bout with cancer, they moved to Butwal, Nepal, where he taught mechanics at the Butwal Technical Institute.

While there, he became an accomplished trekker. He survived many a close call in the Himalayas and was one of the first Westerners to set foot in Dolpo. On one of his treks, he established ties with a Tibetan refugee family whose father had escorted the Dalai Lama on his journey out of Tibet. It would later be a point of pride for him to help several members of the family immigrate to the United States. Bob found an outlet for his spiritual yearnings through accompanying the family’s father to visit the Dalai Lama and attending a silent meditation retreat. He then continued his Buddhist practice under the tutelage of Au Leshi, a cave-dwelling monk who tasked him with collecting firewood, one tiny stick at a time, and meditating amongst a Langur monkey pack.

Bob once again returned to the United States in 1974. He bought property on a ridge near Wild Cattle Creek in Big Sur, California. He built himself a cabin from a downed redwood tree and lived there, in beautiful isolation. During the summers, he worked in Alaska as the skipper of the Texas Gulf Oil exploration yacht, St. Elias, earning himself the moniker, “Skipper Bob.” He considered these to be some of the best years of his life.

After a wildfire furthered his Buddhist practice by liberating him from his material possessions, he licked his wounds in San Luis Obispo. There, he met his second wife, Maria, who soon moved with him to Wrangell, Alaska.

Longing for warmer climes, he embarked with Maria for a second Peace Corps tour — this time on the small South Pacific island of ‘Eua, Tonga. He worked there to strengthen the island’s subsistence fishing practice. He and Maria were the occasion for much hilarity on the island due to their strange, foreign ways; for example, when Bob built a hot tub from used oil drums, the locals remarked that they hadn’t had a human in a “cooking pot” since the ancient warring days. He would make several return trips to ‘Eua in later years. He especially enjoyed looking after and teaching the village’s children.

Bob returned to the United States with Maria in 1983 and bought his second Big Sur property near Plaskett Creek. There, they raised their son, Guy, and taught at Pacific Valley School. During the summers, Bob fished in Alaska and worked his way up to skipper for a second time. Taking advantage of his pipeline to wild caught salmon, he set up a smoking outfit on his property and sold the result under the label “Skipper Bob’s Smoked Salmon.”

After moving to Carmel Valley, California in 1991, Bob changed hats once again. This time he started a jewelry business known as “Earthwear.” He would travel the world buying gemstones and other merchandise and ply his wares at summer festivals in Northern California. Though the business was successful on its own terms, the family would long suspect that its true motivation was to allow him to write off his globetrotting as a business expense. On one of these business trips, he encountered a small fishing village on Mesa Island in Indonesia. He made it his final service project to help the village develop a more sustainable fishing practice and solicit donations for the education of the village’s children.

In his retirement, he reunited with his college sweetheart, Jeanne. You could find him walking at Garland Park and Ribera Beach, sitting for meditation at Tassajara monastery, cooking one of his mouthwatering salmon dinners, or writing up and sharing stories of his life.

Bob was ever eager to spread his passion and joy to others. He is fondly remembered by friends and family for his generosity, joi de vive, and infectious enthusiasm.

He truly lived.

Editorial

Speaking of crystal balls

LAST WEEK we made fun of some of the infamously wrong predictions that “experts” have made on various national and local topics in the last 30 years and pointed out that the more expert the prognosticator, the wronger he seemed to be.

But we don’t exactly have a perfect track record, either. Case in point: Among our 30-plus editorials on the local water crisis over the past 28 years, at least half a dozen foretold that progress toward a new water supply finally seemed to be at hand.

This paragraph, which we wrote in July 2004, is a good example:

“Almost 10 years after the State Water Resources Control Board declared most of the Monterey Peninsula’s water supply illegal — and even longer since no-growth activists came up with the idea of using a water shortage to bring development to a halt without the bother of compensating property owners for taking away all use of their land — there are finally signs that new water will start flowing from local taps in the not-too-distant future.”

Hahahaha on us. That “not-too-distant future” sentence was so wrong, it’s embarrassing just to read it.

The next part in the editorial, “Ready for a solution,” made us kind of proud, though.

“An end to the water shortage wouldn’t necessarily be a welcome development if the Monterey Peninsula had permissive zoning rules, as other parts of the state do. If Carmel Valley, for example, were zoned for quarter-acre lots, apartment buildings and mini-malls, or if downtown Pacific Grove were zoned for a slew of high-rise apartment buildings, a water shortage would be viewed as a necessary evil to preserve local scenery and quality of life, even if it meant depriving property owners of their rights. But the land-use policies of the county and the cities of the Monterey Peninsula were long ago made so restrictive they eliminated any possibility of ruinous, urban-style development. With very few exceptions, the only thing anybody can do on their land these days is minimal development with due respect for the environment and the sensitivities of their neighbors.”

Thus, we pointed out, the Peninsula’s water “shortage” — never an actual shortage, just a political one — had outlived its usefulness and was, for no valid reason, punishing business and property owners who needed new water.

Twenty years later, a lot has changed. As we report on the front page, this time the ruinous water shortage — the preeminent feature of local land-use planning for 30 years — actually seems to be about to end, while the reassurances we penned in 2004 about an ample supply of water being no threat to local communities have been rendered moot by the state Legislature’s housing mandates. Not only are single-family and rural neighborhoods no longer sacrosanct, the zoning that protected them has, in many cases, been eliminated.

Time passes, things change. We get that. Still, we never expected the water shortage to last this long, and we really never thought its *raison d’etre* would be discarded.

BEST of BATES



“You look like a local ... how do we get to Eastwood’s breath?”

Letters to the Editor

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

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Good times not the solution

Dear Editor,

Having a good time is great and all, but when the community around you is falling apart at the seams, how would having a good time fix these issues? It’s the equivalent of putting a band aid over a leak.

As mentioned in your recent article, “2025 to feature public drinking and cannabis cafes” by Caitlin Conrad, “California may be plagued with budget deficits, underperforming schools, a housing shortage and rising crime and homelessness.” These are all real issues that cannot continue to be ignored.

Can you say with real certainty that an open public entertainment area that allows for public drinking would reduce civic disorder? Will there be law enforcement readily available to combat the negative side effects that come with public drinking and ensure public drinking zones are being utilized safely and within the law’s limits

in every zone?

“Getting people out on the streets to enjoy themselves is critical.” Says state Sen. Scott Wiener. I would argue that that is not what’s critical. Strictly speaking about these “entertainment zones,” what’s most critical in my mind is that they are implemented with the safety of the locals at the forefront of everyone’s thoughts.

But what’s more crucial is the before-mentioned blights on society. Will getting out and having a good time fix the rising crime and homelessness? Do people in the community, for that matter, even have the funds to spend on leisure during this housing crisis? And if these “entertainment zones” are successful in generating revenue for these struggling areas and businesses, will the taxes produced from these sales be utilized to combat budget deficits and underperforming schools? These are the questions we should be asking. Not, “How do we get more people to spend money they may not have on amusement?”

Once these zones are in full effect, having them specifically and explicitly labeled would be a plus. But this would not eliminate recklessly driving under the influence, and, in fact, would increase the risk of such behavior occurring. Even if these areas are 21 and over, will there be constant surveillance monitoring and enforcing these regulations?

It is the public’s responsibility to voice these concerns when those in charge don’t. To protect the community and ensure the safety of it. I think many people will agree with me when I say I’ll go out and have a

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It began with golf and her Dad

SHARRON DOUGLAS attributes her active lifestyle to the health she enjoys at 86 — although it could easily be the other way around. The retired Carmel River School teacher-turned-principal exercises daily but especially loves social sports like golf. Most recently, she has gotten the pickleball bug. Getting physical makes her feel awake, she said.

Douglas grew up in Modesto. “My dad

trainer. “That lasted six months,” she said with a laugh. After that, she and her son continued to exercise — but not together.

Douglas and her husband lived in Palo Colorado for many years, but after he passed away, her children and staff encouraged her to move closer to town. She and her cat now live in mid-valley, where the weather allows her to garden year-round.

“I grow my own vegetables,” she said.

“In the winter, it’s mostly greens and herbs, but in the summer, I grow tomatoes and squash, onions, peppers, kale, lettuce, bok choy.”

And she has an orchard with apples, oranges and

persimmons. Douglas enjoys a plant-based diet. Her late husband was diagnosed with high cholesterol, “and I said ‘OK, no more meat,’” she explained, adding that she hasn’t looked back. “I feel great,” she said. Douglas also has one — and only one — glass of red wine in the evenings. She regularly reads up on health and wellness recommendations, including those in *The Pine Cone*, and practices moderation.

Improved learning

As a teacher, Douglas began taking her students running first thing in the morning and observed that they were more alert. “I noticed a difference in my classroom. The learning was more efficient because they were awake,” she said. As a principal, Douglas encouraged her students to participate in the 5K during the Big Sur International Marathon. She wanted to expose them to more adults who led active lives.

“I wanted them to be around some of the big-time runners,” she said. When her school received a grant from the Big Sur International Marathon Foundation, she used the money to build a track to encourage her students to run. In 2005, she

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Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

played golf — that’s how I got into it as a child,” she said. At 17, she went to UC Berkeley but transferred to San Jose State when she decided she wanted to be a teacher.

After graduating in 1960, she began teaching at Ravenswood School District in East Palo Alto, where she stayed for nine years before she, her husband and their two children moved to Carmel. Douglas had a 34-year career in education, teaching fourth and fifth grades at Carmel River School for half of it, followed by three years at Carmel Woods School as a teaching principal and then returning as principal of Carmel River School for 14 more years until her retirement in 2003. “It was a wonderful time,” she said with a smile.

Togetherness?

Douglas began exercising when her children — a son and a daughter — were in elementary school. “They swam and were always so healthy; they never got sick. I thought, ‘There’s got to be something to this,’” she said. When her son decided to play football, he wanted to start going to a gym to lift weights but didn’t want to go alone, so he asked his mother to join him. She was happy to, and they even hired a

From the mayor’s desk —

Now you see what I see

By DALE BYRNE

THIS WEEK concludes my fourth as mayor of Carmel. While I began with a solid understanding of local government, deeper involvement has amplified my appreciation for the dedication it takes to keep Carmel exceptional, the challenges we face, and the opportunities for improvement. Here are a few thoughts.

Small city, big responsibilities

Carmel’s size belies the complexity of its operations. Managing infrastructure, services and public safety demands constant attention. These efforts are detailed in monthly reports attached to city council and commission agendas. I encourage you to review them, to better understand city operations. If you are having problems finding them you can e-mail me and I’ll

share the links. With the leadership of our elected and appointed officials and your involvement, we will identify opportunities for improving process efficiency and effectiveness.

Sidewalks and roads

Improving sidewalks and roads is a priority for me and many residents. I’ve clearly emphasized its importance in weekly meetings with city leadership. Progress is underway, though not at the pace I’d like. Information is being gathered about sidewalks and roads by residents and independent councilmember efforts, and your ideas are always welcome. These improvements not only enhance safety but also add to the charm and accessibility of our city, benefiting both residents and visitors.

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Don’t miss “Scenic Views” by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.

In case you missed them, some stories of fascinating creators

Artist Confidential (Part One): Here are some fun and fascinating things we learned in 2024 about local artists. Publication date of each artist’s full profile in the Pine Cone is in parentheses:

Chris Winfield (April 26, 2024) creates his colorful geometric shapes in a tiny “junk room” at his home, next to a box of kitty litter, a bicycle and random clutter.

He owns Winfield Gallery, which at 35 years old is Carmel’s fifth-oldest gallery, and was born in Paris, where his father, Rodney Winfield, was a celebrated American designer, painter, sculptor and jeweler, best known for spiritually themed, stained-glass artwork (often three-dimensional) he created for churches and synagogues. Chris’ younger brother, David, who died in 2008, studied at the Chicago Institute of Art and became an artistic woodworker.

Little sister Robin — also a Carmel gallery owner — is a multimedia artist who majored in fine arts at Smith College. His wife, painter Andrea Johnson, is a celebrated member of the Carmel Art Association, as was her mother, Barbara Johnson (1927-2021), an abstract expressionist painter and printmaker.

