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With time, food scraps can make a pretty good salad

By ELAINE HESSER

NOW THAT we're all supposed to be putting our food scraps and other compostable trash in the green bins, you may be wondering whether the added chore is



really worth it, or whether it's basically for show.

According to a state website, "Californians throw out five to six million tons of food waste" annually — food that ends up in the landfill, where it generates substantial amounts of methane gas that contribute to climate change. So how is putting coffee grounds, leftover spaghetti and chicken bones in the yard waste going to help?

After filling up with the contents of green bins from all over the Peninsula, a steady stream of trucks — as many as 74 per day — takes it to the landfill at the north end of Del Monte Boulevard in Marina. They unload everything in a large open yard, where workers in safety gear use long-handled grabbers as they wade into the piles to remove non-compostable items — typically plastic bags, paper and things that should never have been put in the yard waste bin.

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(Top left) After truckloads of yard waste arrive at the Monterey Peninsula Waste Management District's facility in Marina, workers have the unenviable task of sorting through it all to remove a surprising array of non-compostable items. Michael Brautovich (left) uses a 3-foot thermometer to check the compost's temperature. (Above) In addition to water, the piles need to be stirred regularly using a special machine to introduce more oxygen.

Colleges giving online students the boot for being unvaxxed

By KELLY NIX

HUNDREDS OF local community college students — including those just taking online classes — have been kicked out of school for refusing to be vaccinated against Covid-19, The Pine Cone has learned.

Hartnell College, Cal State Monterey Bay and Monterey Peninsula College have Covid vaccine mandates that apply to all employees and students — even those who only attend classes remotely and never show up on campus.

The colleges are joined by other higher learning institutions in the country with similar unbending and seemingly illogical immunization decrees, which are applied to people who haven't been vaccinated even if they've fully recovered from a coronavirus infection.

Request denied

Before the start of Hartnell's spring semester Jan. 24, the administration "deregistered" or "disenrolled" 759 students who did not offer proof of vaccination, college spokesman Scott Faust said. The school dropped another five after the session began.

"The college is not able to provide a breakdown between in-person and online students," Faust told The

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Law made it possible for parolee to murder couple, DA says

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY County gang member who was released from jail early thanks to a prison "reform" measure Californian voters approved six years ago has been accused of murdering a young couple in Salinas.

In September 2019, Gonzalo Echevarria, 24, was sentenced to more than five years behind bars for two separate crimes, including carrying a loaded firearm in a car with three other gang members in one case, and "street terrorism," the legal term for committing a crime for the benefit of a gang, in another incident in June 2019.

Charge dropped

Echevarria, a member of the Sureños, was initially charged with conspiring to help an inmate escape from prison, but the charge was dropped and he pleaded guilty to street terrorism.

But due to Proposition 57, which allows early parole for "non-violent" felons, the California Department of

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Big crowd turns out for hearing on Feast of Lanterns

■ Most say it should end

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR SEVERAL hours on Wednesday evening, a parade of speakers told the Pacific Grove City Council that the once popular but now controversial Feast of Lanterns celebration can't be redeemed and must be ended.

The outcry comes just one day after Feast of Lanterns organizers made a formal apology to people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent for any pain or stress that the event has caused them. "We sincerely apologize for the harm caused to the AAPI community and any others impacted," the unnamed organizers said.

The group said it has no plans to do the event this year,

but is hopeful it can be brought back in 2023, and says it is committed to making the event "respectful, inclusive and free of any racism or cultural appropriation."

But the same day, a group calling it the "Coalition for Asian Justice" said the event should "end permanently."

The Feast of Lanterns "appropriates Chinese culture and history, causes deep hurt to Asians and has no relationship to anything Chinese," the group declared. "Continuation of the Feast of Lanterns will only perpetuate the bitter sorrow it has caused."

At Wednesday's hearing, which was done online, the

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MAN RETURNS \$15K BIKE AFTER LEARNING IT WAS STOLEN

By MARY SCHLEY

SOMEONE TOOK a \$15,000 e-bike from the Mad Dogs & Englishmen bike shop on a "test ride" Tuesday and never returned it. But after Heraclio Ramirez bought the stolen bike for \$9,000 and learned it was ill-gotten, he returned it, according to Carmel Police Chief Brian Uhler.

Now, the owners of the bike shop and the company that made the expensive bike, Specialized Bicycle Components Inc., are setting up a fundraising campaign to help the Good Samaritan recover some of the cash he lost.

Uhler said that shortly after reporting the theft to police, Mad Dogs co-owner Jennifer Blevins notified a regional coalition of bike shop owners about the crime and how it occurred.

Meanwhile, "after the rip-off happened, the guy who stole the bike went and met with someone in Salinas who



A photo that apparently shows the man accused of stealing a \$12,000 e-bike leaving Mad Dogs & Englishmen bicycle shop.

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The 2019 Feast of Lanterns — a 117-year-old event for which the City of Pacific Grove must now "atone," according to a city council member.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Lab lineage

MISTER WATERFOWL Jones is a 4-year-old yellow Labrador retriever from the Sacramento area, who was named more for the hunting and sporting traits of his breed than any actual birding activity. At home, he just goes by Jonesie. His Carmel Valley family had another yellow Lab, Blue, who died at 14 last year. Mom and Dad couldn't bear to tell their young son, so they simply said he'd gone to the dog spa for a little rest and relaxation.

Thus, ever since Dad decided to get another dog, and brought home a red Labrador retriever puppy, their child keeps correcting his parents, "No, we have three dogs. One's just on vacation."

"My husband, who's all about heritage, is always looking into Labrador lineage," said Mom. "Strangely enough, he heard about a great lineage, and the breeders happened to be in Monterey. He called and found they were about to have a new litter."

The resulting puppy, now 10 months, is Lady Bird Rose, so named because Mom's affectionate name for girlfriends is "Lady Bird," and Dad loves his rose garden. The family calls her Rosie.

"Rosie and Jonesie love each other," their person said. "She is a girl to the nth degree, by the way her tail



wags and her hips sway, and he's all boy. Jonesie loves attention. If we're petting his head and we stop, he puts his paw up, like, 'We're not done here!'

Jonesie has been to Carmel Beach many times, his person says, but Rosie hasn't yet.

"Jonesie is everybody's friend," his person said. "He's like the Lab in that movie that gets to the beach and just keeps going, waving goodbye. And he doesn't come back. We once lost him, only to finally find him sunning himself in someone's yard, three streets over."

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LAWSUIT THREATS OVER SURPRISE HOMELESS HOUSING PROPOSAL IN P.G.

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNERS of the Pacific Grove hotel surprised last month to discover that city hall was trying to convert their business to a shelter for at least 50 homeless residents, threatened the city with legal action this week.

On Jan. 19, P.G. housing manager Anastacia Wyatt told council members that the city wanted to use the Monarch Resort at 1111 Lighthouse Ave. to house more than 50 very low income residents as part of a state subsidized housing program called Project Homekey. Wyatt said that a Southern California developer partnering with the state planned to acquire the hotel at a cost of \$15 million and convert it to homeless housing.

'Backlash'

While councilmembers assumed at the time a deal to purchase the hotel had been struck and voted 6-0 to submit an application for the state program, the owners of the Monarch Resort told The Pine Cone Jan. 25 they were completely unaware of the idea. Since then, family spokeswoman Dianne Mahroom has repeatedly stated that her family had not agreed to sell the property to the Los Angeles-based for-profit developer, Shangri-La Industries, and had no intention of doing so.

Despite their insistence the hotel wasn't for sale, though, Mayor Bill Peake, in an agenda report to councilmembers this week, recommended that the panel "Direct city manager to

begin public outreach on the Monarch Resort Homekey project no later than March 16."

The report prompted Mahroom to fire off a legal threat to the council in a Tuesday email message.

"We've asked you nicely, but you continue to involve us in the Homekey project, which we have been clear that we never agreed to be involved in," Mahroom said. "If you do not remove us from this report and tomorrow's agenda we will take legal action."

The family, she explained, has received "a lot of backlash and negative publicity from the public and community" who believed they'd agreed to sell the hotel and that it would be used to house homeless people. The agenda report, she said, "perpetuates this negativity all over again."

Peake told The Pine Cone Tuesday that while he'd "heard/read informally" that the

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Police & Sheriff's Log

His girlfriend broke the television

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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver at San Antonio and Fourth was cited for having false tabs on the vehicle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported making a sale at her business in December 2021 to a customer. She stated the customer was negotiating the price of the items he bought. In January, she stated the customer called her and stated he was going to dispute the charge to his creditor and ask for a refund. She stated the customer was granted a refund and still has possession of the items.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Manager of a hotel on Ocean Avenue reported a peace disturbance with an intoxicated guest breaking a window to his room at 2336 hours. The manager stated the intoxicated guest had been locked out of his room and was attempting to get inside. Contact was made with all in-

involved parties, and both agreed to handle the issue civilly.

Pacific Grove: Dog at large on Seventh Street.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Congress — informational report.

Pacific Grove: Trespass admonishment on Austin.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Surf was placed on a mental health hold.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle stop on Lighthouse Avenue for running a stop sign. Probation search yielded narcotics. The 37-year-old male was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail for possession of narcotics, driving on a suspended license, violation of probation and DUI.

Pebble Beach: Juvenile on Pine Meadows Way was referred to the hospital for an evaluation.

Carmel area: Domestic violence arrest at the Crossroads involving a 41-year-old male and a 36-year-old female victim.

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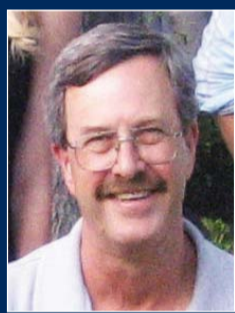
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The gavel falls

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

Jan. 12 — Marilyn Fuentes, 54, a resident of Salinas, pled no contest to felony welfare fraud.

Between the months of April 2019 and May 2020, Fuentes was using her adult son's Electronic Benefit Transaction card while he was incarcerated at the Monterey County Jail. The EBT card functions like a debit card where CalFresh (food stamps) and CalWorks (cash aid) benefits are loaded onto the card each month that a recipient qualifies for welfare benefits. The benefits on these cards are to be used only by the person whose name is on the card and are non-transferable to others.

A subsequent investigation by the Department of Social Services and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office revealed that Fuentes used her son's EBT card multiple times while he was incarcerated. Fuentes's unauthorized use of this EBT card resulted in fraud being committed upon the Department of Social Services in the amount of \$7,205.00.

Fuentes will be sentenced on March 1. She faces three years of formal felony probation, up to 365 days in jail, and will be ordered to pay back the loss directly to the Department of Social Services.

It is illegal to use benefits belonging to

another or benefits obtained using misrepresentations. Monterey County Department of Social Services along with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office has a welfare fraud tip line. If you have information regarding welfare fraud you can leave an anonymous tip at (831)755-3224.

Jan. 12 — A jury found Ralph Apodaca, 41 and a resident of Salinas, guilty of five felonies, including: two counts of possession of heroin with intent to sell, two counts of possessing ammunition by a convicted felon, and being armed with a concealed dirk or dagger.

Officers of the Salinas Police Department Violence Suppression Task Force arrested Apodaca on April 16, 2021, when they found him with over 2 ounces of heroin, a concealed knife, numerous bullets and over \$1,300 in cash, in the Chinatown section of Salinas. He posted bail and was released from jail. On June 5, 2021, Salinas police officers again arrested Apodaca when they found him with over 2 ounces of heroin and \$595 in cash and more ammunition, in the Chinatown section of Salinas.

Apodaca faces a maximum sentence of eight years and four months in state prison. He will be sentenced by the Honorable Stephanie E. Hulsey.

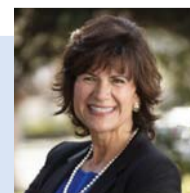


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Harassment or ‘political discourse’?

■ P.G. councilmember seeks protective order

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MEMBER of the Pacific Grove City Council, Jenny McAdams is claiming a former P.G. city councilman, Dan Miller, is harassing her, and she is facing “credible threats” of violence and stalking, according to papers she filed Tuesday in Monterey County Superior Court requesting a restraining order.

But Miller insisted he has never made “any kind of threat to McAdams,” and only sought to engage with her in what he called “reasonable political discourse.” He called her claims “beyond ridiculous.”

Miller has been sharply critical of her actions on the city council in his newspaper, the Pacific Grove Press, and he suggested the restraining order was payback. He also said McAdams has repeatedly made harassing posts on social media about him.

Claims threat of violence

According to McAdams, Miller has harassed her with “emails, phone calls and letters to my work place,” and sent public records requests to “my immediate boss, the chief of staff of my office, the Pacific Grove police chief, the City of Pacific Grove attorney, Pacific Grove City Councilmembers and the Pacific Grove city manager.”

“The harassment has taken an emotional toll on me,” McAdams wrote in the complaint. “I don’t know what to expect from Mr. Miller. I remain in a state of fear.”

McAdams requested that a temporary restraining order be issued until a hearing happens. She asked that fees for filing the restraining order be waived because Miller “has used or threatened to use violence against me, has stalked me, or acted in some way that makes me reasonably fear violence.” She also requested that she not be charged for having the papers served due to the “credible” threat she’s facing of “violence or stalking.”

In her request for a restraining order, McAdams claims Miller sent an anonymous letter to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that was critical of her, but he denies writing it. She also complained “he takes his harassment to the next level” by writing about her in the Pacific Grove Press, which Miller revived last year after a lengthy hiatus.

‘I asked her to resign’

Miller denied he’s ever stalked McAdams.

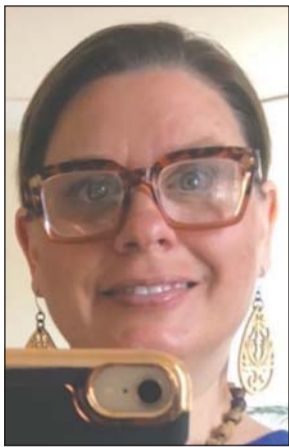
“As far as stalking goes, I don’t know where she lives or what kind of car she drives,” he observed. “I’ve also never called her.”

Miller contends McAdams has insulted him on social media, making what he called “derogatory” and “nasty” claims. He shared a Facebook post from Jan. 25, where she suggested he has “big, unresolved feelings that are not reciprocated,” and “rage and mental health issues.”

So what started the dispute?

“I asked her to resign about three months ago because according to a story

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Jenny McAdams



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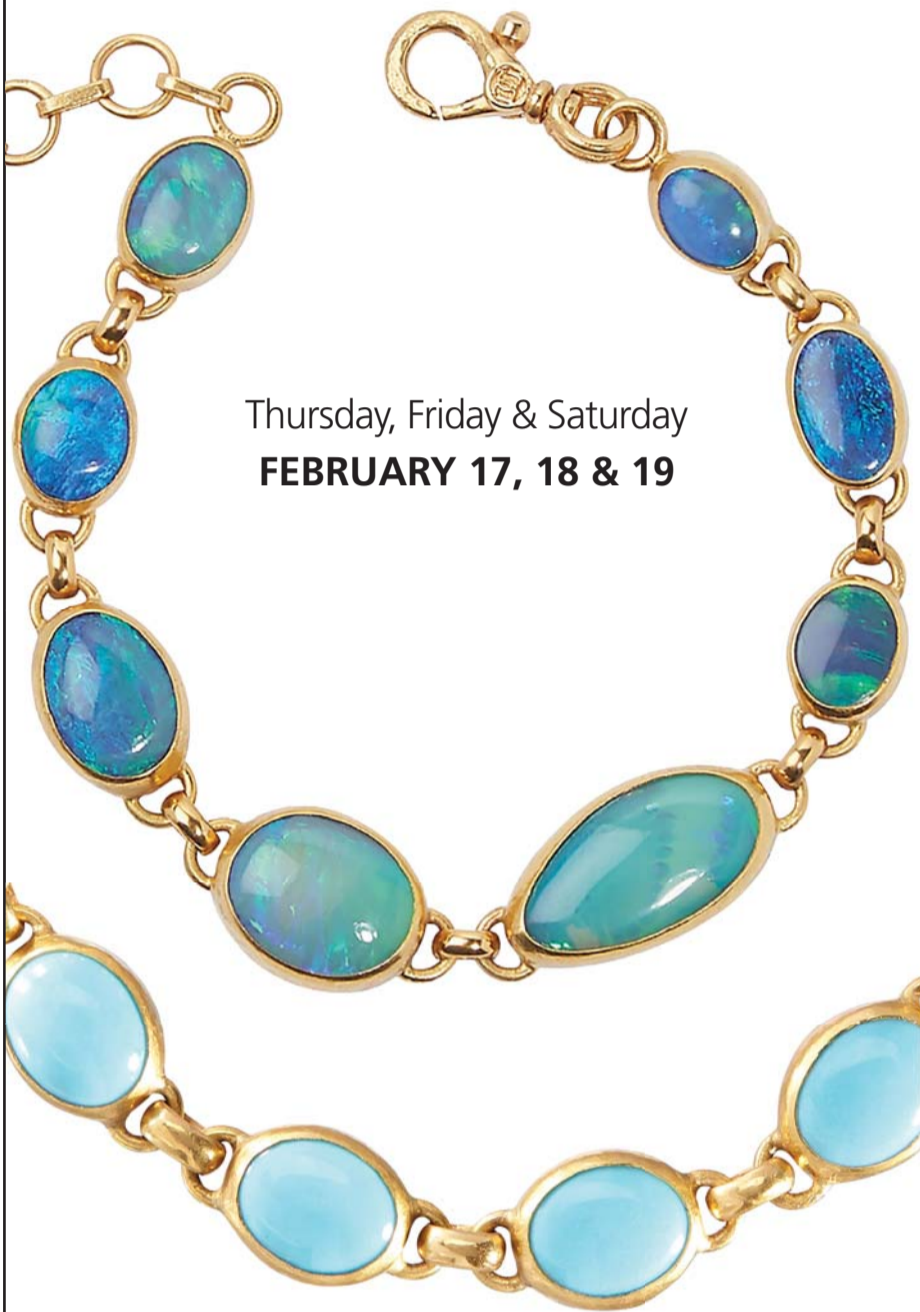
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Fight brewing over historic races

By MARY SCHLEY

A DISPUTE between Laguna Seca manager John Narigi and a man who wants to operate the historic car races at the track during Car Week every year landed in front of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors earlier this month.

Supervisors reviewed a proposal from Jeff O'Neill, who hosted an event called the Velocity International vintage races at the track last November and wants to take over the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion each August.

O'Neill proposed a five-year contract for the Car Week event, with a minimum five-year extension and promised to bring in \$4.25 million for the county over the first five years and \$9.25 million for the full term, according to Randall Ishii, chief of public works, forestry and parks for the county.

But the historic races are a key element of Narigi's business plan, and he says revenues would be gutted without them.

While O'Neill's event received extensive praise for the way it was run and the field of cars and collectors it drew, Ishii noted that it was much smaller than the August races, and he said longstanding relationships with local, national and international sponsors "could end or be diminished through outsourcing" of the August event.

Ishii made no recommendations one way or the other but said the board could choose to have Velocity International take over the event, could have O'Neill collaborate with Narigi's group to host it, or could leave the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion as it is.

Open to all

O'Neill said he could draw higher-caliber cars, collectors and participants than Narigi and that it's important to attract a younger audience that will keep the sport alive. He also countered the idea that he wanted to make the races as exclusive as the Quail Motorsports Gathering or the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, both of which sell a limited number of tickets for several hundred dollars apiece.

"It's not the idea to make it an elite event — the idea is to make it a fabulous event that anybody can come to," he said.

O'Neill also noted that while the historic races have been county-owned since 2010, from their founding by Steve Earle in 1974 to 2009, they were privately run. "And it's been downhill ever since," he said. "It was much more successful when it was in private hands."

Regardless, he said he's interested in taking over for the good of everyone. "I'm



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The historic races at Laguna Seca during Car Week are one of the track's most popular events. But who should control them?

in this for fun, I love cars, I love racing, and the opportunity here is so huge, it would be a shame to not create the greatest car event in the world," he said. "I'm happy to share any of the upside with the community."

Narigi defended his group's organization of the races and said ticket sales last year outperformed 2018 and 2019, even though the event came together relatively late due to the pandemic and its accompanying uncertainties.

"The Rolex executives were impressed," he added, and the races were "recognized as a finalist for the International Motoring Awards Motorsports Event of the Year."

He also questioned the logic behind seeking another operator for the most popular event of the year.

"The financial risk to the county appears to be everyone's concern, yet the reunion has always been profitable," he said. "The Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion is the No. 1 brand of all events held at the track."

Narigi speculated that "any changes will

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Big Sur's Beach Boy hits the road with son, two-thirds of Wilson Phillips

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE Of three living members of the original Beach Boys and a longtime Big Sur local, singer Al Jardine is hitting the road next week, and his tour will not only celebrate the music of one of America's best loved rock bands, but take two families on a cross-generational road trip.

The tour starts March 2 in Bethesda, Md. Joining Jardine are his son Matt and Beach Boys co-founder Brian Wilson's daughters, Carnie and Wendy Wilson. Matt is known for his ability to replicate Brian Wilson's vocals on some of the Beach Boys' most memorable ballads, like "God Only Knows" and "Don't Worry Baby." The Wilson sisters attained stardom for being two-thirds of the pop group, Wilson Phillips, which had three No. 1 singles in 1990, including Billboard's Single of the Year, "Hold On."

It takes lots of practice to replicate the harmonies of a group that's world-famous for its vocals, and Jardine said the singers have been using the wonders of technology to rehearse because they live in different places. Jardine noted that Wendy is busy working on singing the lead vocals for "Sail on Sailor." "My son Matthew is rehearsing with them right now on Zoom," the singer said.

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In early March, the tour heads up to New England and New York, where the Beach Boys' sunny hits like "Surfin' USA" and "California Girls" will offer a sharp contrast to the cold and gray weather. But a few days later, the band heads south to Florida. The tour wraps up in Hawaii March 24. "It's going to be a real wardrobe change," said Jardine, who moved to Big Sur in 1973 — the same year the band sang about Big Sur on its album, "Holland."

As for the challenges of launching a tour during Covid, Jardine and the others are doing their best to keep safe. He noted that VIP receptions or backstage gatherings are a thing of the past. "We tour in this kind of bubble," he explained.

Besides playing many of the songs that made the Beach Boys famous, the tour will give Jardine a chance to spend time with Carnie and Wendy, who are practically family. "I've known them since they were babies," he added. "They called me, 'Papa Al.' I introduced both of them to their husbands."

Besides touring with his son and the Wilson sisters, Jardine plans to join Brian Wilson on stage for a series of concerts this summer. Wilson is touring with the band, Chicago, and the two acts have a busy slate of shows in June and July, visiting 25 cities, mostly east of the Mississippi River.



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DEA, deputies nab gang member with rifles, drugs and plenty of cash

By KELLY NIX

A MONTHS-LONG investigation by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and Drug Enforcement Agency culminated this week in the arrest in Pacific Grove of a 27-year-old Norteño gang member with a long history of arrests. Detectives also had a lot of help from a police dog named Olive.



Mario Villagrana

On Tuesday morning, detectives with the sheriff's office and DEA agents conducted a parole check at a house on the 700 block of Eardley Avenue and arrested Mario Villagrana of Monterey, according to the sheriff's office. The agency's Property Crimes Unit and a multi-agency auto theft task force have been investigating Villagrana for his involvement in various weapons and drug related crimes.

During the search of the Pacific Grove home, "our amazing K9 Olive uncovered numerous illegally possessed firearms concealed in the residence," the sheriff's office said.

Machine gun

The cache of weapons included rifles in "various stages of assembly being manufactured in the residence." At least one AK47 was recovered. Detectives also found a large amount of cash and thousands of counterfeit oxycodone pills believed to contain fentanyl.

Villagrana was arrested without

incident and booked into Monterey County jail on a parole violation, along with weapons and drug charges. He is being held on five felonies, including illegal possession of an assault weapon, possession of a machine gun and felon in possession of a firearm. His bail has been set at \$105,000.

The Monterey man has a criminal history that includes an arrest in 2017 for being a felon in possession of a gun and a gang enhancement. He was one of seven people arrested after a gang investigation by members of the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team, a multiagency law enforcement team that includes the sheriff's office's SWAT team and Monterey Police Department.

In 2015, Villagrana was arrested for a probation violation after the law enforcement team served a search warrant at a house on the 1100 block of Phoenix Avenue in Seaside.



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Free Covid testing resumes at Foundation

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER HAVING to close all their Covid testing sites several weeks ago due to lack of supplies, the folks at Lightspeed started ramping back up last week.

“A shipment finally arrived yesterday,” cofounder Dr. Michelle Kalinski told The Pine Cone Feb. 2. “We plan to resume Friday testing 9 to 11 a.m. at the [Carmel] Foundation.”

In mid-January, Lightspeed, which Kalinski founded with fellow emergency physician Sameer Bakhda, had to shut down testing clinics not only at the Foundation, but at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Central Avenue Pharmacy in Pacific Grove, the Alvarado Street farmers market in Monterey, York School, the teen center in Marina and the Sand Dollar shopping center, as well as several sites in Santa Cruz. Most testing sites were open to the public.

“The way we do our business is we partner with local entities to host us,” Kalinski explained at the time. “The public health

system has done a good job of penetrating areas that are underserved, but the Peninsula really has limited access, so we started here.”

With test kits back on the shelves, Lightspeed has been able to resume some of its work. Before it ran out of tests, techs were processing 200 people at The Carmel Foundation on Friday mornings during the omicron surge, but the Feb. 4 session was relatively quiet.

Free to anyone

“There definitely were fewer than the cap of 200 that we had been seeing for quite some time,” said Melissa McKenzie, director of programs and volunteers for the senior organization.

While the nonprofit foundation located at Lincoln and Eighth serves members age 55 and older, the Lightspeed testing service is available for free to anyone who wants to drop in during the weekly testing. Kalinski said she is pleased to be “resuming service to the community.”

City council to meet on wireless rules

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CITY council and the planning commission will hold a rare joint meeting Feb. 28 to solicit feedback from the public on what a revised wireless telecommunications ordinance should contain.

Last summer and then in December, the council hired two different law firms specializing in telecom issues to help with its legal fight with Verizon — which sued the city in late January over its denial of a new tower at Carmelo and Ninth — and to draft a new ordinance that will comply with state and federal laws.

Residential areas

During past discussions, planning director Brandon Swanson said the existing rules, which highly restrict the installation of wireless facilities and

equipment in the city, particularly in residential areas, will not be scrapped or entirely rewritten. Instead, they will be updated to be consistent with the laws governing what municipalities can do.

“The joint meeting on the 28th is intended to be a workshop for the public to provide feedback directly to both the city council and the planning commission very early in the process of the city drafting a wireless telecommunications ordinance,” Swanson told The Pine Cone this week.

“Following this workshop, the city council and the planning commission will provide direction to staff regarding the next steps for drafting an ordinance,” he added.

The meeting will be held via Zoom and is set to start at 3 p.m. Visit ci.carmel.ca.us for more information, including how to log on or participate.

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Pebble Beach couple is heading to court over landscaping nightmare

By CHRIS COUNTS

A COUPLE in Pebble Beach is suing their next-door neighbors after what was supposed to be a minor encroachment to trim trees mushroomed into a landscaping nightmare that destroyed or damaged dozens of trees, and left behind a mess that has cost the couple \$11,000 so far to clean up.

The incident happened in 2019, and a lawsuit was filed by the couple, Larry Berte and Diane Berte-Sobkowicz, in June 2020. A representative, Chris Bardis of Pebble Beach, said the parties involved have been unable to settle their differences over what happened, and as a result, the case is headed to a jury trial in April.

The Bertes say the trouble started after they gave the couple next door, Peter and Patricia Simonian, the OK to do some minor tree work.

“We had given our neighbors permission to trim three trees and remove one dead tree,” the couple said. “What ensued was the destruction of numerous trees on our property and in the forest.”

In the lawsuit, which was filed against the Simonians and Iverson Tree Service, the Bertes say they were shocked when saw the damage for the first time.

“Mrs. Berte immediately called Iverson and told them that they were no longer authorized to come on to their property or cut any more trees,” the lawsuit says.

According to the lawsuit, despite the order to stop work, Patricia Simonian told the tree service to keep cutting trees.

The Bertes say the Simonians and Iverson failed to help with the cleanup, a job that is far from complete. A hike down the steep hillside below their home reveals numerous dead or dying trees.



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Downed trees on a Pebble Beach property owned by a couple who blame their neighbor for the damage.

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push to end the event continued as dozens of speakers, including a number of students from Cal State Monterey Bay, waited hours to speak against it.

The speakers included Marina mayor pro-tem Kathy Biala, who told the city council that her extended family was put in an internment camp during World War II. She called the event “a blatant example of cultural appropriation.”

Another speaker, Molly Daniels of Pacific Grove, said she supports abolishing the event. “It’s racist and it’s an affront to our Chinese-American community,” Daniels said.

‘I hope we can do better’

Caroline Haskell of Pacific Grove said she’s “grateful” for the group’s apology, but she agrees the event needs to end.

“Acknowledging what happened is an important start,” Haskell said. “I urge the Pacific Grove City Council to end its support for the event, not just this year but forever — given the event’s long legacy and history of this town’s mistreatment of Chinese immigrants, the damage can’t be undone.”

Haskell said she’s optimistic the event can be replaced with something that better serves the community.

“I’m not saying we should end the annual community celebration, but I want to see an event that’s inclusive and respectful to all who live here,” she added. “I believe it’s possible — I’m hopeful we can do better.”

After public comments, city councilperson Jenny McAdams also apologized for the event. “I am very sorry for the pain the event has caused,” McAdams said. “It’s time for the city to take this important step toward healing and atonement.”

McAdams said she was sorry for participating in the event in the past. “Growing up in P.G., I didn’t realize the pain the event has caused,” she said.