Adam Hansen (Sept. 13, 2024), an impressionist-style painter in Monterey, became so entranced with trains as a child that his parents planned a vacation to Baldwin Locomotive Works in Eddystone, Pa., near Philadelphia, a six-hour drive from their home in Akron, Ohio. Hansen — now a railroad historian — traveled the world as a U.S. Navy officer, visiting historic railroad venues and vintage locomotives, which are now the subjects of a significant portion of his portfolio.

Cindy Horning (March 29, 2024) discovered the magic of glasswork while she was undergoing treatment for breast can-

a registered nurse and a rock ‘n’ roll disc jockey (Cherie Sannes) at big-market radio stations in San Diego and Los Angeles. She dated Burt Bacharach, visited Michael Jackson, Charlton Heston and Shelley Winters at their homes, and did interviews with Billy Joel, the Eagles, Fleetwood Mac and other rock royalty. In 2008, she turned her attention to mixed-media assemblage



PHOTO/COURTESY MONTEREY PENINSULA PLEIN AIR PAINTERS ASSOCIATION

The Peninsula’s breathtaking coastal scenery attracts local plein air painters and artists from all over the world.

sculptures and alcohol ink renderings. She now does acrylic paintings.

Documentary photographer **Ginger Chih** (June 7, 2024), who holds a Ph.D. from Cambridge University, spent 12 years researching her 224-page book, “The Dalai Lama: Leadership and the Power of Compassion.” The work includes 100 of her own full-color images of the spiritual leader of the Tibetans, along with photos of monks, nuns, oracles, pilgrims, schoolchildren and nomads. She spent time with the Dali Lama in his personal residence and he allowed her to photograph him as he meditated — a privilege few others have received.

Amanda “Rusti” Burkman (April 9, 2024), whose portfolio includes one-of-a-kind paint-chip portraits and landscapes, created a 2019 mosaic of the emotional moment when animal-welfare icon Jane Goodale met youth activist Greta Thunberg. An image of the artwork attracted 32,000 views in a few hours after Goodall’s staff posted it on the famous anthropologist’s website.

Creative abstract painter **Azadeh Nikou** (July 5, 2024) was encouraged by her Iranian parents to go into medicine, majored in Farsi-English translation at Azad University in Tehran, then followed her heart and became an artist. Her influences have included French impressionist Claude Monet, Persia’s 18th century Qajar Dynasty, and China’s 10th century Song Dynasty, she said, but she gravitated toward abstracts after studying at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Mixed-media artist **Amanda Chaffin** (May 17, 2024) authored a colorful

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

cer. Her sister, Pam, called from Newport Beach and said, “Come down here, we’re playing with glass!” The invitation changed her life. Horning specializes in colorful fused-glass art — seahorses, jellyfish, mermaids, glow-in-the-dark starfish, and other creations — that she shows at Studio 171, the eclectic Pacific Grove gallery, gift shop and workspace she co-founded in 2018.

Pastel painter **Abigail Dunnivan** (Feb. 23, 2024), whose favorite subjects are horses and children, began riding horses at age 7. She has worked with special-needs kids in an equine therapy program called Dream Power and helped train its horses.

Before she discovered her artistic muse, **Cherie Stock** (Nov. 22, 2024) was

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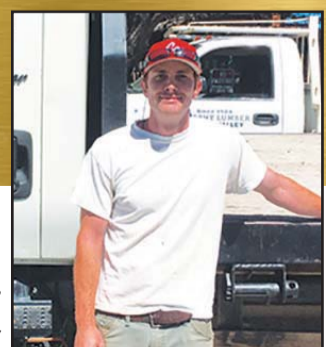
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‘Trailblazing writers who shaped Carmel’

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL Public Library Foundation is hosting its latest installation of the Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series Wednesday, Jan. 8, when “Literary Luminaries: Six Trailblazing Writers Who Shaped Carmel,” will be presented by Vince Emery at the Harrison Memorial Library at Ocean and Lincoln.

The talk will explore the lives and works of Jack London, Upton Sinclair, Mary Austin, Robinson Jeffers, George Sterling and Sinclair Lewis. “As writers in the early 20th century, they found artistic refuge and inspiration in Carmel, and they, in turn, revealed its unique charm to the world through their work,” the foundation said. “How did the lives of these writers — most of whom went on to achieve national and international reputations — intertwine and contribute to the spirit of Carmel?”

A writer and publisher, Emery “will explore the legacy of literary Carmel using the writers’ own words and works of art, handwritten manuscripts, unseen photos, and other items from the library collection,” according to organizers. Registration is required, and the event is open to the public, with a suggested \$10 donation to benefit the city’s libraries. For more information on the Carmel Public Library Foundation and to register, visit carmelpubliclibrary-foundation.org.



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DEAL

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up to 365 days in jail, or to a prison term for either 16 months, two years, or three years,” Nassoura said Tuesday.

Elvin’s criminal history in Monterey County goes back a decade. He’s been charged with dozens of crimes, including drug possession, battery, and shoplifting.

In November 2023, he trespassed on the Pacific Grove Middle School campus while class was in session before doing the same thing at Pacific Grove High, where he also threatened to kill the then-principal of the school.

After he was charged in those incidents, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler found Elvin incompetent to stand trial and ordered he be admitted to a state hospital for treatment to gain competency. Several months later, in July 2024, he was found to be competent to face the charges.

On Nov. 13, 2024, Butler sentenced him to felony probation on the condition he not break the law, and he was released from jail before being arrested once again on the lewd behavior charge. His new sentencing is Jan. 17.

MAYOR

From previous page

Improving access to information

Carmel’s guiding documents — our city’s “constitution” — make up over 2,600 pages of plans, codes and regulations, and many are outdated and challenging to access.

To address this, a volunteer and I created a prototype to analyze, organize, and digitize these resources. This initiative hopes to spark discussions about updating and streamlining access to these essential documents. This can empower residents and decision-makers with the information needed to make proper decisions.

Collaboration at its core

Councilmembers are always conducting research, and each has a scheduled weekly meeting with city administrator Chip Rerig and assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson. These meetings enhance collaboration, address concerns and guide city operations. Collaboration extends to residents, business owners and visitors whose perspectives enrich our shared decision-making. Please take the opportunity to meet with your city leadership whenever you can.

Prioritizing transparency

Transparency is critical to democratic governance. The Brown Act ensures open decision-making by requiring

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CRASH

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trauma center, but their toddler was uninjured. The driver of the Subaru was also rushed to a hospital. The CHP has not identified those involved in the accident.

Long delay

A motorist traveling to Pacific Grove who witnessed the aftermath of the crash said she was stuck in the snarl on Highway 68 for about an hour.

“When we got to the accident scene, there was one car that was off the road and partially down the hill and another vehicle that looked like it had just been towed into the turnout across the road,” the driver said. “CHP officers were doing traffic control to let drivers from each lane alternately drive through the crash area.”

A tow truck from Carmel that was tasked with removing the BMW sedan also got stuck in traffic on the way there, the CHP said. The process of cleaning up the debris from the crash caused additional delays for motorists. The CHP reported at 3:08 p.m. that traffic on 68 was “flowing.”

public notice of meetings and limiting informal discussions among officials. This can be challenging, especially with emails and social media. To better inform everyone, we are exploring community training sessions on the Brown Act with our city attorney. Educating officials and residents on transparency laws fosters trust and accountability.

Streamlining council meetings

One of my campaign commitments was to make council meetings more efficient and engaging. Working with the council, my goal is to increase the frequency of regular and special council meetings, hold town halls on key topics, and encourage focused public comments.

The agenda for the Jan. 7 meeting was discussed in last week’s Pine Cone, and other meetings are scheduled for Jan. 13 and 14. A town hall is in the planning stages. I urge you to attend and share detailed input by email (cityclerk@cbts.us). There is much to do, and efficient meetings help ensure that every voice is heard and our discussions lead to timely action.

Looking ahead

As we step into 2025, I am dedicated to collaboration and results as we are faced with great opportunities and big challenges. Together, we can make this year one of progress and pride for Carmel, and I look forward to working with you to ensure our city thrives. Let us embrace the new year with a shared commitment to improvement and a vision for a brighter future.

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LIVES

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became a volunteer for the race.

"I am very interested in my volunteer work affecting youth," she said. After a fulfilling career, Douglas retired so she could be part of her five grandsons' lives. They live in Eugene, Ore., and Houston, San Diego, Chicago, and Thailand. She also began taking art lessons. "My fine motor skills have never been great, so I wanted to challenge myself. It is really rewarding and meditative," she said.

'Keep doing it'

She combines caring for her health with an active social life, something that's extremely important for seniors — and everyone else, for that matter. "I love to exercise for mental health and stress relief but always with friends," Douglas noted. She golfs regularly and often reminds her companions to stop and just take in the moment. Being outside and enjoying the scenery is just as important for her as the workout. Douglas tries to do something every day, whether it's exercising at Anytime Fitness in Carmel or walking for 30 minutes. "Find something you enjoy and keep doing it," she tells people. "And you'll feel better."



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Looking fit and happy at her 80-plus years, Sharron Douglas credits a life of eating well and getting plenty of exercise with friends.

BODY

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requested from the U.S. Coast Guard, which patrolled the waters in the area but was unable to locate a body.

Rosas mentioned the reports of drowning victims in Pebble Beach and Marina during high surf conditions the afternoon of Dec. 23, when a man was swept off a rock along 17 Mile Drive near Point Joe after being hit by a sneaker wave, and Marina Police Department received a report of an "individual who was also reported to have been swept out to sea by large waves."

Neither body has been located, according to Rosas. "Weather conditions on the day of these incidents as well as on the following days were not suitable for safe searches for these two missing individuals," he said. "Active search efforts by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office have been suspended."

KILLER

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cell, prompting Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu to issue an extraction order allowing sheriff's deputies to use force to remove him and bring him to court.

The experts assigned to evaluate Arroyo, filed their reports with the court, and at a Nov. 13 hearing, Liu determined Arroyo is mentally fit to stand trial.

He reinstated the criminal proceedings and set the preliminary hearing — in which the prosecution will lay out its case and Liu will decide whether there's sufficient evidence to continue to trial — for Jan. 24.

In the meantime, Arroyo remains in Monterey County Jail without bail.

BITE

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A Monterey resident said on social media that he has taken care of Flynn and that his owners are extremely conscientious.

"It's so sad to know that you can do everything right as a dog owner and advocate for your pets, and bad things can still happen when you least expect them," the man said.

Also on Dec. 23, but a few hours later, another dog bite occurred on the 200 block of Grove Acre, but not as severe as the first.

"A border collie was able to get out of an apartment window and bite the victim, who was walking her dogs by the apartment," Anderson explained. "The victim was treated by the fire department and released. The dog is currently in quarantine, and the investigation is still ongoing."

Anderson said police did not issue citations to the owners of the dogs.





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GAVEL

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dence and created a case number. According to the investigation, "As the interview continued, Estevez remained cooperative and repeatedly consented to searches of his locker in the jail locker room, his vehicle, his cell phone, and he agreed several times to take us to his house to retrieve the shank."

No illegal weapons, drugs or other contraband were found in his locker. Estevez took investigators to his house. The investigation states, "Estevez voluntarily opened his garage and showed us the shelf in the garage where the shank was located."

The investigation did not provide evidence showing that Estevez's version of events was false.

The sheriff's office submitted three charges for filing consideration. One was illegal possession or manufacture of a weapon in a penal institution. Only an inmate can commit this offense.

Another charge was conspiracy to possess or manufacture a weapon in a penal institution. This crime requires an agreement between at least two persons with the specific intent to commit the target crime. When an inmate agrees with a deputy to surrender a shank the inmate possesses, that is not an agreement to commit the target crime. Deputies attempting to recover illegal shanks from cooperative inmates try to prevent the target crime, not facilitate it. And the district attorney's office found insufficient evidence for the theory that Estevez and the inmate agreed that the inmate should manufacture a shank. Estevez did not admit this, and competent evidence did not prove it. Estevez acted to remove the shank from the jail, which is inconsistent with the purposes of a conspiracy whose criminal purpose is an illegal weapon in a penal institution.