The councilmember said that future events supported by the city need to be aligned with “our values and mission.” She also suggested that the event can’t be fixed with just a makeover. “You can call it a different name, but it doesn’t erase all the feelings we heard tonight,” she added.

McAdams urged the city council “to do something tonight.” While it ultimately didn’t take any action, several of her colleagues endorsed her views.



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KILLERS

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Corrections informed the Monterey County District Attorney's Office in May 2020 — only eight months after Echevarria was sentenced to prison — that it was considering releasing him. Parole officials made good on that promise.

"We objected to the release, but the parole board released him anyway," District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni told news reporters during a press conference in Salinas Wednesday. "He ended up serving approximately two years."

And now, Echevarria and Jose Echevarria, 34, who are cousins, have been charged in the Feb. 5 murder of Karina Vargas, a student at CSUMB, and her friend, Jesus Villa, in Closter Park in Salinas, according to police.

"We have two cowards in custody," Salinas Police chief Roberto Filice told news reporters Wednesday in announcing the arrests. "But the reality is we lost two beautiful lives."

Filice said he believes the Echevarrias killed Vargas and Villa in a case of mistaken identity, though he didn't say who the men had intended to target. Gonzalo Echevarria is believed to have used an AK47 in the slaying, according to prosecutors. Their arraignment is set for Feb. 22.

Police scanned about 1,000 hours of surveillance cameras to help track down the two men, both of whom had previously been deported to their home country of El Salvador but illegally returned to the United States.

Pacioni Wednesday blasted the "unthinking, soft-on-crime attitude" by the state's executive branch and legislature — led by Democrats — which enabled Proposition 57 and ultimately Gonzalo

Echevarria's early release from prison.

"When a gang member goes to prison and gets out years early and kills two innocent people, unfortunately it is not only unsurprising and outrageous, but it also clearly demonstrates we are on the wrong path in California," Pacioni said. "This is not something our local police, courts, and prosecutors can fix. The people of this state must act."

In June 2020, when Pacioni requested that the state parole office keep Echevarria behind bars, she said his "persistent gang involvement as well as the nature of the crimes is not an encouraging sign for his success on parole."



PHOTO/COURTESY DA'S OFFICE

Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni talks to news reporters Wednesday about the murder of a young couple in Salinas earlier this month.

Prop. 57 campaign, touting the bill as necessary criminal justice reform. Other supporters, including Gov. Gavin Newsom before he was elected, said the legislation would reduce the state's brimming prison population and save tax dollars.

The Yes on 57 campaign also had the support of the Chief Probation Officers of California. The opposition was led by the California District Attorneys Association, the San Francisco Police Officers Association and Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.

Not surprising

After voters passed Prop. 57 in November 2016, then-District Attorney Dean Flippo, in an interview with The Pine Cone, predicted the law would only make Monterey County residents less safe.

"Very frankly, I think it makes us more of an unsafe community," Flippo said at the time.

Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown led the

HARASS

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"After that, things just kind of snowballed. She attacked me on social media, but she never responded to me asking her if the story about her son getting a vaccine was true. She still hasn't."

ago because according to a story by Kelly Nix of the Pine Cone, she had lied about her son's age in order to get him a full adult dose of the Covid vaccine," he suggested.

As for writing about her in his newspaper, Miller declared the city councilmember is "fodder" for his publication "because she's been caught in lies."

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Students won't get face mask reprieve until at least February 28

By KELLY NIX

WHILE MONTEREY County residents are no longer required to wear masks in shops, restaurants and other businesses as of Wednesday, schoolchildren will still need to keep them on until at least the end of the month.

On Monday, California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly gave news reporters an update on the state's response to Covid-19. Ghaly said he's not ready to allow children to remove face masks in the classroom, despite drastically declining Covid case numbers.

"We are getting to a place we can relax the statewide mask requirement in schools," Ghaly told news reporters. "No change today, but on February 28 — a full

two weeks from now — we will reassess the data."

The announcement was disappointing to some parents and others, who had hoped Ghaly this week would announce an end to masks in schools. Covid-19 cases are plummeting in the country, including California, leading other states to lift mask rules across the board, including for schools.

Ghaly pointed to the state's efforts to reduce Covid infections, including \$850 million invested in school safety protocols, 23.5 million "high quality" masks sent to school staff and 5.9 million tests have been given to schools.

"Masks are not intended be in place in perpetuity," according to Ghaly, who also said but he also it will "take time"

for families and schools — and likely the mighty California Teachers Union — to adjust to their absence. "We don't make hasty decisions," he said.

Though it's not entirely clear if Ghaly intends to lift masking rules for schools on Feb. 28, he said "we anticipate making a change at that point."

Building on lessons

On Thursday, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a plan for what he said was the next phase of the state's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Building on lessons learned over the past two years and commitment to equity, the plan will guide the state's strategic approach to managing Covid-19, with a focus on continued readiness, awareness

and flexibility to adapt to the evolving pandemic," his office said in a press release before Newsom was set to speak Thursday.

Newsom plans to move to an "endemic" approach to the coronavirus pandemic "that emphasizes prevention and quick reactions to outbreaks over mandates, a milestone nearly two years in the making that harkens to a return to a more normal existence," the Associated Press reported Thursday.

Newsom was the first governor in the country to impose a stay-home order, and the state has been one of the strictest in the nation in its battle against Covid-19.

Meanwhile, Monterey County case rates at 86.6 per 100,000 people, hospitalizations at 64 and the test positivity rate at 16.8, in continue to decline.



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UNVAXXED

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Pine Cone Tuesday. “Many students are enrolled in both types of classes.”

Former student John Conricode is one of many who’s felt the sting of Hartnell’s mandate. Only three weeks into the spring semester, Conricode — who was taking two online classes — was abruptly dropped by the Salinas school for not showing immunization proof. Conricode, who has chosen not to take the Covid-19 vaccine, maintains he doesn’t pose a danger to anyone.

“Both of my classes were remote, online classes,” he told The Pine Cone this week via email. “None were in-person. I did not visit, and I have no intention of visiting the campus.”

Though Conricode submitted a vaccination exemption request on religious grounds, Hartnell rejected it Feb. 10.

“This email is to inform you that your sincerely held religious request has been denied,” Hartnell vice president of student affairs Romero Jalomo told him in an email message. “You are scheduled to be de-registered from your Spring 2022 classes effective Friday, Feb. 11 unless you provide proof of receiving two doses of approved Covid-19 vaccinations.”

The college, he said, did not ask him to elaborate on his exemption request.

Of the roughly 7,600 vaccine compliance and exemption forms Hartnell has processed, it’s granted 211 religious and 16 medical exemptions, including temporary exemptions for those awaiting second vaccine doses. It also OK’d 26 employee exemptions — all but one on religious grounds.

Students obeying

Monterey Peninsula College, which has a total enrollment of about 5,600, dropped 1,500 students from classes at the start of the semester for not complying with the vaccine order.

MPC spokeswoman Kristin Darken said 900 students have since come into compliance, and 500 of them have reenrolled in classes.

“The remaining 600 students have still not yet met the mandate,” Darken explained, adding that MPC is reaching out to students to “assist them with the enrollment process.”

Students, she said, are still applying to the college and registering for classes, “and with more than 100 additional classes starting in February and March, we hope to see these numbers grow even more over the next several weeks.”

CSUMB only requires students and staff to register



PHOTO/COURTESY HARTNELL COLLEGE

Hartnell College in Salinas has disenrolled more than 700 students for failing to show proof they’ve been vaccinated against Covid-19.

proof of vaccination or qualify for an exemption.

The colleges claim the zero-tolerance vaccine mandates are intended to keep everyone “safe,” including students taking classes remotely.

“Online-only students may still need or want to come onto campus for a variety of student services — admissions, library, counseling, financial aid, faculty, etc.” Faust said, adding that employees working remotely may also need to come on campus occasionally.

However, Hartnell, MPC and CSUMB have open doors for visitors — immunized or not. Proof of vaccination isn’t required, no matter how long visitors are going to be on campus or the frequency of their visits. Non-student visitors can walk into the colleges’ admissions and records departments, financial aid offices, bookstores and other offices without proving to anyone they’ve had the jab.

Darken defended the two sets of rules, telling The Pine Cone that visitors’ “interactions with people” on campus “are far more reduced” than online students’ interactions would be.

Still, the double standard doesn’t sit well with Conricode, who suggested there are other reasons for behind the mandates.

“Hartnell College’s Covid vaccine policy and associated regimens clearly have nothing to do with public health,” he said. “Microorganisms do not distinguish between students and visitors in infection any more than wi-fi and internet are vectors of pathogenic transmission.”

Visitors to Hartnell’s student services building, which houses admissions and records and other offices, are invited in as long as they pass a simple Covid screening, which amounts to a few questions about exposure and symptoms.

Harsher than K-12

The local colleges’ rules are stricter than California’s vaccine mandate for K-12 students. Unvaccinated schoolchildren who aren’t eligible for exemptions, per the state order, are barred from attending class in person and being on campus, but are allowed to transition to online classes.

While Conricode said Monday morning that Hartnell had not refunded his tuition, he got word from college administrators that afternoon — about 40 minutes after The Pine Cone contacted the school for the article — that it was processing his refund.

Hartnell, Faust said, is working on refunding all students the college has dropped for not complying with its vaccine rules.

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COMPOST

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But there's weird stuff, too. On one recent day, a worker found a gallon-sized plastic bag of unused ammunition, a walkie-talkie and a battery charger. The ammo was turned in to local police, but routine items with hazardous materials — batteries, electronics and the like — must be carted away to the hazardous waste processing area.

Once the compost-to-be has been picked over, it gets doused with water and goes into a grinder, producing a pile of material that's a little coarser than potting soil. It's watered again and pushed into one of the 600-foot-long rows of similarly large mounds, where it stays for several months while time, while microorganisms do their work.

Since 2009, a company called Keith Day Composting has been contracted by the Monterey Peninsula Waste Management District to run the operation. The company's operations manager, Michael Brautovich, has been working with composting and agriculture for 35 years, and has an associate's degree in horticulture.

Getting warmer

He explained that microorganisms take in moisture and nutrients from the food scraps and lawn clippings, breaking the material down so that it can be used to augment soil for farmers and landscapers. The facility produces between 80,000 and 125,000 tons of compost each year.

When garbage in the landfill decomposes, most of it does so anaerobically — without oxygen — which is where the harmful methane comes in, whereas composting produces carbon dioxide, which isn't as harmful to the

atmosphere. CalRecycle says that methane is "84 times more potent than carbon dioxide."

As your ground-up leftovers decompose, the piles get warm, reaching temperatures as high as 168 degrees. They're checked with a 3-foot-long thermometer, because the state requires that temperatures reach at least 131 degrees for a minimum of three days to reduce the number of potential pathogens. The compost is tested for E. coli, salmonella, listeria and other contaminants before it goes out to farmers' fields. That's also why you shouldn't put raw meat in the bin.

The compost has to stay moist for the good bacteria to do their work, so an irrigation system is in place and tanker trucks move up and down the rows, spraying on as much as 25,000 to 30,000 gallons of water a day. Keeping everything damp also helps prevent spontaneous combustion,

which can occur when the hot matter in the middle of one of the big piles is exposed to air.

The compost must also get oxygen, so a large machine straddles each row in turn, slowly moving along and turning the contents to expose them to air.

After 90 to 120 days, it's ready to sell to farmers and landscapers. Brautovich estimated that small farms — say, 10 acres — can use 50 to 100 tons in a season, while a larger operation can use 25,000 to 30,000 tons. When it's applied to the fields, he said, it helps the soil retain water as well as nitrogen and other nutrients, reducing the amount of fertilizer required to grow crops.

Although sorting through your kitchen waste may not be your idea of a good time, you can take some comfort in knowing that your weeds, grass trimmings and the remains of last night's big dinner help make next year's salads.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM (Public Participation Hearing) California-American Water Company's (California American Water) Request to Increase its Cost of Capital APPLICATION 21-05-001

How can I participate?

California American Water and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. You are invited to participate in a Public Forum, also called a Public Participation Hearing (PPH), about California American Water's request to increase its cost of capital.

This Public Forum is part of a formal proceeding that will be documented and placed into the formal record so the CPUC can make a decision about California American Water's request. You can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application.

You can also provide written public comments at any time during the proceeding at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2105001. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Where and when will this Virtual Public Forum be held?

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 6 p.m.
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Webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/

The Public Forum can be viewed via internet, or listened to via phone, with the information above. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone using the phone number and pass code above and **pressing *1**. Your participation by providing your thoughts on California American Water's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

Please note: if you need a language interpreter, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office using the contact information at the end of this notice at least five business days before the Public Forum.

Why am I receiving this notice?

On May 1, 2021, California American Water filed its Cost of Capital application, A.21-05-001, with the CPUC. In the application, California American Water is requesting an increase to its cost of capital, which is the rate of return the company is authorized to earn on its investments in critical infrastructure to deliver safe and reliable water and/or wastewater service. If approved by the CPUC, California American Water's total revenue requirement will increase by 2.61 percent or \$7,305,000 annually.

If the CPUC approves this application, California American Water will recover forecasted costs in rates over a three-year period effective January 1, 2022. This will impact your bill.

Why is California American Water requesting this increase to its cost of capital?

- Every three years California American Water is required to file a Cost of Capital application with the CPUC.
- The Cost of Capital application determines the cost of financing infrastructure and determines the allowed return on equity and debt. It also determines the amount of equity and debt used by California American Water.
- California American Water is requesting an increased rate of return on its financing to attract investment in infrastructure used to provide safe, reliable water and wastewater service to its customers.

How could this affect my water bill?

If California American Water's proposed Cost of Capital application is approved by the CPUC, the typical bill impacts by customer class are outlined in the tables below for customers in the Monterey Wastewater Division.

AUTHORIZED REVENUE INCREASE		
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MONTEREY WASTEWATER - ACTIVE SEWER SERVICE (including service areas in Las Palmas, Pasadera, Carmel Valley Ranch and Indian Springs)				
CUSTOMER CLASS	2022 Projected Bill at Current Cost of Capital	\$ Increase	2022 Projected Bill at Proposed Cost of Capital	% Increase
Residential	\$131.20	\$1.02	\$132.22	0.78%
Small Commercial	\$131.20	\$1.02	\$132.22	0.78%
School	\$649.11	\$5.05	\$654.15	0.78%
Small Office Park	\$778.61	\$6.05	\$784.66	0.78%
Golf Course	\$519.65	\$4.04	\$523.69	0.78%
Hotel	\$18,645.34	\$144.96	\$18,790.30	0.78%
SPCA	\$3,238.47	\$25.18	\$3,263.64	0.78%
MONTEREY WASTEWATER - PASSIVE SEWER SERVICE (including service areas in White Oaks, Spreckels, Village Green and Oak Hills)				
CUSTOMER CLASS	2022 Projected Bill at Current Cost of Capital	\$ Increase	2022 Projected Bill at Proposed Cost of Capital	% Increase
Residential	\$86.58	\$0.19	\$86.77	0.22%
Small Commercial	\$86.58	\$0.19	\$86.77	0.22%
School	\$128.88	\$0.28	\$129.17	0.22%
Large Commercial	\$171.21	\$0.38	\$171.59	0.22%
Industrial	\$509.79	\$1.12	\$510.91	0.22%

How does the rest of this process work?