The last crime submitted was destroying or concealing evidence. However, this crime requires that the shank "is about to be produced in evidence" in a trial or investigation. No investigation was pending at the time Estevez removed the shank from the jail or placed it in his garage. Once the sheriff's office investigation commenced, he disclosed the location of the shank and surrendered it upon request. Had he lied about its location or existence, he could have committed this crime, but he did not.

The scope of this review is narrow. It is not to determine whether Estevez violated department policy or best practices, but rather to determine if he committed a crime beyond a reasonable doubt. The investigation submitted did not disclose sufficient proof of any crime.

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ARTIST

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96-page memoir, “Mid Century Art: Del Monte Park, a biography of place,” about the quirky Monterey Peninsula artist colony where she grew up — a place she described as “an unincorporated, undeveloped, underpopulated, unpatrolled, unregulated neighborhood on the wrong side of the Pebble Beach fence.” Artistic neighbors there included painters Joan Savo, Janet and Victor DiGesù, and sculptor Paul McReynolds, among others.

Longtime Carmel resident **Dixie Dixon** (July 12, 2024), is a fine-art photographer, is also a Western, rock, Americana and folk musician. She’s the wife and bandmate of well-known local singer/songwriter Steve Mortensen and founded the Utah Classical Guitar Society 44 years ago in Utah, where she grew up as one of nine siblings. She also lived a life of adventure, surviving a revolution in Bolivia, a showdown with machine-gun-toting robbers in El Salvador, and Russian bombs falling on a field in Borjomi, Georgia.

Arthur Rogers (Feb. 9, 2024) is a ceramic potter

specializing in the 16th century Japanese technique of Raku firing, which he enjoys for its unpredictability. Pots stacked atop each other in the kiln frequently emerge from the 1900-degree oven with “referred decoration” — colors that were inadvertently transferred from one piece to another during the firing process.

Danny Aliotti (Sept. 20, 2024) is well known locally as a restaurateur but spent his spare time as a young man at concerts, shooting fine-art photographs of rock ‘n’ roll superstars including Bob Dylan, The Rolling Stones, Frank Zappa, Linda Ronstadt, Bruce Springsteen, Dolly Parton, The Eagles, Dire Straits, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Jimmy Buffett, Bonnie Raitt, Fleetwood Mac, Heart, Rod Stewart, Pat Benatar, The Doobie Brothers, Ray Charles and numerous others. Those photos languished in cardboard boxes for more than 40 years but were rediscovered last year by nephew Jason Reisig, who curated them into an eye-popping exhibit at the Carmel Valley Art Association, where they’re on display. Aliotti once sneaked a 300-millimeter lens into a concert inside large loaf of French bread that was disguised as a sandwich.

Palo Colorado resident **Ami Sioux** (May 31, 2024) ran away from a radical religious cult at 17, overcame homelessness, earned a degree from the San Francisco Art

Institute and went on to work in New York, Berlin, Paris, London, Tokyo, and Los Angeles as a high-end fashion photographer. She also became a singer-songwriter who performed in the United States and Paris.

Plein-air painter **Debra Nichols** (May 3, 2024), a fourth-generation Carmelite, remembers tagging along with her “second mother,” artist Carla Coniglio, every year during Open Studios starting as a second grader. Nichols would pepper the artists with questions about the brushes they used, the paints they liked, and their favorite painting venues. Carmel Art Association painter Richard Lofton lived across the street, and Harry Downie, the Carmel Mission’s chief restoration expert, was a family friend.

Monterey ceramicist **Anisa Etemadi** (March 15, 2024) is heavily influenced by her Persian heritage as she bakes her works in the kilns at Peninsula Potters. She markets them to almost 40,000 people from around the world on social media. Her father, Mahmoud, fled his home country in 1977, a year before the Iranian revolution, and her mother, Gita, escaped to Pakistan on a motorcycle a year later.

Carmel abstract artist **Diane Danvers Simmons** (Aug. 16, 2024) is a native of England, where, a week after her 16th birthday, she discovered a farewell note from her mother, who moved out of the house to sow some wild oats. Diane found her mom right next door, living with “three hot college guys,” a trauma she described in a 2021 autobiography, “My Mother Next Door,” and continues to process via her art and through a podcast, “Mothers and Daughters Unfiltered,” that she created with her adult daughter, Natalie.

NEXT WEEK: *Artist Confidential, Part Two*

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LETTERS

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good time when I have the means to do so and feel safe enough to walk the streets.

Alyson Grella,
Monterey

Hiring at the schools

Dear Editor,

As a community, we must examine CUSD’s hiring practices. Cronyism and nepotism are blocking efforts to recruit highly qualified talent. Have sexual harassment complaints been covered up because offenders were childhood friends? Maybe not

Why don’t we offer robust dual enrollment opportunities like surrounding districts? Are candidates with the necessary advanced degrees not being interviewed if they lack district social connections? Recent progress in this area, driven by parents, faced resistance from the current superintendent and anger over educational partners speaking to the board.

The long-tenured former River School principal felt justified in hiring his son under his supervision. When the former superintendent denied the placement, the principal aired grievances to me in a parent-principal meeting, expressing outrage over being denied the right to have his son report directly to him. Shortly after that meeting, the superintendent was terminated, and the child was offered district employment.

Ask your current high schooler who attended River School if they or their friends were ever spanked on their birthday in PE, an embarrassing practice that persisted for years despite complaints. During the pandemic, many families left for private schools because the River School principal refused to support inclusive familial events, while simultaneously, CUSD sought enrollment with a sign in front of CHS. Like the former superintendent, the new River School principal was an outsider. He stood up for students in that PE class and was fired for doing what was right and protecting our children.

PE issues persist as your child ages in our district. A teacher grades primarily on running times, ignoring effort and unfairly targeting girls during their biological cycle and a boy with a prosthetic leg. Complaints are ignored,

and parents who protest are publicly shamed by the teacher. In this same PE class, students who play district sports and miss class for games are penalized, discouraging them from being active. On the first day back after Covid-19, this teacher made students step on a scale in front of their peers. Imagine returning to work after the pandemic and being weighed publicly in front of your coworkers. Ask your college freshman home for break about it — half will remember, while the other half were lucky enough to have a sensible teacher.

The new school board must employ leadership that will eliminate favoritism, prioritize students’ best interests, and support employees who stand up for what’s right. Haven’t we paid enough in lawsuit settlements, or do we want to set another state record? If necessary, we may all need to take legal action to protect our children from exploitation and abuse.

Susie Fowler, Ed.D., Carmel

Electric cars

Dear Editor,

Why are there no Level 3 fast chargers for electric vehicles in Carmel? Pacific Grove has them, Pebble Beach has them, Monterey has them.

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The second fundamental shift that we're seeing in real estate is the implementation of the buyer agreement requirement. This is a national change of policy whereby all buyers must have a signed contract with an agent prior to seeing a property. This is a cultural shift that is catching buyers by surprise and slowing down the purchase process a bit, while we need to educate them of the new process and get them comfortable with what this means for them. Ultimately, we believe this will be good for the industry and for clients, but it's a learning curve that didn't exist before.

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Section 2

Football champs head to the court to tackle a whole other ballgame

WITH ALL but two varsity players returning from the most dominant boys basketball team in school history, the 2025 Carmel Padres weren't looking to make any major adjustments.

Then football recruiters came to town with a full-ride scholarship for 6-foot-7, 290-pound Jackson Lloyd, who graduated early and left this week for the University of Alabama to play offensive tackle for the Crimson Tide.

Lloyd was also — literally — the centerpiece of a Carmel basketball lineup that went 25-4 last season, leading the Padres in scoring (15.7 points per game), rebounds (8.7), field goal accuracy (68 percent) and blocked shots (1.7).

Third CCS title since 2019

The 2024 Padres shared the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Gabilan Division championship with an 11-1 record, won the Central Coast Section Division 4 crown for the third time since 2019, then beat Ventura Academy but lost a 3-point heartbreaker to Ygnacio Valley at NorCals.

"That's a big loss. Jackson was MVP of our league, and we'll have to reinvent ourselves a bit without him," acknowledged head coach Kurt Grahl. "We can't replace a player like him, but we can play a different style to take advantage of the talented players we have."

That, by the way, is a horn o' plenty. Ten players from



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[Left photo] Senior guards Warren Blut (left) and Hudson Rutherford are the best pure shooters on Kurt Grahl's team during his nine seasons as Carmel's varsity head coach. [Right photo] Brooklyn Ashe, 6-foot-4 with long arms, is a quick, agile athlete who can score, rebound, defend. He is guarded here by Simeon Brown (left), and Mason Haag (5).

NorCals, and California's Division 5-AA state championship, only the second state crown in county history.

Football injuries

Two of those players joined the basketball team nursing injuries: Simeon Brown has a minor fracture in his sternum, and Ashton Rees is healing a sprained toe. Both are expected back early this month. Both are seniors

Brown, a 6-3 small forward, averaged 13.1 points (third on the team), 4.6 rebounds (second), 4.7 assists (first), 2.4 steals (first), and 0.8 blocks (tied for second). He is a fourth-year starter, having cracked the lineup during the second half of his freshman season.

"Simeon is the ultimate competitor — a guy who always shines brightest in big games and raises his level at the biggest moment," Grahl said of Brown, whose bone-jarring tackle at the 1-yard line preserved Carmel's NorCal football victory with 0:00 on the scoreboard clock.

"He plays with tremendous heart, and he's a true leader who elevates everyone else on the team."

Rees, a defense-minded guard, is "the Energizer Bunny — and a football player playing basketball, for sure — but he's such an elite athlete that he makes plays you're just not expecting," the coach said. "Defensively, he's an irritant. He's always there, always around the ball."

'Best shooter we've had'

Hudson Rutherford, the all-division football quarterback, is a 6-4 shooting guard with long arms and a high release who averaged 12.9 points, 4.2 rebounds, 3.0 assists, and 1.2 steals. He led the Padres with 85 3-pointers, draining 41 percent of his long-distance attempts.

"Hudson is the best shooter we've had at Carmel since I've been coaching," said Grahl, who has a 157-60 record

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

last year's postseason roster are back — a bounty that includes three double-digit scorers, four of the top five 3-point shooters, and the top two steals and assists leaders.

And these guys know how to win. Lloyd was one of seven Carmel basketball players who played on this year's football team, which went 15-0, a county record, won CCS,



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— not counting the abbreviated Covid season — in nine years as head coach. “He’s been a catch-and-shoot guy, but worked hard this summer on driving to the rim, and using his athleticism more.”

The other deadeye shooter, 6-1 senior point guard Warren Blut, ranked second on the team in scoring (13.4), assists (3.8) and steals (2.2), and likely has a college basketball future.

“Warren is just a gym rat who has played basketball on the youth circuit all year round,” Grahl said of Blut, who already has three 30-point games this season. “He’s a tremendous shooter, a tremendous finisher, and I really expect him to explode onto the scene this year.”

Brooklyn Ashe, a 6-4 post, is long-armed and sure-handed (a receiver in football) and has exceptional athleticism that should ease the pain of Lloyd’s absence.

“He’s got a wide wingspan, and his ability to cover a lot of ground in a hurry is going to put a lot of pressure on our opponents,” the coach said. “There are a lot of rebounds to be had, now that the big guy

(Lloyd) is gone, and I think Brooklyn is going to embrace that. He’s a different kind of big.”

Ty Arnold, all-division as a football cornerback and receiver, is a 5-10 senior who can step in at point guard and contributes heavily on defense.

‘Best perimeter defender’

“Ty is probably our best perimeter defender, and we plan to use him in different spots to keep his tenacity on the floor,” Grahl said. “He’s already looking more confident than he did last year and understands what he’s doing much better.”

Senior Dylan Hinds, a running back in football, is a floor general with exceptional communication skills.

“He’s an absolute leader who will see what’s coming and yell out what’s happening,” said the coach. “He understands our coverages, and he’ll yell it out to make sure nobody’s confused.”