This application has been assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt California American Water's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding will review California American Water's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact California American Water
Phone: **1-888-237-1333**
Email: cawc.customeradvocacy@amwater.com
Mail: California American Water
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Sacramento, CA 95838

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at amwater.com/rate_app.

Contact CPUC

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:
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Government Code section 54953(e) authorizes local legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Also, see the Order by the Monterey County Public Health Officer issued March 17, 2020.

The health and well-being of our residents is the top priority for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. To that end, this meeting will be held via teleconference and web-streamed on the City's website <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us>, and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings". The City Council 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/channel/UCAuOellwM1JCDkzD7Js86mA>, and archived there after the meeting.

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All interested persons are invited to attend via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us 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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RACES

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negatively impact impressions of the track and the county," and would reduce profits.

The handful of members of the public who spoke all said the county should leave the historic races in Narigi's hands.

"The magnitude of producing this event should not be taken lightly," said Barry Toepke, who oversees heritage events, including the reunion, for the track. He said personal relationships and expertise are imperative.

Luis Alejo, 1st District Monterey County Supervisor, was the one who requested the board consider O'Neill's request and said he was "dismayed at the interaction and the tone" between O'Neill and Narigi.

"I want to send a message to Velocity International and other sponsors that we do welcome them," he said. O'Neill's entity wouldn't be a sponsor, but an organizer, though he committed to investing \$2 million in the event and temporary structures during the first year.

"This board cannot sit back on such a big asset like Laguna Seca," Alejo continued. "We have to take an interest and recognize it's not just a big economic generator, but it's also incumbent upon us to take an active role, to care about how it's being operated."

'Open mind'

District 2 Supervisor John Phillips suggested O'Neill could help elevate the vintage races without taking them away from Narigi, who had been unaware of O'Neill's proposal until it landed in the hands of the supervisors.

Wendy Root Askew, District 4 supervisor, wondered why they were talking about the details of running the

races at all, considering they hired Narigi's group to manage the track.

"If we hire a manager, I would expect the manager to manage day-to-day operations," she said. "I would expect everybody to be able to work it out and make a recommendation to us."

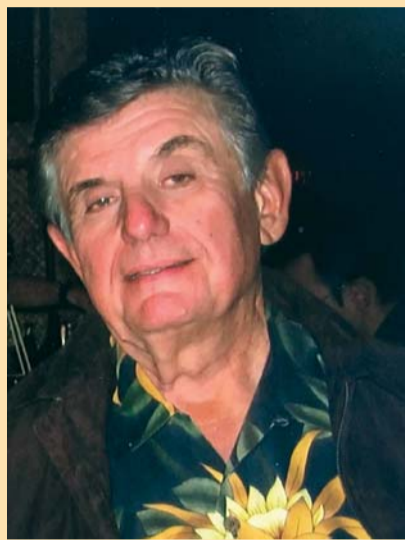
District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez said he wants to "do the best by Monterey County taxpayers," which includes keeping an open mind about finding the best entity to host the historic races.

But 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams said the board's "role is governance."

"I do not agree that we should be making decisions that in most cases staff makes and then brings to the board for affirmation," she said. Adams found the discussion of which entity should organize the historic races "way too down in the weeds."

"As a board that's supposed to be setting policy, is that what we're supposed to be doing?" she asked. "I feel like we're trying to manage a racetrack."

Ultimately, the board decided to take the issue up again after this year's vintage races and to encourage O'Neill and Narigi to explore future opportunities to collaborate.



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Robert Hennessy

1943 — 2022

Robert Hennessy passed away on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at his home in Pebble Beach, California.

He was born February 7, 1943, in Illinois, and later moved with his parents to California where he spent the rest of his life. Bob was a research psychologist who received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Three weeks after graduation he was drafted into the Army and sent to Vietnam. After serving in the military, Bob studied and received his Ph.D. from Penn State University. He moved back to Santa Barbara and in 1976 met the love of his life, Sheila. They were married in 1980 and moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1984. Bob and his friend, Mike McCauley, shared a business called Monterey Technologies from 1984 to 2013.

Robert is survived by his wife of 41 years, Sheila Hennessy. He is also survived by his godson, Stefan Cegalis of Boston, Massachusetts and his constant companions, Molly and Lola.

Donations in memory of Bob can be sent to the Monterey County SPCA.



Mary Ackerman

Early Sunday morning January 30, 2022, Mary Ackerman, 91, peacefully passed away in her home in Carmel, California. Mary is survived by Vern Ackerman, her husband of 25 years; her four daughters, Catherine Shabram, Debra Remy, Susan Sherrill and Jennifer Angier; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Mary spent her final days surrounded by her family. She is loved and will be missed by all.

Mary was born in Iowa and moved to Carmel as a young adult where she lived for the rest of her life. She loved to play bridge and socialize with the many friends she has made through the years.

A celebration of her life will be held 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 71 Rancho Road, Carmel Valley, California.

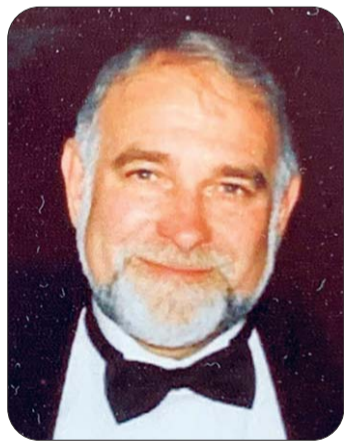
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John R. Bell

1946 - 2022

Surrounded by his family, our beloved John Bell, owner of Monterey Stereo, passed away in the early morning of February 10th, 2022, in his Pacific Grove home after a brief hospital stay. For 47 years, John brought joy and happiness to thousands of customers through his retail audio and video business.



Born to John and Opal Bell in Oakland on December 29th, 1946, John was raised in the country outside of Roseville, where he would camp, fish, and frequent the outdoors. An entrepreneur at an early age, he would collect and sell coffee cans filled with figs, mow lawns, and at 16 was employed as a grocery store clerk with his own health and dental benefits – something he was always very proud of.

In 1967 John settled in San Jose with his wife Kay and daughter Lenora. In 1968 son Jeff joined the family. An impeccable dresser, John worked as a salesman in the men's department of J.M. McDonald – first in Roseville Square, then at their San Jose Hacienda Gardens store. In 1970 John was recruited away from J.M. McDonald by Century Music, later known as Century Stereo.

It was during this time John began developing lifelong personal relationships with his customers. In 1975 John moved to Monterey and opened Monterey Stereo in December of that year. He was the first independent audio retailer on the Monterey Peninsula, located at 520 Fremont Street. He remained in that location until 2014 when he moved to 719 Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove. John was known for his integrity, warm smile, sparkling blue eyes, friendly personality and respect for others. Many of his customers still have fond memories of when John sold him their first stereo or home theater.

In the fall of 1983 John unknowingly met his future wife Patrice when she came into the store on a Thursday evening to choose loudspeakers for a music system that she had just purchased from one of his salesmen. Their first date on March 4th, 1984, at Domenico's on the Wharf showed Patrice just how many people seemed to know "John Bell, Monterey Stereo" as several stopped by their table to say hello to John during their evening together. Love prevailed, and they married in 1989. In 1991, they welcomed their son, Sean.

John and his family were always on the go, traveling by boat, motorhome, motorcycle, air, rail, any possible way. Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again" was his theme song. He was a gourmet cook, and it would bring him great pleasure when his children would call asking for advice on how to prepare their prime rib, salmon, turkey, filet mignon, lobster, bolognese, or ratatouille, to name a few. An avid cyclist, he introduced his son Sean to the sport. An avid golfer, he also introduced his children to the sport – both sons still enjoy golf while his daughter cheers them on.

There are no words to express the hole we now feel in our hearts with the loss of John. He is survived by wife of 32 years Patrice; brother Dennis and his family; daughter Lenora (Neil) and children Brendan and Dylan; son Jeff (Jodi) and children Casey (Tim), Julia, Corey; and son Sean (Maria). We will miss him and his daily phone calls, jokes, and sense of humor. He was a kind, caring and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

A celebration of John Bell's life will be held soon, and we invite all who knew John to join us. For details, please email bellfamilypg@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, John would want you to support your local independent business.

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Joseph Louis DeRuosi Sr.

April 30th, 1941 – February 4th, 2022

“For the sweetest, wisest soul of all my days and lands and this for his dear sake.”

Our beloved father, Joe DeRuosi, passed away with honor and dignity, surrounded by his loving wife, children and son-in-law last Friday morning.

Joe DeRuosi was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on April 30th, 1941, to Mary and Giuseppe DeRuosi, Italian immigrants. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, brother and three sisters.

Joe is survived by his wife Gerri DeRuosi, son Joseph DeRuosi Jr., daughter Deanna DeRuosi, daughter Julie Calzada, son-in-law John Calzada, daughter-in-law Alyssa DeRuosi and granddaughters: Isabella and Eva Calzada, Aveline, Amelia, and Ariana DeRuosi and step-grandson Jacob Flores. Joe could best be described as the perfect Dad, Husband and Papa, giving of himself tirelessly every day, he loved life. Joe enriched the lives of his family, friends, and everyone he coached and worked alongside. He will be dearly missed throughout Monterey County.



Joe Sr. was a fighter his whole life, battling heart issues and refusing to let health affect his limitless love for his wife, family, fun and great food. Joe was a veteran, proud of his service in the US Coast Guard. In the '70s, Joe became an avid amateur race car driver who had a passion for speed and excitement. Joe was a successful small business owner throughout his life, committed to his customers and to success.

Joe Sr. spent much of his life volunteering as a baseball coach with tremendous compassion and patience helping kids learn the game that he loved so much. Coach Joe's baseball coaching career spanned more than 57 years, where he helped youths learn the value of sportsmanship, competition and working together. Joe created an amazing community around baseball at Larsen Field in Carmel with many of his great friends and neighbors. Joe was a proud homeowner who raised his three children with his wife Gerri, a retired Carmel Unified school district educator, right next to one of his favorite places, the ballpark. Joe opened his home to all kids in need of a hot meal, a game of catch, or a hug. Joe was legendary for passing out ice cream to all his players and teaching the importance of caring for your teammates. In 1985, Joe reached the pinnacle of his coaching career as the varsity baseball pitching coach of his beloved Carmel Padres. He is loved and he will be remembered forever by his family, friends and the many kids he helped throughout his years. Coach Joe continued coaching youth sports for the Carmel and Monterey Pony organizations, and he loved volunteering at the Bronco World Series at Jacks Park in Monterey. Joe has enriched many lives throughout his coaching career and will be missed.

Joe was also an avid golfer who cherished Wednesday golf rounds with his friends, and was so proud of his hole-in-ones (he had 2).

He always enjoyed playing with his 5 granddaughters, their "Papa."

Joe's other most cherished moments outside of his wife, family, coaching, and golf, was playing Texas Hold 'Em with the best, BBQing and the travels he had with the people he loved so dearly.

In Joe's memory with all of today's challenges, he would want all of us to spend more time with our loved ones, laugh and smile more, contribute to community and always strive to live life to the fullest.



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Editorial

CEQA is for saps

THIS WEEK a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle called the California Environmental Quality Act a “little understood law” — and the weird thing is, he seems to have meant it in the sense of “very few people have heard of it.”

How do we know? Because the reporter — whose name we won’t mention because we don’t want to hurt his chances of achieving a higher state of enlightenment someday — actually provided a pronunciation guide. “Seek-wuh,” he said. Isn’t that adorable?

The truth, of course, is that CEQA is probably the most famous law this state has. Certainly, anybody in California with the slightest involvement in real estate, land use, infrastructure, property rights, resource protection and a host of other threshold political and environmental issues over the last 50 years would obviously have encountered CEQA on an almost daily basis. Still, the reporter may have (unintentionally) made an important point: While everybody who’s anybody knows what CEQA can do, hardly anybody understands what the people who enacted it and have ardently defended it all these decades think it’s supposed to do.

The Chronicle’s CEQA topic this week was a judge’s ruling blocking construction of new housing and other improvements at UC Berkeley — a sacred place if there ever was one for California’s left. Consequently, the ruling, which includes an enrollment cap of 42,237 students, was met with a “furor” on social media, the Chronicle said.

“The episode has reignited calls to amend CEQA, which could lead to a major showdown at the state Capitol this year,” the newspaper helpfully noted before going on to quote an expert as follows: “Many CEQA lawsuits use environmental complaints as a pretext when the opposition has other motivations. For example, many lawsuits use the threat of delay to pressure developers to alter their plans to appease neighbors or to hire union members to do the work. In other cases, lawsuits are designed to push the envelope of what’s considered an environmental impact to include aesthetic decisions.” No kidding!

While the 1970 law may have been well-intentioned, it has since degraded to a level of destructiveness that’s almost comical. In fact, getting in the way of even badly needed development is probably CEQA’s most common function — so common that the left has started attacking it almost as vehemently as the people on the other side of the aisle. Yet the law is still there.

Sure, carve-outs have been made over the years for major sports stadiums and other union-favored projects. Last year, the legislature exempted multi-family development in single-family neighborhoods. UC Berkeley seems headed for a CEQA exemption of its very own. Meanwhile, a CEQA lawsuit is promised to stop the installation of four (yes, 4) light towers at the Carmel High School football stadium, and the owner of a home near Carmel Beach faces the very real possibility of a CEQA action to prevent him from building a new house that would be much smaller than the ones on either side.

I guess that’s where we’re headed to in California. The big projects can skate right through, which leaves only the little guys to pay the bills.

BEST of BATES



“Your plans are OK, Mr. Jeffers, but we still need an EIR.”

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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Rent light towers

Dear Editor,

Since the Carmel school district is going to spend upwards of \$150,000 on another EIR about the stadium lights, I believe they should consider this proposal to address the “light pollution” question. Rent four “mobile portable light towers,” which can be rented at US Rentals for \$1,200 a week.

These should be at the specified locations the real light standards will be at and can be raised to the heights the installed poles will be. Turn them on and let’s see how they look.

This may not exactly represent the actual setup but would come close and instead of an ongoing EIR talking point give us something to really “look at”.

This may have been addressed before, but the football field is significantly lower than the swimming pool deck (more than 20 feet). The pool lights are on 3-4 hours

a night in the winter and spring for water polo and swimming and the “light pollution” from the football lights would in theory be much less. Let’s see if this theory is correct.

Jim Ferguson,
Carmel Views

Elle y réfléchit

Dear Editor,

Oh, dear, having just perused this week’s Pine Cone while sitting in my 300-year-old French farmhouse, I don’t know which disturbing subject to tackle first.

■ As a CHS graduate, class of 1958, I do not have a strong feeling about the proposed lights which would allow evening practice and five night games a year, but one argument given seems weak at best. How many CHS student athletes have gone on to have athletic scholarships or play professional sports? Is this the best argument for the lights, and should the ambitions of the very few outweigh the wishes of residents who are opposed to the lights?

■ Having lived in Carmel more than 40 years, I continue to be dismayed by the attitude, “I’ve got mine; you can’t have yours,” with regard to newcomers who have spent over \$5 million on a home and whose neighbors want to restrict renovation to a height which maintains their ocean view.

■ But the opinion which takes the cake is the one expressed in a letter to the editor expressing an objection to mask mandates, which presumably cause decreased IQ,

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Author Harry Wilson moves to town

HARRY LEON Wilson is not a name that quickly comes to mind when recalling the writers of early Carmel, but he should be. He already had a string of bestselling novels when he settled in town about 1910, at age 43, to begin a new life in which he continued to be a successful writer. Several of his works became movies.

Arguably Wilson's best-known novel, "Ruggles of Red Gap," published in 1915, was reprised for movie theaters four times.

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

The satirical story of an English valet making his way in the western town of Red Gap, Wash., was twice made into silent films (1918 and 1923), the latter with Edward Everett Horton in the title role. In 1935, Charles Laughton portrayed Ruggles with delightful deadpan. Playing for more overt laughs, Bob Hope starred as Humphrey, based on Ruggles, opposite Lucille Ball in 1950's "Fancy Pants."

The story was so good that "Ruggles of Red Gap" was also presented on television in the 1951 season of "Prudential Family Playhouse" and again in the 1957 season of "Producer's Showcase," with Michael Redgrave as Ruggles.

Settling down

Wilson grew up in publishing. He was born in 1867 and raised near the Rock River in north-central Illinois. As a boy he set type for his father's newspaper, the Ogle County Guard. Wilson left home at 16 and supported himself on writing projects as he worked his way West. In Omaha and Denver, he worked as a stenographer for the Union Pacific railroad until he was hired to compile pioneer histories for the Denver office of Hubert Howe Bancroft, who was compiling voluminous histories of the West.

In 1886, Wilson successfully sold a short story, "The Elusive Dollar Bill," to Puck, a national humor magazine. Bancroft sent Wilson to California in 1887, but he later returned to Omaha to work as an assistant to a railroad vice president, until Puck offered him an assistant editor job and he moved to New York in 1892.

Wilson's first book was a collection of 13 short stories, "Zigzag Tales From the East to the West," which was published as part of Puck's quarterly Mulberry Series in June 1894. He was then put in charge as editor of Puck upon the death in 1896 of H. C. Bunner, who had led the magazine for nearly 20 years.

In February 1899, Wilson married Wilburtine Teter Worden. They had met years earlier in Denver, but she chose newspaper editor Charles

Worden over Wilson for her husband in 1893. After Worden died in Mexico City in 1897, the 33-year-old widow and mother of an infant child relocated to New York to pursue journalism. She became a successful writer, but her marriage to Wilson didn't last. She returned to Denver in 1900 and sued for divorce in 1901.

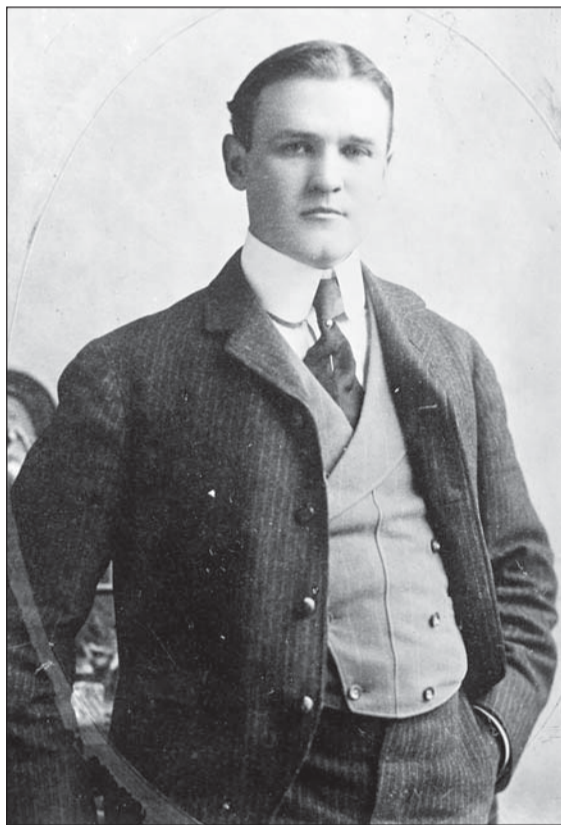
Following his divorce, Wilson struck up a romantic relationship with Rose O'Neill, an illustrator at Puck who was also recently divorced. He finished work on his first novel, "The Spenders." Lothrop Publishing Company of Boston agreed to publish it with illustrations by Rose, who then went by "O'Neill Latham" — Latham being the name of her first husband.

European travels

Shortly before "The Spenders" was published in June 1902, Wilson and Rose were married. His book, a satirical look at the impact of wealth over three generations of men, sold well and the couple left Puck and moved to a rustic ranch in the Ozarks of Missouri which Rose's father had homesteaded. She named it Bonniebrook. While there, Wilson authored two more books for Lothrop, "The Lions of the Lord" (1903) and "The Boss of Little Arcady" (1905), as well as one with Doubleday, "The Seeker" (1904). All three books were illustrated by Rose. Wilson also sold short stories to a variety of publications.

After spending a few weeks during the summer of 1905 at Kennebunkport, Maine, with fellow writer Booth Tarkington, the Wilsons made plans to travel to Europe and share a villa with Tarkington and his

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The dapper Harry Leon Wilson looked very much the New Yorker at the beginning of the 20th Century.

Compelling stories provide inspiration for multimedia artist

THE TWO-STORY home in Seaside Highlands where Kay Holz lives with her husband, Don, is adorned with her artwork in every room. Her walls display whimsically colorful paintings, drawings and multimedia montages. Tables and shelves are crowded with self-illustrated children's books and novels she has authored. Her closets hold one-of-a-kind "wearable art" — dresses, hats, vests, and other garments

at Midtown Manhattan's Winter Garden Theater, when she first saw Harriet just beyond the marquee, twirling alone under a streetlamp, performing a graceful dance as she sang out-of-sync snippets from all the songs from the play. It was Christmas Eve and heavy snowflakes were falling all around her.

"She had on the most exclusive coat that she had fashioned out of bits and pieces of lace and brocade, and for warmth she had patched it with carefully chosen pages of the New York Times. It took my breath away," Holz recalled in a short story she authored about the woman.

"I opened my purse and looked for a jar in which to place my appreciation for her performance," she journaled. "She stopped me with a look that dared me to come any closer and violate the distance between performer and her audience. Still staring at me, she ended her dance with an elaborate bow and turned back toward a tiny, white tent. Crawling inside, she turned down the flap. Embroidered across it was 'Harriet the Homeful Person.'"

One of the onlookers told Holz that Harriet had once been a top fashion model, but had fallen on hard times, maybe from drug use, or perhaps just from the stress of the industry.

Although she never saw Harriet again, that brief encounter inspired Holz to create the green silk-and-netting garment (which also is embellished with painted photographs from the New York Times) for a 2016 "wearable art" fashion show on a runway at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, where it was modeled by Holz's friend, Bettina Holman.

Holz grew up in Charleston, S.C., the daughter of a regional executive for Standard Oil, and adored her parents, who fully embraced her early aspirations as a pianist, singer and performer in local plays, from childhood through her teens.

Cowgirl aspirations

Many of the writings she's done in recent years are inspired by her childhood, dripping with Harper Lee-style Southern charm — stories recounting an ill-fated ride on a neighbor's disgruntled horse that discouraged her early aspiration to become a cowgirl, and a poetic tale of two boys who take their St. Bernard, Daffles, on a search for a local witch. Another sentimental composition — an homage to a beloved pet — is entitled, "Not Quite Nine Wisdoms: Lessons I

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

she has created for models to wear on runways at glitzy fashion shows.

Holz, who turns 83 next month, exerts minimal effort (if any) to sell what she's made, largely for sentimental reasons, because each creation has its own story, like a family member. It's personal.

"I love when somebody at a fashion show sees something I've made and says, 'Oh, my God ... look at that! I want that!' And then we try it on them, it looks great and I get to tell them the story behind it. That's when I enjoy selling it," she said.

A green coat tale

A coat hanging in a corner of her living room glows and shimmers in the sunlight, in multiple shades of green, accented at the neck and shoulders with bright red beads, large and small. The stunning garment was inspired by "Harriet, the Homeful Person," a woman Holz encountered years ago on a New York City sidewalk.

Holz had just seen "Cats," Andrew Lloyd Weber's classic Broadway musical,



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Kay Holz creates 'wearable art' for fashion shows, like this coat she made to honor a homeless woman.

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family on the Isle of Capri. Soon after settling into the villa, Rose left for Paris where she had four pieces accepted for display at the Salon de la Société Nationale des Beaux-Arts.

Wilson began work with Tarkington on the satirical play, "The Man From Home," about an Indiana lawyer's challenges in Paris. Fitting to the Midwest rearing of the two men, the play premiered in Chicago in Sept. 1907 to solid reviews.

The sojourns abroad were good for Wilson's collaboration with Tarkington. They wrote several more plays together that were staged on Broadway. The travels were not so good for the Wilson marriage. After five years, Rose left Wilson in 1907. While working in the East with Tarkington, Wilson was elected to the National

Institute of Arts and Letters in 1908.

In 1910, Wilson went on vacation in California. In San Francisco, he was welcomed into membership in the Bohemian Club. It was likely there that he was told of Carmel. Upon arriving at the fledgling colony, he decided to stay.

Former Pine Cone editor and mayor Perry Newberry described Wilson's unannounced arrival in town in his autobiography. Newberry and another man were shoveling sand to open Carmel River to the ocean in late 1910.

"A man made his way to our workings, and stood at the edge of the cut, watching us. He was a large, square-set man with the look of a heavy weight prize fighter and was evidently capable of doing good work with a shovel," Newberry wrote.

After a brief cajoling for his assistance, they learned his identity, and that he had just arrived the day before. Wilson joined in the work until the river was able to rush to the ocean. Wilson had worked his way

into a life in Carmel.

Given his early friendship with Newberry, who was heavily involved in Carmel's theater scene and the plays he produced with Tarkington, Wilson quickly took an interest in the workings of the new Forest Theater. He soon had his eye on one of its young stars, Helen MacGowan Cooke.

Cooke and her younger sister Katherine ("Kit") came to Carmel in 1908 with their mother and aunt, the MacGowan sisters. Like Wilson, the MacGowan sisters were successful writers prior to their arrival on the Monterey Peninsula. Cooke, at age 15, was cast as Michal, bride of King David, in the Forest Theatre's first play in July 1910.

The Monterey Daily Cypress wrote, "Although first chosen to fill this role chiefly because of her youthful beauty, natural charm and simplicity of manner, [her] intelligent rendering of the part and her acting has brought up the role in importance."

She was just 16 when Wilson saw her in rehearsals as Viola in the theater's 1911 production of "Twelfth Night." He was smitten by the young lady who was more mature than her years.

Cooke had apparently tickled many a man's fancy. Photographer Arnold Genthe, who was 41 in 1910, recalled in his autobiography that before he left Carmel in 1911, he and 25-year-old Sinclair Lewis "would



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Photographer Arnold Genthe, who lived in Carmel in 1910, experimented with color photography. Helen MacGowan Cooke, seen here at 15, was a favorite model.

often walk together through the woods, indulging in philosophical discussions, sometimes lapsing into German, while we both knew that, more than philosophical problems, our thoughts were concerned with the lovely Helen Cooke to whom we were both devoted."

Cooke was Genthe's favorite model as he experimented with early color photography. While many men sought the young woman, she accepted Wilson's advances. In June of 1912, she took a break from rehearsals at the Forest Theater to marry him in San Francisco on June 13. They quickly returned to Carmel, as she starred as the Seeress in that summer's production of "The Toad of Egypt."

We will continue the Wilson story next week.

LETTERS

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arrested development, learning problems and facial recognition ... staph and strep infections, bronchitis, pneumonia, domestic violence, abuse, depression and suicide." If wearing masks all day truly were the cause of these calamities, my CHOMP surgical colleagues and I (indeed all medical personnel) would certainly have shown some signs of these afflictions.

What has happened to good will towards others, civil discourse, and common sense in Carmel.

Theresa (de Barros) Schiffeler,
Verneuil-en-Bourbonnais, France

Safety and reliability of nuclear

Dear Editor,

Thank you for bringing facts, perspective and balance regarding the subject of our energy needs. Perhaps I should say the world's energy needs since this is a very global issue.

In our time, I know of few other subjects about which there is such a lack of knowledge, even among otherwise "educated" people. Unfortunately, the political class contributes to this.

In your Jan. 28 editorial, it was nuclear energy, which not only does not emit greenhouse gas emissions, but is safe. You can store all of the spent fuel about 20 feet high in an area the size of a football field (Wall St. Journal). The reason it remains often stored more locally and less safely after use is political. After the taxpayers spent \$13.5 billion building the Yucca Flat safe storage site in Nevada, it was blocked by Senator Harry Reid from being used.

A writer responded to your editorial complaining of the mining required to obtain the uranium to fuel nuclear plants. He must be unaware that to obtain the energy transition metals (IEA term) needed to make just one electric car battery we must mine, transport and process (very energy intensive) 90,000 pounds of earth (again IEA). The other important fact about nuclear is that it is baseload power, which means always on. As England, other parts of Europe, and east Asia were reminded last fall, "green" energy is not always on — not baseload power. They had to fire up coal plants (they don't have enough natural

gas) and many have decommissioned much or all of their nuclear plants (like Germany — all but one and it's planned to be shut in three years). Germany gets nearly 40 percent of its electricity from coal.

A few weeks ago, in fact, the EU/Brussels recommended that nuclear and natural gas be reclassified as "green" and encouraging plants powered by such fuels continue to be built — quite a turnaround, but reality bit them. There is no free lunch.

Larry Walker,
Pacific Grove

Community of kindness

Dear Editor,

Recently, I fell outside the Crossroads Wells Fargo bank. Immediately Dana, a nurse, entering the bank, rushed to my aid. Two bank executives rushed out the door saying, "We will call 911," while carrying a chair for me.

I politely declined their calling 911. Dana returned with an ice pack to apply to my eye, now swollen shut. The bank executive helped me inside and seated me in a soft chair. He informed me he would send a teller over to take care of my bank transaction and offered to walk me to my car and even drive me home. I declined their most gracious offer and concern but felt I could very carefully drive myself the 2 miles to my home.

In the evening, my friend Tom, a nurse, called to check up on his elderly friend, me. After thoroughly quizzing me on my condition he insisted I call my next door neighbors, a doctor and his wife a physician's assistant. Immediately they came and assessed my condition, advising me to call my ophthalmologist and stating I needed an urgent appointment.

In spite of it being Friday afternoon and they would be closing soon, they assured me they would wait for me. My neighbors Robert and Julie canceled their social commitment, and Julie took me to Ryan Ranch for my appointment. Thankfully my eye examination showed no damage.