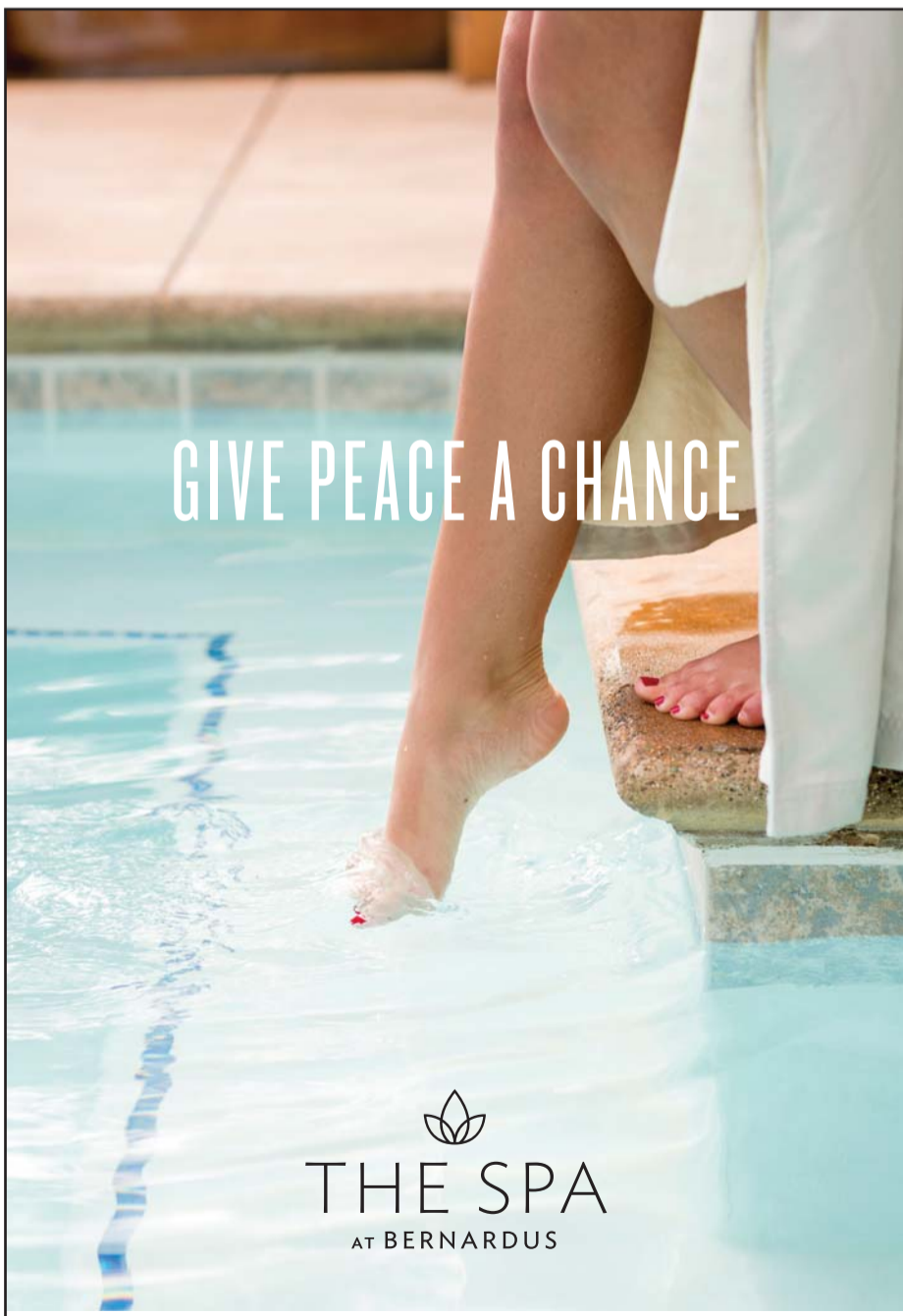
Marcus Togneri, a 6-4 post, impressed Grahl during Carmel’s 30-game summer season, becoming one of the team’s most improved player.

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Senior forward Simeon Brown, a first-team All-Gabilan pick last year, is “the ultimate competitor” — a player who rises to the occasion at the biggest moments — according to his coach.

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Newly renovated Golden Bough welcomes PacRep's rock 'n' roll tribute

FOR THE first time since it reopened in September after an ambitious renovation, the Golden Bough Theater welcomes

Led by **Travis Poelle**, who portrays **Buddy Holly**, the cast includes **Davitt Felder**, **Lydia Lyons**, **David Schulz** and **Scott Free**. They'll be backed by music director **Don Dally** on lead guitar, **Bill Sullivan** on bass, and **Jon-Mark Hurley** on keyboards. **Stephen Moorer** directs the show.

Presley, Little Richard, Linda Ronstadt, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, Dion, the Mamas and the Papas and more," PacRep said. "Audiences can groove along as these popular tribute artists play the night away — and dancing in the aisles is encouraged."

All shows start at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$8. The theater is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth streets. Call (831) 622-0100 or visit pacrep.org.



The son of the late Frank Zappa, guitarist Dweezil Zappa plays Thursday at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

a PacRep tradition, its Legends of Rock 'n' Roll Tribute Concert. The show plays Thursday, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 12.

The concert takes the audience back to the first three decades of rock 'n' roll.

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■ The music of dance

Exploring the many ways that music and dance can complement one another, the Sand Box in Sand City offers "Whirled Music" Sunday at 3 p.m.

"In collaboration with the 2024 Carmel Dance Festival Fellowship program, we present an inspired confluence of dance and music influenced by music of the world," the Sand Box announced.

The musicians include guitarist **William Coulter**, saxophonist **Genoa Brown**, percussionist **Kevin DiNoto** and cellist **Michelle Djokic**, who runs the Sand Box. The dancers include **Branndi Lewis**, **Daniel Ojeda** and **Justin Rapaport**. They will offer a sneak preview of a new piece by choreographer Javon Jones, while the

eclectic program includes music by J.S. Bach and Bob Marley.

Tickets are \$40 for general admission, and \$25 for students and active military. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave.

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The Charlie Lindner Trio plays "original compositions, jazz standards, and re-imagined pop tunes" Sunday, 7 p.m., at Wave Street Studios in Monterey.

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F O O D & W I N E

Dessert fit for a king, wines for the New Year, and a squid game

GALETTE DES ROIS — king cake — is the traditional French dessert for Epiphany, a holiday celebrated on Jan. 6, and the confection is available at several local French bakeries.

“In France, bakeries are super busy preparing these cakes as the tradition is pretty big there,” explained Florent Tavardon, head baker at Lafayette Bakery in

according to some traditions, is also responsible for buying the cake the following year.

“One person cuts the cake and someone else randomly chooses who gets the slice,” explained Tavardon, who recommended enjoying the dessert with a dry cider because “it goes well with the almonds in the frangipane,” he said. Or, like most things in life, it’s also



Parker-Lusseau Pastries in Monterey is one of three French bakeries making king cakes for Epiphany. Each person who shares the dessert hopes to find a hidden bean or figurine in their slice and be crowned king or queen for a day.

Soup to Nuts

Carmel’s Barnyard shopping center. In the north of France, the dessert is typically a puff pastry filled with frangipane (a fluffy almond filling, think marzipan but creamier), while the southern variety is a brioche cake with candied fruit. The galettes found on the Peninsula are the puff pastry and frangipane type.

The cake is sold with a golden paper crown for the person who finds the “fève” — a bean or ceramic figurine baked into the cake — in their portion. The lucky winner becomes king or queen for a day and,

good with a glass of bubbly.

In Christian traditions, Epiphany commemorates the day the Wise Men visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem, which signifies Jesus Christ’s manifestation to the world as the son of God. It also marks the 12th and final day of Christmas.

If you want to party like a Frenchman, you can get a cake at Lafayette Bakery and Café through the entire month of January. In Monterey, Paris Bakery (271 Bonifacio Place) and Parker-Lusseau Pastries (539 Hartnell St.) will have them available until Jan. 6, but it is best to order in advance. Bon appétit!

Welcome the New Year with wine

The vaunted Huneeus Family, which owns Quintessa, Flowers, Faust, Benton-Lane, Favia, Leviathan and Illumination wineries, will bring wines for a special tasting at Grasing’s restaurant at Mission and Sixth Thursday, Jan. 9, at 5:30 p.m.

For \$35 per person —

which is refundable with a \$100 purchase that evening — guests will enjoy tastes of wines from Quintessa, Favia, Flowers and other labels, according to sommelier and wine director Eric Ewers.

The event will be held in the restaurant’s rooftop garden and will be complemented by small bites created by executive chef Mario Garcia.

To sign up, visit grasings.com, click on the “wine club” tab and go to the list of events.

Coastal Roots rewards loyalty

Did your budget take a beating over the last few weeks? Coastal Roots Hospitality, which owns and operates Montrio and Tarpy’s in Monterey and Rio Grill in the Crossroads shopping center, is welcoming 2025 by “expressing gratitude to its valued

patrons,” through some special discounts, said a recent announcement. In January and February, the restaurant group’s loyalty club members will be able to add a select wine or draft beer for \$1 with the purchase of an entrée, or, if you’re observing “dry January” or just don’t want booze with your meal, you can get \$10 off any entrée. Normally, loyalty club members have to spend \$250 to get that \$10 off deal, so it’s a pretty sweet bargain. The promotions cannot be combined, but “guests are encouraged to visit as often as they desire during the promotional period.”

There’s no charge to sign up. The process is simple, requiring you to provide a cell phone number and email address. Go to coastalrootshospitality.com and click on the “Rewards Program” link at the bottom

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Sarah Boyle, head of the Boyle Design Group in Pacific Grove, also enjoys making healthy food from scratch. She’s launching a video series called “Sundays with Sarah,” with cooking tips and recipes.

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of the page. Restaurant websites are montrio.com, tarpys.com, and riogrill.com.

Designer cooks up videos

The Boyle Design Group in Pacific Grove, led by interior designer Sarah Boyle, recently announced the launch of a YouTube series, “Sundays with Sarah.” In an introductory video (youtube.com/shorts/jl7qTlyoHjg), Boyle says that in addition to running an award-winning design firm, “I do cook a lot.” She explains she “has two boys (also in the video) that eat me out of house and home,” so she likes making “healthy food from scratch.”

The first Sunday of each month, she’ll release a 15-to-20-minute video with “culinary tips, seasonal recipes and practical design advice.” Additional weekly content, also posted on Sundays, will include more helpful advice and photos.

Information is available on The Boyle Design Group’s social media platforms and the first video is scheduled to drop Jan. 5.

Themes for the first quarter of the year are: January, “New Year, Fresh Start” — Celebrate National Soup Month and healthy living; February, “Fall in Love with February” — Valentine’s and “Galentine’s” ideas; “Spring Fling” — Seasonal veggies, Easter prep, and fresh recipes.

Stories at the farm

Looking for something to do with the little ones now that the holidays are over? Every Monday at 10:30 and 11 a.m., Earthbound Farm’s farmstand at 7250 Carmel Valley Road offers a free story time. Janet Fearnside, associate pastor at All Things New church in Pacific Grove, brings “familiar family favorites” to life, and she gets good reviews for enthusiastic reading. There’s no age limit, but attendees skew toward the pre-K set.

180 years of squid fishing

If Monterey County ever tried to choose an official appetizer, it would probably be a tossup between calamari and artichokes. Squid is relatively cheap and versatile, and though it’s commonly served as a plate of fried calamari strips and tentacles with dipping sauce, it can also be stuffed or prepared as a steak. Some people even consider it an acceptable substitute for the considerably pricier abalone.

Accordingly, Old Fisherman’s Wharf is kicking off a big birthday celebration with an “Ode to Calamari” contest.

“We are so excited to celebrate Old Fisherman’s Wharf 180th anniversary initially with this fun and creative contest,” said Wendy Brickman, president of Fisherman’s Wharf Association. Budding writers and seasoned poets alike are invited to pen four lines of verse expressing their admiration and affection for the cephalopod.

Email submissions to brickman@brickmanmarketing.com before Jan. 31, 2025, note whether the poem can be published on social media or elsewhere, and put “Ode to



Boat-to-table cuisine is a thing at Monterey’s Fisherman Wharf. It’s been a docking spot for passengers, freight and fishermen since 1845 and is celebrating its birthday with a calamari poetry contest. From the squid boats of yesterday (above), to today’s fresh, deep-fried appetizers, the cephalopod has established its place in local history and cuisine.

Calamari” in the subject line.