Everyone kept checking on me for the next several days. Many very loving, thoughtful and caring people came to my aid. I am continually thankful to my God for sending me to live in such a loving and beautiful community. My abundant gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Sue Wulfmeyer,
Carmel

STOLEN

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bought it for \$9,000 in a parking lot," Uhler said. The purchaser "was elated and posted it on the internet," celebrating the score. "But someone who saw it told the man there was an alert put out about a stolen bicycle out of Carmel, 'and I think you have the bike,'" he continued.

The buyer reached out to the shop and acknowledged he had the stolen e-bike and was making arrangements to return it Wednesday, according to Uhler.

Uhler said police have a line on the thief, as well, after putting out a flier with information about the theft and hearing from a San Francisco Bay area law enforcement agency that provided a lead.

"He has now been identified," Uhler said. "He already has a warrant for his arrest for other incidents."

Santa Rosa police identified Andrew Busch as a suspect in a recent string of similar bike thefts, and warrants have been issued for him in Marin, Santa Rosa and Contra Costa counties.

The local bike shop, meanwhile, posted a photo of the ID that was left behind by the bike thief, and the photo on it matched the photo of Busch.

For a link, visit the Facebook page for Mad Dogs & Englishmen.



The bike shop posted this drivers license on its Facebook page to help locate the man who allegedly stole an expensive bicycle.

Some of you might remember my mother, the late political researcher Mae Brussell (MaeBrussell.com).

She had a radio show on KLRB and

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ARTIST

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learned from Rose, My Cat.”

Her novels — “Isabelle Pinckney: Two Friends, One Lifetime” and “The House of Puppets” — are set in Charleston. Holz designed the covers for both books and illustrated most of her short stories.

Creative liberation

Holz graduated from Ashley Hall, an exclusive private girls school in Charleston, got her undergraduate degree from the College of Charleston, then headed west, to UC Berkeley, becoming a resident of San Francisco — a cultural experience that changed her life.

“San Francisco was wonderful — a place where I discovered that I could be creative any way I wanted, because everybody around me was doing then same thing,” she said. “Singing had always been my thing, and I learned to play the guitar and started performing in clubs, usually blues.

“I was there through the 1960s, but never took any drugs and didn’t smoke anything,” she said. “I was just so happy to be where so many people were writing, creating, inventing ...”

She spent several years as a probation officer, first in San Francisco, then Marin County, working with wayward youths and jailed adults.

“I tried to help them find a better way of living and I loved it,” Holz said.

In 1968, she returned to UC Berkeley in pursuit of a master’s degree in journalism, and in 1969, she met somebody else who was looking for a career change.

“I had been working with the federal government, but went to journalism school because I didn’t want to do it anymore,” said Don Holz, her husband of 51 years. “Most of the students there were mid-career journalists who had taken a leave of absence to get their graduate degrees, and already knew all the journalism lingo. Kay and I didn’t have that — we were just people who wanted to try something different, so we kind of bonded.”

They were married in 1970, and lived in Berkeley until 1984, when Don returned to a federal government job in San Francisco. Four years later, they moved again, this time to Eastern Tennessee, where they stayed until he took an early retirement in 1996.

Moving to Monterey

“We had spent some time in Santa Fe, and loved it, so we moved there for a while,” Don said. “But in 2001 I called an old boss, told him I needed a job, and he offered me one, doing federal investigations in Monterey.”

HOUSING

From page 3A

hotel was off the table, he said city officials didn’t notify the council until Feb. 11 — two days after his agenda report had to be submitted — that the hotel was a no-go.

On Wednesday, the agenda report was changed to remove references to the Monarch Resort.

‘False and misleading’

The Mahroom family’s frustrations this week comes after Wyatt suggested in an email message to the council last week that the family had reneged on an agreement to sell the property to Shangri-La.

“The Homekey application was intended to purchase the Monarch Resort; however, the owner has since decided to not participate and there is currently no property site identified,” according to a Feb. 11 list Wyatt prepared of what she called “frequently asked questions.”

Mahroom pushed back on Wyatt’s claims.

“Your link to the Homekey Project FAQ’s link states under question two, ‘The property owner has since decided not to participate,’” Mahroom told council members Feb. 13. “This statement is false and misleading since we were never disclosed of this intentional use, nor did we sign any documents regarding the potential sale of this property.”

For nearly a month, the Mahrooms have said publicly, including in a hospitality improvement district meeting, that they were not interested in selling the hotel. Several articles, including two in The Pine Cone, were also

published about the dispute.

Some have knocked the city for being less than transparent on the homeless housing proposal. For instance, while Wyatt was aware that a deal had not been struck to purchase the Monarch Resort, she asked the council on Jan. 19 to vote on the project in the hope a sale would go through.

And most city residents were unaware that the city was pursuing the subsidized housing idea in one of the city’s priciest and most scenic neighborhoods until after the council voted to move the plan forward.

The debacle prompted Councilmen Luke Coletti and Joe Amelio to call for more public input and outreach on future discussions involving possible homeless housing sites in Pacific Grove and other projects that could have a major implications for neighborhoods.

This week, Coletti responded to the Mahrooms regarding their concerns.

“I personally apologize for the city’s lack of due diligence and the nightmare we created for you and your family,” Coletti said in an email message.

The Holzes lived in Carmel for nearly 20 years, until 2019, when they moved to Seaside.

Holz creates most of her art using watercolor pens or watercolors, often enhancing her work with paper cutouts, photographs, embroidery or crocheting, beading or other multimedia.

“The Monterey Peninsula is a wonderful place to be an artist, because there are a lot of other artists with similar interests,” she said. “I’ve met a lot of them and made a lot of friends through the Carmel Woman’s Club.”

Holz routinely donates her artwork to local groups for fundraising events. She can be reached at (831) 641-7942.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

Resilience and experience help Padres girls shine on the court

‘THE POSITIVE thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible,’ said Winston Churchill, an architect of one of the epic victories of all time. (Ask your grandparents.)

The last Carmel High team to win a Central Coast Section girls basketball championship was the 1991-92 squad, whose alumnae will be 45-48 years old this year.

Over the past 20 years, Carmel has lost 10 times in the opening round of the CCS playoffs and has never advanced past the quarterfinals.

That kind of history might loom as a cautionary tale as the CCS Division 4 tournament gets underway this weekend, but positivity overflows, intangibles are abundant ... and the impossible? That’s just not

of the best players on Carmel High’s girls golf team this fall, and did double-duty the same season as the first-team kicker on the Padres varsity football squad. She also has lettered in lacrosse and is a four-year varsity starter in basketball, a sport in which, as a senior, she leads the Padres in scoring (16.5 points) and ranks second in steals and assists to her backcourt mate, Abby Shipnuck.

Court IQ

Shipnuck, the junior point guard, learned the game from her father, Alan Shipnuck, who started at guard at Salinas High, coaches Carmel’s junior varsity team, and wrote for Sports Illustrated for 15 years before becoming a senior writer at Golf Magazine and golf.com. Her 93 assists and 70 steals are No. 1 among players at the 39 schools tracked by Monterey Bay Preps.

“Elle is a gym rat, a basketball player to the core, our emotional leader. When

she’s on the court, she lifts everybody on the team,” Dooner said. “And Abby’s basketball IQ is off the charts.”

Exceptional court intelligence also applies to at least four other Padres. Senior center Summer Castagna and her sister Delaney, a junior power forward, are the daughters of longtime varsity assistant coach Dave Castagna.

Summer, a 5-foot-9 co-captain, is a hub of the offense, using good court vision and strong passing skills to set up her teammates. She’s also second on the team with



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Senior Elle Bohlman (left), the Padres’ top scorer, has also lettered in golf, lacrosse and on the varsity football team. Power forward Delaney Castagna (right) is the PCAL leader in rebounds and blocked shots.

95 rebounds.

Delaney, 5-10, leads all PCAL players in rebounds (159 in 18 games) and blocked shots (68). She blocked 11 against Monterey — one short of the single-game school record set in 2017 by Jessica DiLullo.

Family affair

“If someone is driving into the lane, it says they doubt my defensive skills and think they can get a shot over me,” she said. “Blocking shots gives me the best pump of adrenaline and is sort of humbling for the

person attempting to shoot over me.”

Caroline Byrne, a sophomore forward, is the younger sibling of one of the best all-around athletes in school history, J.T. Byrne (Class of ’21), who gathered all-county, all-state and league MVP plaudits in football and basketball, and was all-league in baseball, before accepting a football scholarship to Oregon State. Her father, Tom Byrne, was a quarterback at Notre Dame, her Uncle Bill quarterbacked

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Peninsula Sports


By DENNIS TAYLOR

a thing for the 2022 Carmel Padres, who won the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Cypress Division crown with a 10-0 record (the first perfect league mark since 2011), and take a 15-3 record and a nine-game winning streak into the postseason.

‘A bunch of tigers’

Asked which of his players has “the eye of the tiger” when a game is on the line, Coach Tom Dooner said, “We have a whole bunch of tigers on this team.”

Start with Elle Bohlman, who was one



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Center for Photographic Art hands out grants, welcomes new show

A YEAR ago, the Center for Photographic Art gave away \$5,000 grants to four artists to create either new work or continue existing projects, and in a show opening Saturday at its downtown gallery, those artists display their latest creations.

applications for next year's Artist Grant Exhibition. Grants of \$5,000 each will be awarded in three categories: emerging photographer (for students only), established photographer and landscape photographer. The deadline for turning in an application is March 1.

The CPA is also seeking entries for its 2022 Members' Juried Exhibition, which opens April 9. The winners of the show will share \$2,250 in awards and prizes. The deadline to apply is Feb. 25.

The gallery, which is inside Sunset Center, is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For more details, visit photography.org.

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Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

The show — the CPA's first-ever Artist Grant Exhibition — opens with a virtual reception and walk-through at 4 p.m. Visit photography.org for details.

The four artists are Liz Steketee, Riel Sturchio, Bianca Sturchio and Allie Tsubota. They all strive to push the boundaries of photography in new directions.

Steketee, who calls her project, "Wrapped," uses photographic montage, mixed media, textiles, and the sculptural treatment of photographs to explore "memory, family and mending of the past."

The Sturchios, siblings who suffer from cerebral palsy, have photographed their lives for more than a decade. Their project, titled "Chasing Light," delves into their health challenges and their "unique manifestations of queer identity, illness, and disability."

Tsubota used her grant to travel from her home on the East Coast to California and photograph two former Japanese internment camps in California, Manzanar and Tule Lake.

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No longer 'Alone,' symphony returns to Sunset after two-year hiatus

AFTER KEEPING its distance from audiences for the better part of two years, the Monterey Symphony appropriately kicks off its 75th season at Sunset Center Saturday and Sunday with a pair of pieces written by composer-in-residence **John Wineglass**, "Alone" and "Alone Together," which explore what it feels like to be isolated during a pandemic.

Before doing a full orchestra version of "Alone Together," the symphony will play an award-winning video of violinist **Christina Mok** playing "Alone."

Executive director **Nicola Reilly** told The Pine Cone it feels strange to be back at Sunset Center after so long, but she's optimistic it will be like relearning to ride a bicycle.

"Just being back together at Sunset with a full orchestra and crew, it's sort of surreal — it's our first time we've played there in two years," Reilly said. "But it's in our muscle memory how to put on a concert."

Besides including the pieces by Wineglass, the symphony will perform Shostakovich's *Cello Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major, Op. 107* and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64*. The concert will also showcase a gifted young cellist, **Julian Schwarz**, who will accompany the symphony when it plays the piece by Shostakovich. Schwarz made his debut with the Seattle Symphony at 11.

"He comes from one of the great musical families, and he's a phenom in his own right," Reilly explained. "He's never played with the symphony before."

The concert also shines a light on conductor **Donato Cabrera**, who is one of four candidates

to be the symphony's next musical director. You can critique him after the concert — the symphony is soliciting feedback — and the new leader of the symphony will be announced June 15.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$41. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 646-8511 or visit monterey-symphony.org.

■ Tribe finds a stage of its own

Setting up shop in Monterey where the Safari Club

once was, the Urban Lounge hosts live music for the first time Tuesday when an all-star cast of local performers takes the stage.

The venture marks a partnership between **Brad Mallory**, **Jacqueline Kabat** and **Rene Diaz**. Mallory and Kabat are the movers and shakers behind **Tribe in the Sky**, which has put on dozens of local music events in recent years. The date of the grand opening — 2-22-22 — marks the fifth anniversary of Tribe in the Sky. Diaz comes from the family that founded Plaza Linda restaurant in Carmel Valley.

The lineup includes **The Mallory Brothers**, which include Brad, who sings and plays guitar, along with singer **Reija Massey**, singer and guitarist **Eddie Gutierrez**, drummer **Steve Loeb** & **The Living Drums**, singer and multi-instrumentalist **Chuck Brewer**, singer and gui-

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Violinist Gabriela Diaz (left) joins three other classical instrumentalists Thursday at the Sand Box in Sand City. Singer and guitarist Brad Mallory (center) and others are bringing live music back to a familiar site in Monterey. Cellist Julian Schwarz (right) joins the Monterey Symphony this weekend at Sunset Center. The concert marks the symphony's return to Sunset after a two-year absence.



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Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

who ideally is as good a conversationalist as he is a mixologist.

Last week, two venues — Montrio, the downtown Monterey restaurant reopening this week, and Sea Root, the new restaurant in the Hyatt Regency Monterey — introduced the bartenders they've brought on board to run their drink programs. Englishman Daniel Watson is Montrio's beverage director, and Pagroviaian Andrew Boggan, who worked at Tarp's for eight years, has

From London to Monterey
Falling in love and marrying a woman from the Monterey Peninsula brought Watson here, but he long ago earned his chops as a bartender in busy London.

Born about an hour south of Edinburgh, Scotland, Watson started working in hospitality as a part-time busser for a caterer when he was 13. He first stepped behind a bar at age 18 but knew little and had no one to train him, so he had to look up drink recipes in books.

He left for the big city, finding work in London in 2012 under restaurateur Mark Hix at Tramshed, where he said he learned "to see the depth of what was possible" when it comes to mixing drinks. He went on to tend bar at other London hot spots, spent eight months in Barcelona — where

the bars don't even open until midnight — and then returned to London to help open a Korean fusion restaurant in Soho.

From there, Watson went to work for Hawksmoor, a group that runs high-end steakhouses and which he said established very high standards at all of its venues, including requiring bartenders to make all their own ingredients and use cutting-edge techniques. The end result was delicious drinks, he said, "and that's really the point, isn't it?"

Intimidation free

Now a Peninsula resident, Watson, 32, said he's eager to run Montrio's bar program, for which he plans to "create drinks that are innovative yet delicious and approachable." He pledged to ensure no guests ever "feel intimidated by our drinks."

Watson and his bar team will create their own juices, infusions and liqueurs, and every cocktail "will have a homemade element," he said. "I really like to create a drink that you can't get anywhere else. It's all part of the experience."