Winners will be announced by Feb. 15, 2025. Prizes are \$100, \$50 and \$25 in “Wharf Dollars,” which can be spent at any business on the wharf, including “restaurants, fish markets, gift shops, whale watching, fishing and sailing trips, and more,” Brickman noted.

“In 1845, Thomas Larkin constructed a wharf at Monterey for regular passenger and freight service, with ships arriving four times weekly. Growth of the sardine industry and the need to keep the wharf in better repair prompted the Monterey City Council to assume ownership of the pier in 1913,” she said. To read more, visit montereywharf.com/history.html.

It’s 2025. Everyone remain calm.

Holman Ranch is offering another sound bath meditation on Sunday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the carriage house on its Carmel Valley estate, where organizers promise you’ll be comfortably warm.

Afterward, enjoy a glass of Holman Ranch wine, included in the ticket price.

Sound bath meditation is “a therapeutic experience that uses various sound frequencies to motivate a deep state of relaxation, to reduce stress and promote healing.” If you’ve ever heard a metal or crystal singing bowl, you have some idea what it’s like.

Participants are advised to wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or cushion, a blanket and a journal.

Wine club members pay \$25 apiece, and it’s \$40 for everyone else. Tickets are available on exploretock.com. Holman Ranch is at 60 Holman Road in Carmel Valley. For more info, email wines@holmanranch.com, or call (831) 659-2640, ext. 2.

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




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CALENDAR

Il Vecchio hosts live music every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m., featuring Blues Night on Tuesdays and Jazz Night with the Cena Trio on Thursdays. Also showcased are local artists quarterly – Matt Mesero’s “Night Vision” black and white photography exhibit continues through February. Visit ilvecchiorestaurant.com for more.

Jan. 8 – Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series presents: A Sense of Place: Profiles from the Collection – Literary Luminaries: Six Trailblazing Writers Who Shaped Carmel, with **Vince Emery**. 6:30 p.m. at the Harrison Memorial Library. Register required, on our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: free; \$10 suggested contribution. Questions? info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811.

Jan. 15 – Enjoy a lighthearted evening of jazz and other hits from Yale University’s The Whiffenpoofs, the oldest collegiate a cappella ensemble in the nation, returning to St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. after last year’s concert sellout. \$35 adults, \$25 students and children under 12, under 5 free. Tickets at the door or at <https://whiffs.ticketbud.com/whiffenpoofs-in-monterey> 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley. To learn more visit stdcv.org.

Jan. 16 – Jam Session 6 to 9 p.m. at Shearwater Tavern/ Enjoy the night in collaboration with **Lalo Blanco Tequila, Wente Vineyards** & music by **Casey Frazier**. Meet our Chef, Jae Moon, who will prepare street tacos. Pay as you go for tacos, wine or full bar. Outside event around our beautiful open fire pits – dress accordingly. Children & dog friendly event and encouraged. 3665 Rio Road, Carmel, CarmelMissionInn.com

Jan. 26 – Live concert “Songs of Hope, Harmony and Healing,” 4 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts, Carmel High School. Award-winning artists include **Cindy Alexander, Alisa Fineman, Kimball Hurd** and **Lisa Spector**. Event benefits the Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County and Congregation Beth Israel Caring Circle. For tickets and sponsorship information, contact www.carmelbethisrael.org/form/BCAGfundraiser.html

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■ Jazz trio plays Wave Street

Serving up a mix of “original compositions, jazz standards, and re-imagined pop tunes, all infused with a mod-



Singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom plays rock and blues Friday in Carmel Valley and Saturday in Pebble Beach.

ern jazz twist,” **The Charlie Lindner Trio** performs Sunday, 7 p.m., at Wave Street Studios in Monterey.

Led by pianist **Charlie Lindner**, the trio also features **Tony Bianchini** and drummer **Patrick Tregenza**. The latter is a co-founder of the jazz combo Along Came Betty.

“The trio’s sound blends tradition with innovation,” Lindner said. “We hope our performance will both honor jazz’s rich history and inspire new listeners with our modern approach.”

Tickets are \$40. The venue is located at 774 Wave St.

■ Like father, like son

A gifted guitarist who is carrying on the legacy of his famous father, **Dweezil Zappa** takes the stage Thursday, 8 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey. Zappa last played here in 2018.

Besides recording seven albums of his own — the last one came out a decade ago — Dweezil pays tribute to his father’s music, which was characterized by its nonconformity, improvisation and satire. Frank Zappa died in 1993.

Tickets start at \$42. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Live music Jan. 3-9

■ Big Sur

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

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Tony Burciaga** (Sun-

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

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

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

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

La Playa Hotel — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

The Links Club — **Moondance** (pop and rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Mad About You** ('80s & '90s hits, 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.

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Bernardus Lodge & Spa — pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Saturday at noon), pianist **Joe Indence** (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.),

See **LIVE** page 39A

MORE SPORTS

From page 30A

“Marcus is strong, beefy, and does a lot of the dirty work in there,” he said.

Sean Carr, a hustling junior guard, is one of Carmel’s best athletes and quickest players. “I see him feeling more comfortable, and as he becomes more familiar with what we’re doing, his athletic talents can really blossom. He’s already had a 16-point game and a 12-point game for us this season, and I expect to see that more often.”

Liam Riddolls, a 5-11 junior backup point guard, is an energetic defender who creates chaos in Carmel’s full-court press.

Mason Haag, a senior, and Jake Jackson, a junior, are rugged inside players who also are capable of hitting outside shots.

The Padres return this year to PCAL’s toughest division — the Gabilan — where Palma, Oakwood, Monterey and Alisal loom as formidable challenges. Those four teams had a combined record of 29-6 as the new year began.

Carmel opens the Gabilan season Tuesday with a home game against Oakwood School, then travels Thursday to Palma. Both games start at 7 p.m.

Dennis Taylor is a professional freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.



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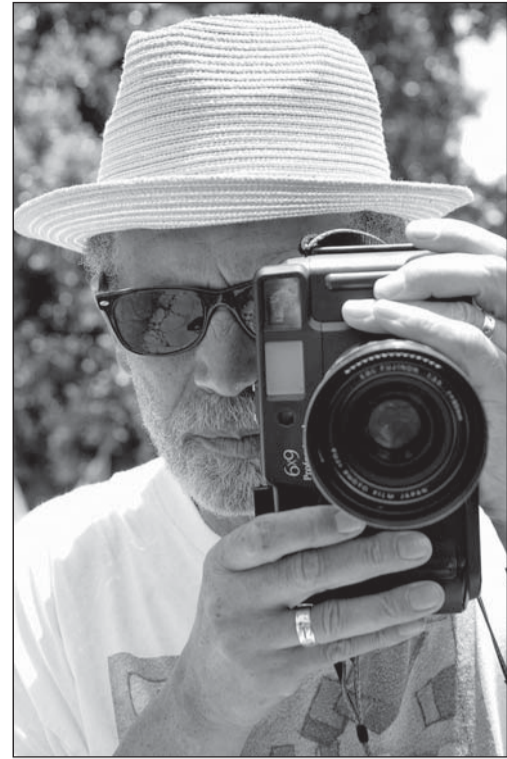
A PHOTOGRAPHER and educator whose work chronicles the lives of people of African descent throughout the world, Lewis Watts is the subject of a retrospec-

ument what he calls the "African diaspora" and capture scenes from their communities around the globe.

"This exhibition includes portraits of artists, activists, authors and musicians as well as Watts' documentary street photography and urban landscapes," executive director Ann Jastrab told The Pine Cone. "Through Lewis' lens, we are called to witness the beauty and complexity of the world around us and are reminded of the power of photography to not only document, but also to provoke thought and inspire dialogue."

The show was curated by photojournalist Judy Walgren, who will host a talk and Q&A with Watts Saturday at 3 p.m. Walgren earned a Pulitzer Prize in 1994 for her reporting on female genital mutilation in Africa.

The show will be on display through Feb. 9. The gallery is located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth.



The Center for Photographic Art hosts a reception Saturday at 4 p.m. for the opening of an exhibit that celebrates photographer Lewis Watts' work.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

ive exhibit, "Looking Back," which opens Saturday at the Center for Photographic Art, with a public reception set for 4 p.m.

A professor emeritus of art at UC Santa Cruz, Watts has worked for decades to doc-



In street scenes like the one he captured here, photographer Lewis Watts explores people whose ancestors came from Africa and have migrated all over the world.

■ The fine art of jewelry

At Monterey's Venture Gallery in January, fine art jewelry is stepping into the spotlight. The gallery hosts a reception for three jewelry artists Saturday at 2 p.m.

"Each artist creates necklaces, earrings, and bracelets that are delicious 'eye candy,'" the gallery's Edi Matsumoto said. "Lilly Campos creates mesmerizing fused glass with the colors of the sea, Vanessa Martin creates stunning modern and classic designs with pearls, gems, gold and silver, and Sandra Saldivar creates dramatic, yet classic, designs with Austrian crystals, abalone and gems."

The gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St.

■ 'Now & Then'

Photographer Rupert Chambers shares five decades of work in the show, "Then & Now, a Retrospect at 80," which opens Jan. 8 at the Gallery at Del Mesa Carmel.

Influenced by the sea art of painters Andrew Wyeth, Claude Monet and Winslow Homer and the works of local leg-

ends like Ansel Adams, Brett and Edward Weston and Morley Baer, Chambers presents a display of street photography from Mexico and Guatemala, along with images captured in the Southwest and along the California coast.

The gallery is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The retirement community is located at 500 Del Mesa Drive.

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Case No. 24CV005464
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ELENA VLADIMIR NEZHINSKY, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 23, 2024
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This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/82946478920?pwd=ob73VnNuH5EVaj2Xgalm7OFsYbG5SnYk. To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171. Webinar ID: 829 4647 8920. Passcode: 001916.

All interested people are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing bswanson@ci.carmel-ca.us prior to the meeting.

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

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(Jensen), for the replacement of an existing wood shake roof with a new metal roof on an existing single-family residence located on Santa Lucia 2 NE of Scenic in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-293-013-000

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

DS 22-057 (Lim)
Angie Flores, Designer
North Casanova Street 2 southeast of Palou Avenue
Block: ii; Lot 3
APN: 010-225-003-000
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 24164), and associated Coastal Development Permit for substantial alterations to an existing single-family residence, and Variance (VA 24263) for modifications to maximum site coverage regulations located at Scenic Road 3 southeast of 12th Avenue located in the Single Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District, Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay, and Park (P) Overlay. APN: 010-292-011

DS 24326 (Smith)
Kurt Jensen, Agent
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Carla Hashimoto, Agent
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DS 24321 (Jensen)
Matt Hanner, Applicant
Santa Lucia 2 northeast of Scenic Road
Block A6; Lot 12 & 14
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Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral, DS 24321

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Rampart Blvd, #290 Las Vegas, NV 89145 - Phone: (702) 304-7509, duly appointed Trustee under Notice of Delinquent Assessment ("NDA"), and pursuant to Notice of Default and Election to Sell ("NOD"), will sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, (a cashier's check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a state or federal credit union, or a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank as specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest now held under said NDA, to wit: Multiple Timeshare Estates as shown on Exhibit "A-1" (as described in the Declaration recorded on 06/21/2002 as Document No. 2002058802 as amended) located at 120 Highlands Drive, Carmel, CA, 93923 with APN shown herein. The Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address shown herein. All recording references contained herein and on Schedule "1" attached hereto are in the County of Monterey, California. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, as to title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said NDA, plus accrued interest thereon to the date of sale, estimated fees, charges, as shown in sum due on Schedule "1" together with estimated expenses of the Trustee in the amount of \$475.00. The claimant, H.I. Resort Condominium Association, Inc., a nonprofit mutual benefit California corporation, under NDA delivered to Trustee a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located, and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation. APN: 241-351-004-000. Batch ID: Foreclosure HOA 144883-HVC76-HOA. Schedule "1": NOD Recording Date and Reference: 09/23/2024; 2024039999; Contract No., Owner(s), Lien Recording Date and Reference, Sum Due; 800000775, Rene Marasigan and Ramona Marasigan, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,263.13; 800000946, Charles F. Diggs and Diana G. Diggs, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,261.91; 800001147, Richard L. Rosenberg and Kathleen A. Rosenberg, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$850.27; 800001267, Aurelio Del Prado Estrella and Annabelle Gacad Estrella, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,379.75; 800001340, David Patrick Matanane and Cynthia Rose Matanane, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,261.91; 800001364, Larry Dean Owens and Dorothy Morse Owens, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,366.64; 800002020, Li-Tsu Chien Sadler and Adam B. D. Sadler, As Trustees Of The Sadler Family Trust Dated May 1, 1996, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,308.18; 800002250, Bruce A. Mews and Peggy A. Mews, 07/24/2023 Inst: 2023022301, \$6,408.74; 800003416, Heirs And/Or Devises Of Karen Lee Irvine, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,456.76; 800003465, Jim Lou Nyholt, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,333.33; 800003555, Joseph Maurice Gregorich and Cynthia Leigh Garcia, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,271.57; 800003746, Richard Kevin O'connor and Carole Anne O'connor, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,321.05; 800003907, Eleanor Anne O' Donnell, 07/24/2023 Inst: 2023022301, \$5,641.33; 800004654, Taylor Moor, Llc, A California Limited Liability Company, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$2,607.34; 800004772, Roland Gerald Fuette and Mary Lou Fuette, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,312.87; 800005645, Jaspreet Dhillon and The Unrecorded Interest Of The Spouse Of Jaspreet Dhillon, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,732.53; 800005814, Douglas Southern Brown and Diane Gail Brown, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,429.53; 800006004, Kalle Varav and Michelle Varav, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,608.51; 800006222, Arnold Thoroughman, 07/24/2023 Inst: 2023022301, \$1,039.82; 800007212, Antonio Blanco Rizarri and Rhodora Abejo Rizarri, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,324.34; 800007497, Matthias Will, Trustee Of The Mobley-Will Living Trust Dated August 16, 2016, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,279.53; 800007503, Francis Greig Gorman and John William Embrey, III, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,542.58; 800007910, Gary Vandeventer, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,283.71; 800007914, Carin Lane, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,283.71; 800008075, Gary Michael Van Deventer, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, \$3,254.44. Exhibit "A-1": Contract No., Undivided Interest, Unit No., Fixed Week No., Frequency, 800000775, 1/51, 45, 35, annual; 800000946, 1/51, 70, 1, annual; 800001147, 1/51, 47, 40, annual; 800001267, 1/51, 58, 27, annual; 800001340, 1/51, 46, 41, annual; 800001364, 1/51, 24, 31, annual; 800002020, 1/51, 78, 25, annual; 800002250, 1/51, 49, 46, annual; 800003416, 1/51, 71, 30, annual; 800003465, 1/51, 30, 41, annual; 800003555, 1/51, 36, 42, annual; 800003746, 1/51, 55, 40, annual; 800003907, 1/51, 05, 5, annual; 800004654, 1/51, 92, 5, annual; 800004772, 1/51, 52, 19, annual; 800005645, 1/51, 46, 26, annual; 800005814, 1/102, 49, 36, even year; 800006004, 1/102, 61, 35, even year; 800006222, 1/102, 58, 52, odd year; 800007212, 1/51, 69, 27, annual; 800007497, 1/102, 73, 50, even year; 800007503, 1/102, 17, 15, even year; 800007910, 1/51, 48, 28, annual; 800007914, 1/51, 76, 29, annual; 800008075, 1/51, 71, 32, annual. Publication dates: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2025 (PC101)

File # 15952084 Loan # **** 5701 APNs: 259-261-002, 259-261-006, 259-261-009 thru 012 T.S. No.: 24-14237-127
Notice of Unified Trustee's Sale You are in default under a deed of trust dated 4/29/2016. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Original Trustor(s): Signature York Highlands LLC, a California Limited Liability Company Duly Appointed Trustee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California Corporation Recorded 4/29/2016 a Document No. 2016023200, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California Date of Sale: 1/14/2025, at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$9,618,027.67 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. Street Address or other common designation of real property: Vacant Land, Monterey Area, California Directions to said property may be obtained by submitting a written request within ten (10) business days of the first publication to: United Security Bank, c/o WT Capital, 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111, Fresno, CA 93711 Legal Description: All that certain real property situated in the County of Monterey, State of California, described as follows: Parcel one: (APN: 259-261-002; 259-261-006; 259-261-009 Thru 012) Lots 2, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 as shown on that certain map entitled "Tract No. 1513 York Highlands Resubdivision" which map was filed in the office of the recorder of the County of Monterey, State of California, recorded May 31, 2012 in book 24, of maps, page 34. Parcel One A: A 40' wide access and P.U.E. purposes over and across parcel E1 for benefit of lot 2, as shown on the above map, recorded May 31, 2012 in book 24, of maps, page 34. A.P.N.: 259-261-002, 259-261-006, 259-261-009 thru 012 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Beneficiary hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code section 9604, et seq., and to include in the non-judicial foreclosure of the real property interest described in the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust, all of the personal property and fixtures, together with replacements and proceeds, if applicable, described in the security agreement, dated 4/29/2016, and in a UCC-1 Financing Statement filed with the Secretary of State, State of California, on 4/29/2016, as File Number 167522540476, between the original trustor and the original beneficiary, as it may have been amended from time to time, and pursuant to any other instruments between the trustor and beneficiary referencing a security interest in personal property. Beneficiary reserves its right to revoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, at Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the Trustee's Sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. A description of the personal property, which was given as security for trustor's obligation is: All of the following which Grantor now owns or otherwise has an interest in, together with all parts, accessories, repairs, replacements, improvements, and accessions, and wherever located: Inventory. All inventory held for ultimate sale or lease, or which has been or will be supplied under contracts of service, or which are raw materials, work in process, or materials used or consumed in Grantor's business. Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment, Etc. All equipment, machinery, vehicles, furniture, fixtures (including, but not limited to, all heating, air conditioning, plumbing, lighting, communications fixtures, appliances, and goods), manufacturing equipment, farm machinery and equipment, shop equipment, office and record keeping equipment, parts, tools, plumbing and plumbing materials and supplies, heating and air conditioning material and supplies, roofing materials and supplies, concrete, lumber, hardware, electrical wiring and electrical materials and supplies, window material and supplies, flooring, carpeting, fencing, landscaping, and other materials, supplies and property of every kind and nature now or hereafter delivered to or located at, upon or about or attached to the Real Estate or the improvements thereon from time to time (the "Improvements"), software used in or to operate any of the foregoing, and all building equipment, materials, supplies, and work-in-progress of any nature whatsoever, now or hereafter located upon the Real Estate and the Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, or usable in connection with the present or future development, operation, improvement, and occupancy of the Real Estate and the Improvements. This category of collateral includes any equipment described in a list or schedule Grantor gives to Lender, but such a list is not necessary to create or perfect a valid security interest in all of Grantor's equipment. Accounts and Other Rights to Payment. All accounts and other rights to payments, whether or not earned by performance, including, but not limited to, payment for property or services sold, leased, rented, licensed, or assigned. This includes any rights and interest (including all liens) which Grantor may have by law or agreement against any account debtor or obligor of Grantor. Reserves, Escrow Deposits, Etc. All reserves, escrows and deposit accounts maintained by Grantor with respect to the Real Estate or development thereof, together with all cash, checks, drafts, certificates, securities, investment property, financial assets, instruments and other property from time to time held therein, and all proceeds, products, distributions, dividends or substitutions thereon or thereof. General Intangibles. All general intangibles including, but not limited to, tax refunds, patents and applications for patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, goodwill, trade names, customer lists, permits and franchises, payment intangibles, computer programs and all supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to computer programs, and the right to use Grantor's name. Intangibles. All trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos, copyrights, goodwill, books and records and all other general intangibles relating to or used in connection with the development of the Real Estate. Proceeds. All proceeds, including but not limited to escrow proceeds, in connection with the sale of all or any portion of the Real Estate. Tehama Social Memberships. Any social memberships in Tehama Country Club that Grantor has acquired from Lender or that are associated with or appurtenant to the Real Estate, Reimbursement Rights. To the extent the following is not an appurtenance included in the definition of Real Estate, all rights of the owners of the Real Estate from time to time to receive reimbursement of costs they have incurred or in the future incur for improvements that benefit real property that is not part of the Real Estate or other portions of the York Highlands Lots (defined below), whether such rights exist under Section 3 of the Subdivision Improvement Agreement (defined below), the California Subdivision Map Act (Government Code sections 66410-66499.38), local ordinance, contract, or otherwise, and whether previously accrued by Lender or a prior owner of any portion of the Real Estate, or accrue after Grantor's purchase of the Real Estate as a result of the construction and installation of offsite improvements or other work done or costs incurred by Grantor. "Subdivision Improvement Agreement" means the County of Monterey Subdivision Improvement Agreement recorded on May 31, 2012 as Document No. 2012031807, Official Records of the County of Monterey, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the County of Monterey Subdivision Improvement Agreement for York Highland Resubdivision recorded on May 29, 2014 as Document No. 2014024695, Monterey County Records, and as is being further amended due to a recently granted extension. "York Highlands Lots" means Lots 1, 2, 6 through 17 and 19 of the York Highlands Resubdivision, Condemnation Awards. All awards or payments, including interest thereon, which may heretofore and hereafter be made with respect to the Real Estate or other Collateral, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including but not limited to any transfer made in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right), or for a change of grade, or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the affected property. Tax Certiorari. All refunds, rebates or credits in connection with a reduction in real estate taxes and assessments charged against the Real Estate as a result of tax certiorari or any applications or proceedings for reduction. Conversion Proceeds. All proceeds of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of any of the other elements of the other Collateral, including, without limitation, proceeds of insurance and condemnation awards, into cash or liquidation claims. Agreements, Entitlements, and Plans. All agreements, contracts, plans, specifications, drawings, and other documents, certificates, instruments, franchises, permits (building, conditional use, "special," variance, etc.), certificates of occupancy, will-server letters, meters, allocations of water and waste water capacity, licenses, other entitlements and land use approvals, applications, deposits made, and fees paid, respecting or pertaining to the design, engineering, construction, use, occupancy, management or operation of the Real Estate and any part thereof and any improvements or respecting any business or activity conducted on the Real Estate and any part thereof and all right, title and interest of Grantor therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, the right, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default hereunder, to receive and collect any sums payable to Grantor thereunder. Mineral Rights. Coal, oil, gas, and other hydrocarbon substances, geothermal resources, minerals, mineral interests, royalties, overriding royalties, production payments, net profit interests and other interests and estates in, under or produced from the Real Estate and other coal, oil, gas, geothermal, and mineral interests with which any of the foregoing interests or estates are pooled or unitized and other "as-extracted collateral." Causes of Action. All causes of action and claims (including, without limitation, all causes of action or claims arising in tort, by contract, by fraud or by concealment of material fact) against any Person for damages or injury to the Real Estate or other Collateral or in connection with any transactions financed in whole or in part by the proceeds of the loan secured hereby. Insurance Proceeds. All proceeds of any insurance, judgments, or settlements made in lieu thereof, for damage to the Property. Also, all insurance proceeds from any insurance policies and coverage required by Lender respecting the loan secured hereby. In addition, the word "Collateral" also includes all the following, now owned, wherever located: All accessions, attachments, accessories, tools, parts, supplies, replacements of and additions to any of the collateral described herein. All products and produce of any of the property described in this Collateral section. All accounts, general intangibles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of a sale, lease, consignment or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section. All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss, or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section, and sums due from a third party who has damaged or destroyed the Collateral or from that party's insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement or other process. All records and data relating to any of the property described in this Collateral section, whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process any such records or data on electronic media. Some or all of the Collateral may be located on the above described real estate (the "Real Estate"). No warranty is made that any or all of the personal property still exists or is available for the successful bidder and no warranty is made as to the condition of any of the personal property, which shall be sold "as is, where is." You have the right to request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the property being sold. You may submit your request to the address listed below. The charge for this request is \$30.00. You may be liable for any deficiency if the secured obligation is not paid in full. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust and Security Agreement heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a Written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f. Notice to potential bidders: If you are considering bidding on this 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 itself. 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. Bidders at the trustee auction must make cashier's checks payable to WT Capital. Third party cashier's checks will not be accepted. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website www.wtccap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-14237-127. 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 information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you 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 (559) 228-8393, or visit this internet website www.wtccap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-14237-127 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. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as 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. Dated: December 16, 2024 WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap.com By Nate Kucera, Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 37537 12/20/24, 12/27/24, 01/03/25) Publication dates: Dec. 20, 27, 2024; Jan. 3, 2025 (PC1216)

LIVE

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singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (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 — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Keith Rayburn** and singer **Maya Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

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

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

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

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

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Midici Pizza — **Brian Stock Quartet** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Jaqui Hope** and pianist **Bill Spencer** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Gary Meek**

p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (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 guitarist **Kip Allert** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Wickstrom** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Seaside

Gusto Pasta and Pizza — singer **Chuck Brewer** and keyboardist **Luca Frederickson** (Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

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



The Lucky Losers, which feature singer Cathy Lemons, play the blues Friday at Salty Seal Pub in Monterey.