Outside work, Watson is an assistant soccer coach at Seaside High and plays in a local adult league. Fortuitously, Montrio's ownership group, Coastal Roots Hospitality, has signed a catering contract with the new Monterey Bay Football Club, a professional soccer team in the second tier of the American soccer league system.

Meet Watson and check out his new cocktail lineup at Montrio, which is located on Calle Principal in Monterey and underwent remodeling while being closed for nearly a year. For more information or reservations, call (831) 648-8880 or visit montrio.com.

Local talent is back

Born and raised in Pacific Grove, Andrew Boggan also got an early start in the restaurant business, when he started bussing tables on weekends at age 14. And it stands to reason, since his father was a longtime bartender at Jack London's, a for-

mer downtown Carmel institution.

Boggan honed his bartending skills at several local spots before landing at Tarp's, where he tended bar and created cocktails for eight years until 2018, when he left the area to pursue other opportunities.

Now he's back and ready to create new experiences and build on the following he established on the Peninsula over the years. Boggan said he enjoys creating special experiences for his guests and meeting new and interesting people, and that it "brings me great joy and happiness when I can make another's night memorable and special."

Building the Sea Root bar program from scratch offers new opportunities for Boggan to share his talents. The bar is open

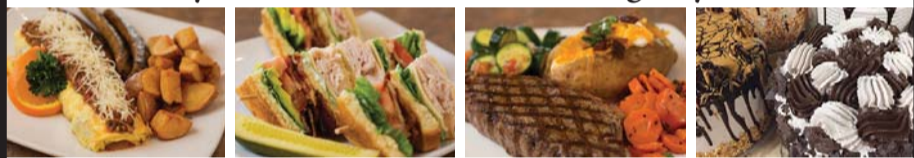
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Bartender Andrew Boggan (top) has returned to the Peninsula and built the cocktail menu at Sea Root in the Hyatt Regency Monterey. And Scottish-born mixologist Daniel Watson plies his craft at the newly reopened Montrio in Monterey.

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Zoom with Wild Fish chef

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Payne notes the recipe is "very versatile," with some flexibility when it comes to ingredients, including the green herbs for the chimichurri and the types of roasted vegetables, whether root in fall and winter or squash in the summer. Payne's lineup for the demo calls for radishes, fennel, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli and beets. For the fish, the recipe lists four 6-ounce pieces of fileted sablefish with the skin on.

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Feb. 20 – Book signing by local photographer C. Noyes "Just Outside Your Window," finding insight, hope and joy, 1-3 p.m. at River House Books, 208 Crossroads Blvd, Carmel

Feb. 21 – A large serving of hilarity tops the menu for nationally acclaimed artist Will Bullas' presentation at the Carmel Woman's Club at 2 p.m. Titled "Just Add Water, Part Two," the famed illustrator's latest collection will feature running commentary along with his inimitable portrayals of animals in human roles. The Carmel Woman's Club is at Ninth and San Carlos in Carmel. Reservations not necessary but proof of vaccinations required. A coffee/tea reception in the outdoor patio immediately follows the program. (831) 624-2866 or (831) 594-6200

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Feb. 24 – Aspire Health Plan Presents: Brain Rules – How to Nourish Your Brain and Sharpen Your Mind. Virtual class set 10-11 a.m. online. While we cannot affect the passage of time, we can affect our passage through time. The food we eat is the building material for our bodies and brain. This class will provide information on nutrition and lifestyle changes to help you make informed choices to maximize your health and grow older with greater vitality. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2022; Call or register to receive details for this FREE event.

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FOOD

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■ Scheid turns 50

Scheid Family Wines, which is based in Greenfield and has a tasting room in downtown Carmel at San Carlos and Seventh, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with special tastings and events throughout the year. Family owned and operated since its inception, the winery now includes more than 3,000 acres of vineyards throughout the Salinas Valley and has long been recognized as an industry leader.

Founder Al Scheid saw the untapped potential in Monterey County wine country in 1972 and planted vineyards, initially

selling all the fruit to other wineries. The operation has since shifted to one that produces more than 700,000 cases annually, using its own fruit, under various labels. Scheid products include Scheid Vineyards, Sunny with a Chance of Flowers (zero sugar, low-calorie, low-alcohol wine), District 7, Ryder Estate, Metz Road, VDR and Stokes' Ghost, as well as many regionally distributed brands and a portfolio of imported wines through a partnership with PH Imports.

The company says it strives for quality, innovation and sustainability, farming vineyards using environmentally friendly and drought-tolerant methods and powering its operations via energy generated by a 400-foot wind turbine. The turbine also supplies enough excess energy to power 125 homes in the community, according to

Scheid. The winery achieved organic certification of its 85-acre White Flower Vineyard in 2020 and farms a significant portion of its estate vineyards using organic farming methods.

Al Scheid, whose 90th birthday is this month, credited his company's success to the employees and their high standards, and promised Scheid will "continue to evolve, looking for ways to expand our portfolio and grow our business."

■ AFRP fundraiser

Sanctuary Vacation Rentals, which is opening offices in the former Knapp Hardware at Mission and Eighth, will host a fundraiser for the nonprofit Animal Friends Rescue Project at Lugano's Swiss Bistro in the Barnyard shopping center March 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Twenty percent of the day's sales will be donated to AFRP, which finds foster families and permanent homes for abandoned, abused, neglected and unwanted pets that might otherwise end up being euthanized. Based in Pacific Grove, AFRP works with local community members and animal shelters to identify and assist the dogs and cats most in need of rescuing. For more information, go to animalfriendsrescue.org.

■ Happy Girl on baking

When they started their Happy Girl Kitchen café in Pacific Grove several years ago, Todd and Jordan Champagne hadn't planned to offer much in the way of baked goods, but their scope evolved to include a range of sweet and savory treats in addition to the pickles and preserves for which they are known.

"To this day, our baked goods are wholesome and made with organic ingredients. We do not use any canola oil, but choose organic safflower instead. We use organic cane sugar, organic maple syrup, blackstrap molasses and honey for sweeteners," Jordan Champagne wrote this week. "One of the most popular items to come out of our bakery is the freshly made sourdough bread. We have a long fermentation process that really helps develop a rich flavor. It simply cannot be rushed."

The little kitchen wasn't built to produce a lot of baked items, but they manage — and it's why they don't sell anything wholesale or offer whole loaves of bread. "Instead, we want you to come in, sit down and enjoy



Scheid Vineyards is turning 50, with (left to right) Heidi Scheid, executive vice president, Al Scheid, founder and chairman of the board, and Scott Scheid, President and CEO, at the helm.

some toast with jam, both of which have increased in deliciousness since the very first day we served them," she said.

Happy Girl is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 173 Central Ave. Call (831) 373-4475 or visit happygirlkitchen.com.

■ Round-Up now in April

Rancho Cielo Youth Campus' annual fundraiser, the Culinary Round-Up, was set to take place in late February but is being postponed to Sunday, April 24, "out of an abundance of caution per the recent Covid-19 spike," organizers said. The event will still take place at the Portola Hotel & Spa at the foot of Alvarado Street from 5 to 8 p.m. and will feature top local chefs and wineries.

Tickets are \$175 per person and can be purchased through ranchocieloyc.org.



Kids at Rancho Cielo will benefit from the school's rescheduled fundraiser, now set for April 24 at the Portola Hotel & Spa.

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MUSIC

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tarist **Dan Frechette**, singer and bassist **Michael Royster** and many others.

Mallory said the new space is great for live music of all genres. "One of the big selling features is that it has a nice stage with sound system and lights, which is something bands will appreciate," he said.

Kabat said the site presents a great opportunity. "The location is right between Monterey and Carmel, so it will draw people from both places," she added. "We've always been about connecting people and the space is laid out very effectively — we think we can create something very meaningful here."

The music begins at 6 p.m. The venue is located in the Red Lion Hotel at 1425 Munras Ave., which many will remember from its days as the Ramada Inn. Call (831) 649-4771.

Female composers celebrated

An all-woman quartet performs music by female composers Thursday at the Sand Box in Sand City.

The concert comes two weeks before International Women's Day, which is set for March 8. The instrumentalists include violinists **Gabriela Diaz**, **Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu** and **Ayane Kozasa**, and cellist **Michelle Djokic**.

"We celebrate International Women's Day with a carefully crafted program of compositions for string quartet by some amazing female composers," Djokic said. "The music is just as amazing as the ladies performing."

The music starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Those who are 14-18 and show proof of vaccination get in free. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave., sandboxsandcity.com.

Live music Feb. 18-24

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Sunday at noon) and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). In the Lucia Restaurant & Bar at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** (jazz and r&b, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

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 7

p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devineck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Lindsay Wall** (Friday at 2 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist **John Vicino** (Sunday at 11:30 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Bobcat Rob** (Monday at 2 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Benny Bassett** (Thursday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Pamela Forman** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd., (831) 899-5825.

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The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Bill Spencer** and bassist **Rick Chelew** (jazz, Friday at 8:30 p.m.) **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Dan Robbins** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Friday, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Sunday at 6

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SPORTS

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the U.S. Naval Academy and her Uncle John started at defensive tackle at Oregon.

Caroline was a double-digit scorer in four of her final five league games, including a team-high 18 points against Gilroy. She also ranks sixth in the PCAL in blocked shots.

“As a sophomore, it is so exciting to be a part of a team with so much potential for this year and the future,” said Byrne, a double-digit scorer in four of Carmel’s final five league games (including a team-high 18 against Gilroy).

“The older girls on the team have been so supportive and encouraging,” she

said. “I knew we had talent, but I am so impressed by the way our team has come together over the past couple of weeks and really started playing team basketball.”

Byrne shares starting status at forward with senior Adeline Crabbe, a first-year varsity basketball player, but a ferocious competitor with mad leadership skills: She earned all-county honors this year as the setter and co-captain of Carmel’s volleyball team. Crabbe, the team’s best jumper, has scored as many as 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds last week against Monterey.

Two other varsity newcomers, Elise Rydeheard and Tosin Oladokun — both juniors — provide Dooner with athleticism, aggression and versatility off the bench.

Rydeheard, a move-in from Kansas, has

rotated into the lineup as a point guard, shooting guard and small forward, showing capability as a scorer (12 points against St. Francis, 10 against Stevenson), a playmaker, a rebounder, and defender.

Oladokun fills in at forward and center, but her quick feet allow her to cover opposing guards on the perimeter when needed.

Revolving door of coaches

Dooner, Carmel’s third head coach in four seasons, credits holdovers Dave Castagna and Alan Shipnuck for maintaining continuity in the program under difficult circumstances.

“Our core group of players has been together for a long time, and they’ve endured a lot of turmoil with the coaching situation, but Dave and Alan have been the constants,” he said.

Castagna immediately deflects praise back to the head coach.

“Coach Dooner took over on very short notice, in the middle of a pandemic, and implemented an offense and defense that allows our players to succeed, both as individuals and as a team,” said the varsity assistant.

Another reason for Carmel’s success, said Castagna, is that the players have bought into the program and been resilient under difficult circumstances, testing weekly for Covid, wearing masks without complaint and making personal sacri-

fices for the good of the team.

His daughter, Summer, credits team unity for the success.

“The vibe is amazing, especially since we’ve had such big turnover in coaching,” said the senior. “This team is super hard-working, with zero drama — so much spirit, and never any bad energy.”

And certainly not least of all, the core of this team has been playing basketball together for a long time on summer teams and in middle school.

“I’ve grown up playing with this same group of girls since the sixth grade. I’ve had lots of time to learn the way my teammates play their game,” said Shipnuck, the playmaker.

“Being able to sprint down the court and send the ball ahead for Elle to lay up, or a quick one into the lane for Summer or Delaney, and watch them finish time after time ... that never gets old,” she added.

The Division 4 bracket will include 12 teams, including perennial powers Harker (22-1 this season) and Menlo (13-7, with a 58-49 nonleague victory over Harker on Jan. 25).

“I doubt that our players have an understanding of how difficult and rare it is to get to the quarterfinals, the semifinals and beyond,” said Dooner, who guided a powerhouse Monterey High team (led by Eva Real, Sani Roseby, Rose Fa’avesi, Jeanesta Linen, and Amy Russo) to the CCS semis in 1997-98.

“I think our girls are cautiously optimistic,” he said. “They feel like they can compete with anybody when they play their best, but they also know we don’t always play our best. And when you get to CCS, there’s not a whole lot of margin for error.”

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Tom Dooner (left), Carmel’s first-year head coach, guided Monterey to the CCS semifinals 34 years ago. Junior Abby Shipnuck (right), a point guard since the sixth grade, leads the PCAL in assists and steals.



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MORE MUSIC

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p.m.). 750 Cannery Row, (831) 375-4500.

Juice and Java in Pacific Grove — Open Mic Night (Friday at 6 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8652.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — mandolinist **Dave Holdiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., Suite F, (831) 656-9533.

La Playa Hotel — The David Morwood Band (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.). In Bud's Bar, Camino Real, (800) 582-8900.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer **Hayley Jane** (rock, Sunday at 6 p.m.). In The Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 624-3811.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Tammi Brown** and bassist **Dan Robbins** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer **Janice Perl** and pianist **Jon Dryden** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddalaine Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.) and multi-instrumentalist

Casey Wickstrom (blues and rock, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 646-1700.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Sam Cauthorn** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** (Americana, Saturday at 5 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Peter Martin** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St., (831) 747-1911.

Rio Grill — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer **Hayley Jane** (rock, Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at noon). Crossroads shopping center, (831) 625-5436.

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 920-2327.

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St., (831) 375-3775.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **The Joy Bonner Band** (pop, rock and soul, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Rockafellas Band** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami & The Shoulder Hoppers** (rock, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.) and **Brad Wilson & Rolling Thunder** (rock and blues, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

Tarpy's in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Friday at 5 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz and blues, Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist **Scott**

Slaughter (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68, (831) 647-1444.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** (Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Peter Martin** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** with pianist **Bob Phillips**, saxophonist **Paul Contos**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (Friday, Saturday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8523.

ART

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■ 'Rock, Paper and Stone'

The Edge Gallery in Carmel Valley welcomes a pop-up show by sculptor Stefani Esta, "Rock, Paper and Stone," through Feb. 28.

"The first time I saw her work I was swept off my feet," gallery owner Suzanne O'Neal recalled. "One afternoon I visited Stefani at her studio and found her standing at the top of a 10-foot ladder, wearing a pair of coveralls, chiseling away at an enormous piece of stone. The sheer strength and effort required to create in these mediums is Herculean — her depth of understanding of these materials is profound."

Open Thursday through Sunday, the gallery is located at 8 Del Fino Place. Call (831) 659-4192.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CARLOS CARRANZA

Case Number 22PR00024
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CARLOS CARRANZA.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GAELA SMITH in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that GAELA SMITH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: March 9, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13

Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Matthew Hart
3432 Hillcrest Ave., Ste 125
Antioch, CA 94531
(925) 754-2000

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on
Publication dates: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2022. (PC204)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220198
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALL-N-1 JUNK REMOVAL, 1119 Rockhaven Ct., Salinas, CA 93906.**
Mailing address: **730 Williams Rd., Apt. 175, Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s): PAUL LUIS MADALON, 1119 Rockhaven Ct., Salinas, CA 93906.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 28, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Paul Luis Magallon
Date signed: Jan. 28, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 2022.