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HEALTHY

Lifestyles

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Singer and multi-instrumentalist Reija Massey takes the stage Friday, from 5-8 p.m., at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands.

(jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday and Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (jazz, Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Pearl Hour — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

Salty Seal Pub — **The Lucky Losers** (blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

Sly McFly's — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Hackjammers** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Pacific Grove

Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (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 — **The PG 3** (rock, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Antony Bianchini Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forest and Beach Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a **Public Hearing on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible.** Interested members of the public are invited to attend the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/85317366422?pwd%3DzIXrL26lUEq1BTd4MfUchP39CPof23.1&source=calendar&ust=1735086310778457&usg=AOvVaw04-bl6eHzrNZmGRqNertG_. To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171. Webinar ID: 853 1736 6422. Passcode: 494820.

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

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The Forest and Beach Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Forest and Beach Commission meetings, please contact the Department of Public Works at (831) 620-2070.

Artificial Turf Policy
Citywide
Consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding adopting an Artificial Turf Policy prohibiting the installation of artificial turf/synthetic grass in the City.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson, Assistant City Administrator & Acting Director of Community Planning & Building
Publication dates: Jan. 3, 2025 (PC103)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025, on or after 4:30 p.m.**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Historic Context Statement Update Location: Citywide Consideration of a Historic Context Statement Update and consideration of a recommendation of adoption from the Historic Resources Board (November 18, 2024) and the Planning Commission (December 11, 2024). Final adoption will ultimately require a Local Coastal Program amendment and will not be effective until and unless approved by the Coastal Commission.	PERM EN 23-077 (Givens) Jay Auburn, Agent Southeast corner of Torres Street and 5th Avenue Block 60; West half of Lots 2 & 4 APN: 010-092-012-000 Consideration of a Permanent Encroachment Permit, PERM EN 23-077 (Givens), for a series of terraced retaining walls, a new staircase with handrail, and a new driveway retaining wall in the public right-of-way located on the southeast corner of Torres Street and 5th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-092-012-000.
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

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

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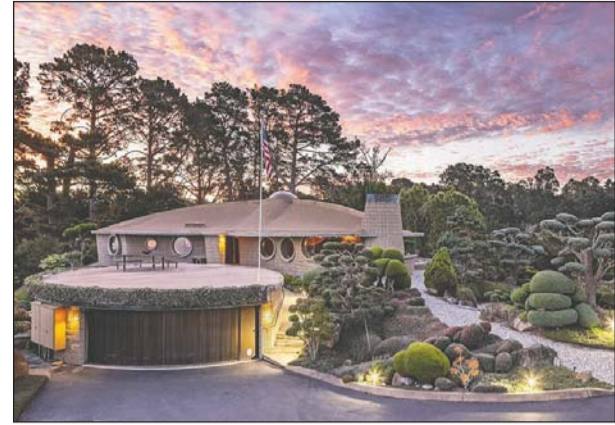
Maria Ryan to Barn Owl I LLC
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Highway 68

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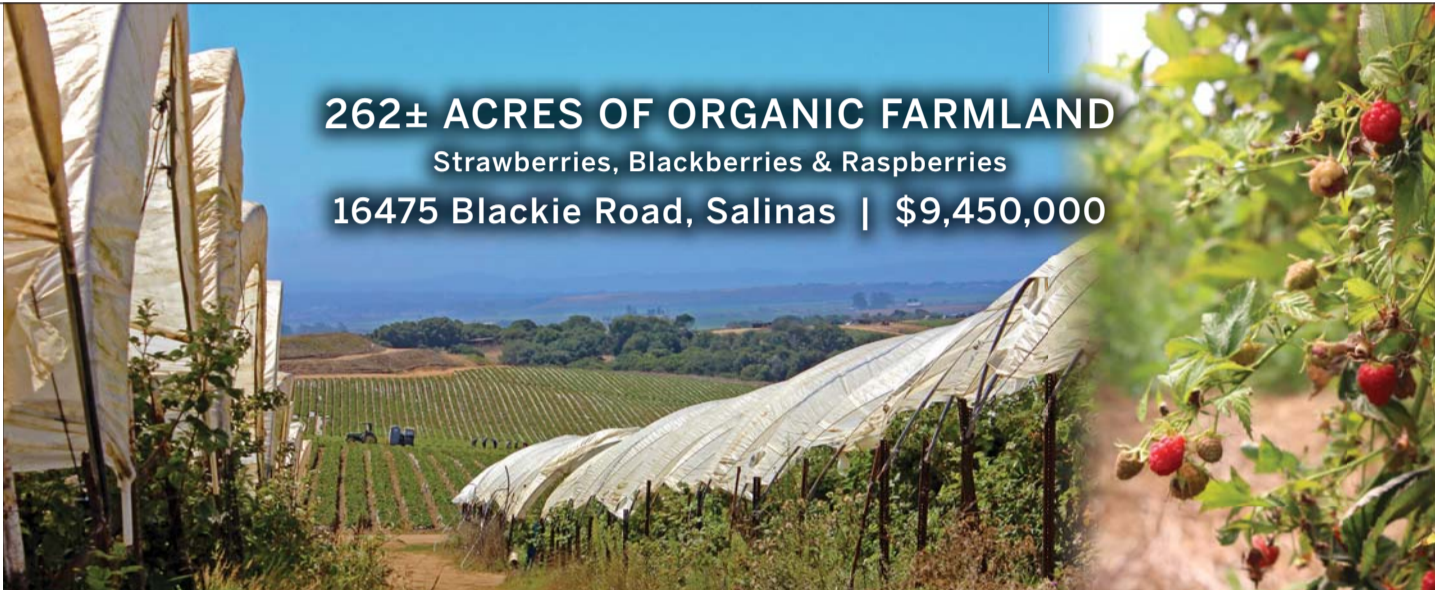
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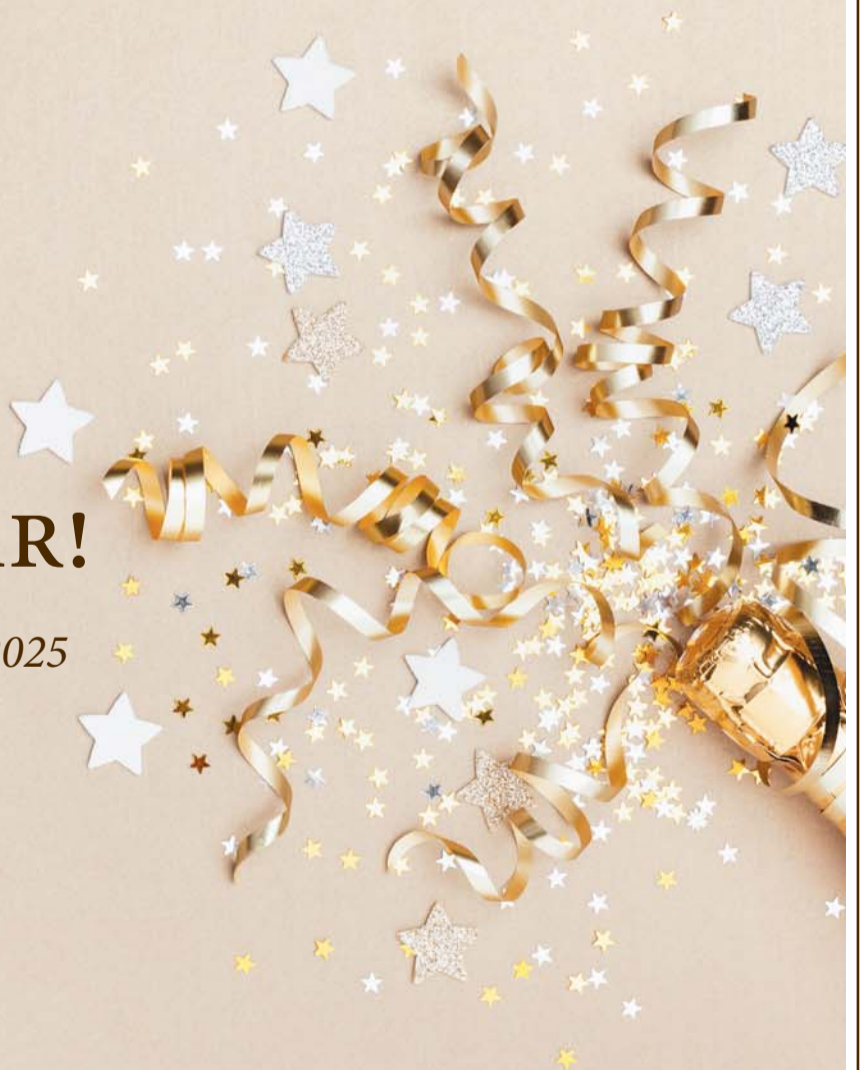
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Healthcare Italiano: crones, chants, and drama from the old country

STARVE A cold and feed a fever. Or is it feed a cold and starve a fever? Several websites, including smithsonian.com, say the folksy phrase can be traced as far back as 1574, when a dictionary writer named John Withals wrote, “fasting is a great remedy of fever,” which stems

from the belief that eating food may help the body generate warmth during a “cold” and that avoiding food may help it cool down when overheated.

There are more old wives’ tales about treating a cold then there are old husbands. It was different when I was a

kid. Parents had bizarre ideas about children’s healthcare. There was the cod liver oil/castor oil craze in the 1940s. It’s a toss-up which was worse — the taste, or the idea that these vile concoctions were good for us. But Mom and Dad said cod liver oil was full of vitamins to make us strong and bright. It made me retch and barf. Castor oil was supposed to be a gentle laxative. Gentle? That stuff could turn your colon into Old Faithful. Giving castor oil to a small kid in a household with six people and one bathroom could seriously disrupt family harmony.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

Then there was the dreaded mustard plaster, my mother’s home remedy for a chest cold. Mustard seed powder mixed with water and flour into the consistency of pancake batter creates heat that opens bronchial passages. The compound was spread on a towel, then wrapped in another cloth. Mama checked the plaster every few minutes to appraise the level of redness and remove it if she saw blistering. There should have been a warning label: “CAUTION — You may experience child incineration.”

Evil eye

When you are raised in an Italian-American family in an Italian-American neighborhood, there are other things to worry about besides colds, coughs and castor oil, and one of them is *malocchio*, the evil eye. This curse can be placed without you knowing about it by someone who just stares at you. The curse can be from a compliment. Someone says you have a beautiful home but envies it so deeply they’ve cast a spell on you, resulting in sickness or bad luck.

I know this to be true, because I was cursed when I was about 10 years old. My symptoms — acute headache centered around the eyes, stomach ache, nausea, nervousness and fever — defied the usual home remedies.

“Call the healer,” Mama said.

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POLICE LOG

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Big Sur: Report of stolen property on Highway 1.

Carmel Valley: Report of financial abuse involving a Laurel Springs Road resident.

Carmel Valley: Theft of alcohol from a supermarket at Mid-Valley Center by a repeat offender.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen assist re-

garding marijuana laws and someone smoking on private property at Ocean and Santa Fe.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Warrant arrest of a 26-year-old male at Santa Fe Street and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop for expired registration resulted in a warrant arrest and a cite out for a \$6,000 warrant.

Pacific Grove: A 50-year-old male was arrested at 17th and Sinex for violation of probation.

Carmel Valley: Report of alleged mental abuse involving a Laureles Grade resident.

Carmel area: Rio Road resident reported an aggressive caller.

See **SHERIFF** page 12RE

GERVASE

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summer. The mole on her chin had three hairs growing out of it. If you looked up “crone” in the dictionary, you would see a picture of her great, great grandmother, for certainly La Donna came from a long line of crones. Shakespeare used one of her ancestors as the model for the witches in “Macbeth.” Her juju was strong enough to turn June Cleaver into Lizzy Borden.

Olive oil diagnosis

Among her rituals to suck out the curse of an illness was to walk backwards around the outside of the house carrying a lit candle. Once, we heard, she stepped back onto an old roller skate, which had her shrieking curses instead of dispelling them. On me, she used her standard method, dripping several drops of olive oil into a bowl of water. If the drops dispersed and formed an eye shape, or spread out across the surface, it was a definite sign of the evil-eye. My drops stared back at her and blinked. Bingo, *malocchio*. La Donna then incanted her favorite curse-breaking prayers.

I couldn’t understand what she was

chanting but, it certainly wasn’t her version of Louis Prima singing, “Che la luna.” Did it work? It must have, because I fell peacefully asleep while she was still auditioning for “Italy’s Got Talent.”

The Italian belief in the evil eye emphasizes humility and caution in the face of success or good fortune. Many Italians avoid boasting, which could inadvertently provoke the evil eye. How did I get it? Maybe my father was bragging about hitting the trifecta at the Fort Erie racetrack, and the stare of some cross-eyed jealous person missed him and hit me.

Looking back on those days, I chalk up the experience to the Italian way of dealing with adversity — do it with style. It was pure *commedia dell’arte*, or at least worthy of an opera by Verdi or Puccini. Mama believed that wearing garlic was strong protection against the evil eye, so I often went to school smelling like last night’s spaghetti sauce.

Do I believe in those old rituals? Not really, but one never knows. As a precaution, I wear the St. Francis garlic bracelet I bought in Assisi. It’s by Gucci. Very stylish.

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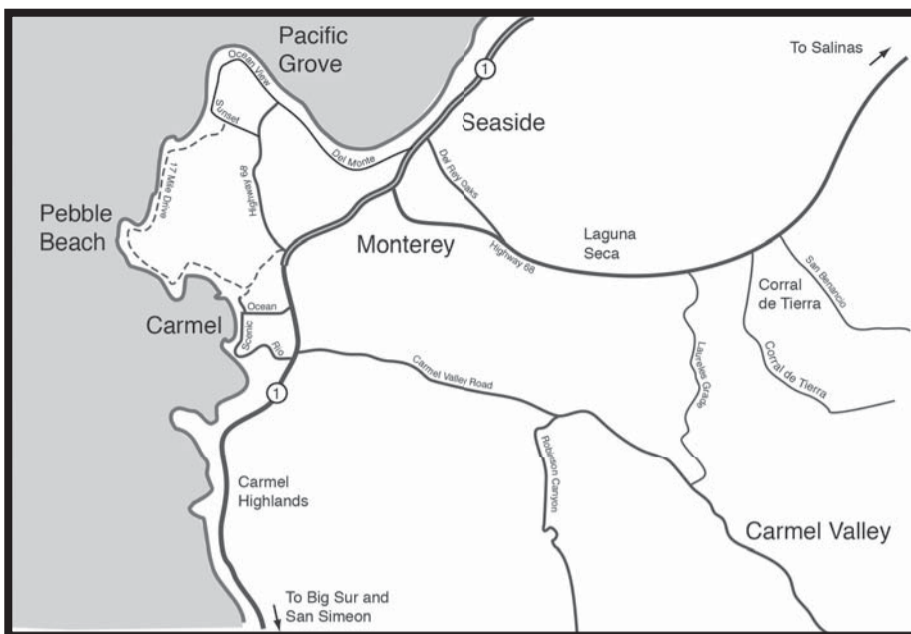
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SHERIFF

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Outside agency assist with theft on Santa Rita.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse Avenue was placed on a 72-hour hold.

Big Sur: Property owner on Highway 1 reported a subject trespassing on his land.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check requested on a Carmel resident repeatedly calling narcotics in-patient facility.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a burglary at Monte Verde and 13th; unfounded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Stolen vehicle recovery at San Carlos and Ocean.

Pacific Grove: Incident report for a disturbance on Ocean View Boulevard.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of an assault on a 44-year-old male by another 44-year-old male on Rio Road. Suspect was located, arrested, and booked into the Monterey County Jail.

Pebble Beach: Responded to call of threats against a 19-year-old female on 17 Mile Drive.

Pebble Beach: Responded to a verbal-only domestic dispute on Arroyo Drive.

Carmel Valley: Domestic dispute on Car-

mel Valley Road. Verbal only.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported that while she was sitting in the back of her vehicle on Camino Real at 0621 hours, an unknown male walked up to her vehicle and shone a flashlight at her face. She stated the unknown subject told her to get out of the vehicle and take off her pants. She immediately called 911, and the unknown subject left the area southbound on Camino Real. She stated it was too dark to describe the subject and said she only heard a male voice. An area check was conducted and met with negative results.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog-vs.-dog incident at Scenic and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found purse and shoes at Ocean and San Carlos.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bag found on sand dune at Ocean and Del Mar.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to Arkwright Court for a physical disturbance. A 48-year-old female obstructed officers in their duties while on scene and was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Credit card fraud in outside jurisdiction (41st Avenue in Capitola).

Pacific Grove: Welfare check on a male on Central.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a

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report of suspicious circumstances on Carmel Valley Road. Incident was documented.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Violation of a restraining order on San Carlos Street. A 60-year-old unemployed transient male was arrested and transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog bite resulting in injury on Grove Acre Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog bite on Caledonia Steet resulting in injury.

Carmel Valley: Elder abuse reported at a residence on Sky Ranch Road.

Pebble Beach: A male was swept away in the ocean surf off 17 Mile Drive.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for an

unattended backpack left on a city easement at Eighth and Mission. Backpack was taken for safekeeping pending owner notification.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision on Santa Lucia Avenue resulted in moderate damage. Driver failed to clear the intersection prior to attempting a turn and hit the other driver's vehicle on the left side as it was driving on an uncontrolled roadway. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

Pacific Grove: Dead body found at a residence on David Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle check was conducted in the area of Sunset Drive and Pico Avenue for a municipal parking violation. A 37-year-old male was determined to have an outstanding warrant and was booked into Monterey County Jail for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor warrant.

Pebble Beach: Report of neglect involving a Sloat Road resident.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 0047 hours, officers responded to the unit on a block of Arkwright Court to assist the fire department with a false alarm within an apartment. The fire department was unable to properly secure the apartment door.

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1. STUDIO 7 WEST
2. STUDIO VII WEST
26263 Isabella Ave., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): SUSAN LYN PETERSON, P.O. Box 32, Carmel, CA 93921
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 17, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Susan Peterson
Date signed: Nov. 25, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 25, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Dec. 13, 20, 27, 2024; Jan. 3, 2025. (PC 1207)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241985
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Grey Skye Enterprises, 266 Reservation Rd., STE F, Marina, CA 93933
County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Grey Skye Enterprises LLC, 266 RESERVATION ROAD SUITE F. MARINA CA 93933; CA
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 09/20/2024
S/ Diana Allison Pound Grey, Member
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File No. 20242258
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
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S/ AMELIA CLABOTS, CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/11/2024.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Registrant(s): GUZMAN GROUP LLC, 45030 MERRITT STREET, KING CITY, CA 93930

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S/ WENDOLYNE GUZMAN, MANAGER
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV005321
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A. Present name: DAVID DAVIN NGANGA aka DAVIN DARRELL NGANGA
Proposed name: DAVID DAVIN NGANGA
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: Feb. 4, 2025
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.

(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 16, 2024
Publication Dates: Dec. 20, 27, 2024; Jan. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 1213)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242295
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CARMEL CAPITAL GROUP, 2 NE of Santa Rita on 2nd Ave., Carmel, CA 93921.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): JOE VILLARREAL, P.O. Box 953, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.
DOMINGO TOMAS ALVAREZ VILLANUEVA
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 31, 2019.
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/ Joe Villarreal
Date signed: Dec. 18, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 18,

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of

a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Dec. 27, 2024; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2025 (PC 1214)

File # 15952235 T.S. No.: 24-14241-168 Loan No.: *****0001 **Notice of Trustee's Sale Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, and Fixture Filing** (hereinafter referred to as 'Deed of Trust') You are in default under a deed of trust dated 6/27/2017. Unless you take 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Original Trustor(s): Signature YHM Land LLC, a California Limited Liability Company Duly Appointed Trustee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation Recorded 7/3/2017, as Instrument No. 2017035228 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California Date of Sale: 1/21/2025 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,886,523.22 Estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: York Highlands, Lot #18, Monterey, CA 93940 Legal Description: Real property in the unincorporated area of the County of Monterey, State of California, described as follows: Parcel One: Lot 18, in the County of Monterey, State of California, as shown on that certain map entitled Tract no. 1513 York Highlands resubdivision which map was filed in the office of the recorder of the County of Monterey, State of California, recorded May 31, 2012 in book 24, of map page 34. Parcel Two: A non-exclusive easement for road and utilities over that parcel designated as "Parcel M", as shown on that map entitled "Tract 1452 Monterra Ranch Phase 10", filed December 1, 2005 in volume 23 of maps, "Cities and Towns", page 16 in the office of the County recorder of Monterey County, California. Parcel Three: A non-exclusive easement for road and utilities over that parcel designated "Monterra Ranch Road Parcel L" as shown on that map entitled "Tract no.1450 Monterra Ranch Phase 8" filed September 14, 2005 in volume 23 of maps, "Cities and Towns", page 14, in the office of the County recorder of Monterey County, California. Parcel Four: A non-exclusive easement for road and utilities over that parcel designated "Parcel R2", as shown on that map entitled "Tract 1419 Monterra Ranch Phase 6", filed June 16, 2004 in volume 22 of maps, "Cities and Towns", page 56, in the office of the County recorder of Monterey County, California. Parcel Five: A 40' wide access and P.U.E. purposes over and across "Parcel H" for benefit of lots 21 and 22, as shown on the above map, recorded May 31, 2012 in book 24, of maps, page 34. A.P.N.: 259-261-018-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f. Notice to potential bidders: If you are considering bidding on this 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 itself. 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. Bidders at the trustee auction must make cashier's checks payable to WT Capital. Third party cashier's checks will not be accepted. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-14241-168. 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 information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you 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 (559) 228-8393, or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-14241-168 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. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as 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. Date: December 20, 2024 WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap.com By Nate Kucera, Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 37606 12/27/24, 01/03/25, 01/10/25)

Publication dates: Dec. 27, 2024; Jan. 3, 10, 2025 (PC1220)

MORE SALES

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APN: 006-631-032

212 Carmel Avenue — \$1,375,000

Darius Mohsenin to Wellington and Paula Koepsel
APN: 006-274-004

Pebble Beach

2975 Cormorant Road — \$2,100,000

Rudy Rugebregt and Christin Trust to Alvaro and Jessica Anzoategui
APN: 007-262-003

Seaside

1249 Judson Street — \$400,000

Mary Hostetler to Valerie Biddle and Erin Burns
APN: 012-334-015

1204 Trinity Avenue unit 8 — \$586,000

Barbara Letson to Kevin Hurley



7540 Fern Court, Carmel Valley — \$2,400,000

APN: 012-021-008

1061 Olympic Lane — \$755,000

Brian Haverty to Kristine Farmer
APN: 012-452-007

1265 Rousch Avenue — \$840,000

Thomas Greer to Brittney and Brooke O'Brien
APN: 012-391-080

1097 Wanda Avenue unit A — \$850,000



2975 Cormorant Road, Pebble Beach — \$2,100,000

Peggy Sorenson to Peter and Ashley Ruiz
APN: 012-351-061

2255 Cypress Lane — \$2,333,000

Shea Homes LP to Xingchao Yuan and Jackie Yu
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Sending a heartfelt thank you to my all clients, friends, and family for another amazing year. Beyond grateful to each and every one of you. Here's to a happy and prosperous 2025.

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