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: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022. (PC 206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220207
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TWO MONTEREY, 425 Alvarado Street, Monterey, CA 93940.**
Mailing address: **1491 Cypress Drive, P.O. Box 47, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **THE WHISKY CLUB MONTEREY LLC, 5 Marietta Ct., Seaside, CA 93940.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 25, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Mitchel Sawhney, Managing Member
Date: Jan. 31, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 31, 2022.

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: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 (PC208)

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS (PROBATE CODE §§ 19003, 19040(b), 19052)

In re the Estate of ANTHONY J. RUSSO, Deceased Case Number 22PR00038

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey at 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and deliver a copy to PAULA A. BURKLEO, as Trustee of the RUSSO FAMILY 2004 REVOCABLE TRUST dated February 17, 2004, and as amended with that First Amendment on April 19, 2012 and that Second Amendment Dated September 17, 2012, of which the decedent was the settlor, at 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2, Carmel, California 93923, as provided in Probate Code § 1215 within the later of four (4) months after FEBRUARY 11, 2022 (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code § 19103. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.
Date: Feb. 2, 2022
UTE M. ISBILL-WILLIAMS, Attorney for Trustee
26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2
Carmel, California 93923
Publication dates: Feb. 11, 18, 25, 2022. (PC209)

LEGAL DEADLINE:

Tuesday 3:00 pm
legals@carmelpinecone.com

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW

CASE NUMBER: 21F000150

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: SALVADOR C. A. BUEDIA

You are being sued.
PETITIONER'S NAME IS: BEATRIZ PEREZ LOPEZ

You have **30 CALENDAR DAYS** after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE – THE RESTRAINING ORDERS ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

FEES WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MONTEREY
1200 Agujito Road
Monterey, CA 93940
The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: BEATRIZ PEREZ LOPEZ
P.O. Box 1658
Soledad, CA 93960
383-0025

This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 10, 2021
Publication Dates: Feb. 11, 18, 25; March 4, 2022. (PC 210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220253
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NEXT DENTISTRY, 110 Harden Parkway, Suite 102, Salinas, CA 93906.**

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **VERONIKA VAZQUEZ DBS, INC., 110 Harden Parkway, Suite 102, Salinas, CA 93906.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 3, 2022.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Veronika Vazquez, President
Date: Feb. 3, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 3, 2022.

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: Feb. 11, 18, 25; March 4, 2022 (PC211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220212

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. Carmel Valley Athletic Club, 2. CVAC, 3. Refuge, 27200 Ranch San Carlos Rd., Carmel, CA 93923
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): CVAC, INC., 27200 Ranch San Carlos

Rd., Carmel, CA 93923

This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. CVAC, INC.
S/ ADAM TIGHT, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/31/2022.
2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/22
CNS-3553252#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Feb. 11, 18, 25; March 4, 2022 (PC212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220213

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KRML, 27200 Ranch San Carlos Rd., Carmel, CA 93923 County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): KRML Radio LLC, 27200 Ranch San Carlos Rd., Carmel, CA 93923
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
KRML Radio LLC
S/ Adam Tight, Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/31/2022.
2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/22
CNS-3553245#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Feb. 11, 18, 25; March 4, 2022 (PC213)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CV000325
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, RAMON NAJAR JR., filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: RAMON NAJAR JR.
Proposed name: RAMON MARIO NAJAR
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: March 25, 2022
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 14

The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 3, 2022
Publication Dates: Feb. 11, 18, 25; March 4, 2022. (PC 214)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220259

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ISAACSON EXCAVATION, 720 Grove Acre Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): ROBERT LEE ISAACSON, 720 Grove Acre Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Robert Lee Isaacson
Date signed: Feb. 4, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 4, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220219

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **QUINTON LEONARD CROSBY ESTATE, 1093 Broadway Avenue Deposit Box 101, Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of MONTEREY.
Registrant(s): ROBERT LEE ISAACSON, 720 Grove Acre Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Jared Eris, President
Date: Jan. 20, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 24, 2022.

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: Feb. 11, 18, 25; March 4, 2022 (PC218)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220192

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LUXURY SPA 88, 1626 N Main St., Salinas, CA 93906.**
County of Principal Place of Business: FRESNO.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **LUXURY SPA 88, 1626 N Main St., Salinas, CA 93906.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Vinh Phu Pham
Date: Jan. 27, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 27, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220206

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ZUCCHINI'S TRICKS N' THINGS, 711 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): MIGUEL ANGEL VASQUEZ, 8811 Vista De Tierra Cir., Castroville, CA 93912.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
Date signed: Jan. 5, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 5, 2022.

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: Feb. 11, 18, 25; March 4, 2022. (PC 215)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220153

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CENTRAL CA COMMERCIAL, 12353 N. Friant Rd., Fresno, CA 93730.**
County of Principal Place of Business: FRESNO.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **ENNIS COMMERCIAL & INVESTMENTS, INC., 12353 N. Friant Rd., Fresno, CA 93730.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 25, 2016.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Jared Eris, President
Date: Jan. 20, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 24, 2022.

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: Feb. 11, 18, 25; March 4, 2022 (PC218)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220169

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Quinton Leonard Crosby Estate, 1093 Broadway Avenue Deposit Box 101, Seaside, CA 93955
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): Quintin Leonard Crosby, 501 Michigan Boulevard Apartment 24, West Sacramento, CA 95691
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Quinton Leonard Crosby,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/25/2022.
2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11/22
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Publication dates: Feb. 18, 25; March 4, 11, 2022 (PC224)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CV000182
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, TRACY SANBORN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name:
 TRACY SANBORN
Proposed name:
 GEORGIA MILES SANBORN
 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. 25, 2022
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.
 DEPT: 13
 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, Carmel.
 (s) Thomas W. Wills, CCP 635
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: Jan. 19, 2022
 Publication Dates: Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2022. (PC 123)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 20220094
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NEW CAMALDOLI HERMITAGE, 62475 Highway 1, Big Sur, California 93920.**
Mailing address: P.O. Box 4158, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-4158.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAMALDOLESE HERMITS OF AMERICA, 62475 Highway 1, Big Sur, California 93920.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a corporation.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above on June 6, 1975. **BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
 S/Cyprian Consiglio (Phillip), President
 Date: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 13, 2022.
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: Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2022. (PC125)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (PROBATE CODE §§ 19003, 19040(b), 19052) In re the Estate of ADELINE F. ROSS, Deceased Case Number 22PRO0013
 Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and deliver a copy to GAIL TAEKO HAYASHI and LORI GREEN, as Co-Trustees of The ADELINE F. ROSS 2001 TRUST dated January 18, 2001, and as amended and restated in its entirety by that First Amendment on January 17, 2013, of which the decedent was the settlor, at 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2, Carmel, California 93923, as provided in Probate Code § 1215 within the later of four (4) months after JANUARY 28, 2022 (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file

a late claim as provided in Probate Code § 19103. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk; for your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.
 Dated: Jan. 12, 2022
 UTE, M. ISBILL-WILLIAMS, Attorney for Co-Trustees
 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2
 Carmel, California 93923
 Publication dates: Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 2022. (PC 126)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 22CV000233
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, DENISE E. WINDHAM, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name:
 DENISE E. WINDHAM
Proposed name:
 DENISE E. KEELE
 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: Mar. 11, 2022
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.
 DEPT: 15
 The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
 (s) Thomas W. Wills
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: Jan. 26, 2022
 Publication Dates: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022. (PC 201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 20220136
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. THE WHISKEY CLUB
2. THE WHISKEY CLUB
3. TWC
4. TWC11
425 Alvarado Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
Mailing address: 1491 Cypress Drive,

P.O. Box 47, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: THE WHISKEY CLUB MONTEREY LLC, 5 Marietta Ct., Seaside, CA 93940.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 21, 2021.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
 S/Mitchel Sawhney, Managing Member
 Date: Jan. 20, 2022.
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 20, 2022.
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: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 (PC203)

LEGALS DEADLINE — TUESDAY 3:00 PM
legals@carmelpinecone.com

Para más información sobre esta reunión pública, y cómo este cambio impactará su factura, llame al 888-237-1333.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM (Public Participation Hearing) California-American Water Company's (California American Water) Request to Increase its Cost of Capital APPLICATION 21-05-001

How can I participate?

California American Water and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. You are invited to participate in a Public Forum, also called a Public Participation Hearing (PPH), about California American Water's request to increase its cost of capital.

This Public Forum is part of a formal proceeding that will be documented and placed into the formal record so the CPUC can make a decision about California American Water's request. You can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application.

You can also provide written public comments at any time during the proceeding at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2105001. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Where and when will this Virtual Public Forum be held?

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 6 p.m.

Phone Number: 1-800-857-1917, Pass Code: 1673482#

Webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/

The Public Forum can be viewed via internet, or listened to via phone, with the information above. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone using the phone number and pass code above and **pressing *1**. Your participation by providing your thoughts on California American Water's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

Please note: if you need a language interpreter, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office using the contact information at the end of this notice at least five business days before the Public Forum.

Why am I receiving this notice?

On May 1, 2021, California American Water filed its Cost of Capital application, A.21-05-001, with the CPUC. In the application, California American Water is requesting an increase to its cost of capital, which is the rate of return the company is authorized to earn on its investments in critical infrastructure to deliver safe and reliable water and/or wastewater service. If approved by the CPUC, California American Water's total revenue requirement will increase by 2.61 percent or \$7,305,000 annually.

If the CPUC approves this application, California American Water will recover forecasted costs in rates over a three-year period effective January 1, 2022. This will impact your bill.

Why is California American Water requesting this increase to its cost of capital?

- Every three years California American Water is required to file a Cost of Capital application with the CPUC.
- The Cost of Capital application determines the cost of financing infrastructure and determines the allowed return on equity and debt. It also determines the amount of equity and debt used by California American Water.
- California American Water is requesting an increased rate of return on its financing to attract investment in infrastructure used to provide safe, reliable water and wastewater service to its customers.

How could this affect my water bill?

If California American Water's proposed Cost of Capital application is approved by the CPUC, the typical bill impacts by customer class are outlined in the following tables for customers in the Central Division.

AUTHORIZED REVENUE INCREASE		
	AMOUNT (\$1,000)	%
CENTRAL DIVISION	\$2,401	3.18%

MONTEREY MAIN TARIFF AREA (including service areas in cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City, Seaside, Hidden Hills and Ryan Ranch subdivisions, Bishop subdivision and certain unincorporated areas in the County of Monterey)

CUSTOMER CLASS	Typical Meter Size (inches)	Average Monthly Usage (CGL)	2022 Projected Bill at Current Cost of Capital	\$ Increase	2022 Projected Bill at Proposed Cost of Capital	% Increase
Single Family Residential	5/8 x 3/4"	38.44	\$116.28	\$3.69	\$119.97	3.18%
Multifamily Residential	5/8 x 3/4"	184.00	\$970.18	\$30.80	\$1,000.98	3.18%
Non-Residential - Division 1	1"	194.00	\$631.63	\$20.05	\$651.68	3.18%
Non-Residential - Division 2	1"	194.00	\$687.02	\$21.81	\$708.83	3.18%
Non-Residential - Division 3	1"	194.00	\$742.40	\$23.57	\$765.98	3.18%
Non-Residential - Division 4	1"	194.00	\$1,296.37	\$41.16	\$1,337.53	3.18%

CENTRAL SATELLITES TARIFF AREA (including service areas in Ambler, Toro, Ralph Lane, and Garrapata)

CUSTOMER CLASS	Typical Meter Size (inches)	Average Monthly Usage (CGL)	2022 Projected Bill at Current Cost of Capital	\$ Increase	2022 Projected Bill at Proposed Cost of Capital	% Increase
Residential	5/8 x 3/4"	92.26	\$123.57	\$3.92	\$127.50	3.18%
Commercial	2"	503.69	\$866.75	\$27.52	\$894.27	3.18%
Public Authority	2"	413.92	\$734.97	\$23.34	\$758.31	3.18%

CHUALAR TARIFF AREA

CUSTOMER CLASS	Typical Meter Size (inches)	Average Monthly Usage (CGL)	2022 Projected Bill at Current Cost of Capital	\$ Increase	2022 Projected Bill at Proposed Cost of Capital	% Increase
Residential	5/8 x 3/4"	146.74	\$43.79	\$0	\$43.79	0.00%
Commercial	1"	82.91	\$36.93	\$0	\$36.93	0.00%
Public Authority	2"	581.22	\$74.40	\$0	\$74.40	0.00%

How does the rest of this process work?

This application has been assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt California American Water's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding will review California American Water's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact California American Water
 Phone: **1-888-237-1333**
 Email: cawc.customeradvocacy@amwater.com
 Mail: California American Water
 4701 Beloit Drive
 Sacramento, CA 95838

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at amwater.com/rate_app.

Contact CPUC

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:
 Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074
 Email: PublicAdvisor@cpuc.ca.gov
 Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
 505 Van Ness Avenue
 San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Application 21-05-001** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

Publication date: Feb. 18, 2022 (PC219)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID NO. 22-01

For the Potrero Water Treatment Plant Project At Potrero Trail in The Santa Lucia Preserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District ("District") hereby calls for sealed bid proposals to be received by the Executive Assistant of the District, at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93023 on or before Thursday, **February 24, 2022** at 4:00 pm U.S. Pacific Time Zone, verified at www.time.gov.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of Santa Lucia Preserve Community Services District (OWNER), located at 1 Rancho San Carlos Rd., Carmel, CA, 93923, until 4:00 PM, on February 24, 2022, Potrero Water Treatment Plant Project – Iron and Manganese Filtration Treatment Equipment Supply Proposal. Any proposals received after the specified date and time will not be considered.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to select a SUPPLIER with demonstrated experience in providing equipment for treating potable groundwater using a permanent catalytic adsorptive media for iron and manganese removal. The selected SUPPLIER will supply the treatment system and related equipment to the OWNER as specified herein. The selected SUPPLIER must guarantee to hold their pricing until a purchase order is awarded. The estimated date for the award of the equipment contract is March 3, 2022.

OBTAINING PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS: The proposal documents are titled "Santa Lucia Preserve Iron and Manganese Filter Treatment Project. Iron and Manganese Treatment Equipment Supply Proposal". Attached to the proposal documents are the conceptual design drawings for the treatment plant site. The proposal documents may be obtained at the Santa Lucia Preserve office at 1 Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

SITE OF WORK: The iron and manganese treatment system and related equipment shall be delivered to the Potrero Water Treatment Plant jobsite in Carmel, CA.

OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals will be received and evaluated by the OWNER following the proposal receipt deadline. At 4:00 pm February 24, 2022 the Bid Proposals will be taken by the Executive Assistant of the District and opened and publicly read by her or her authorized representative. All bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The bids, together with a report of the bidders and the respective amounts of the bids, will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION: All communications relative to this project, prior to the opening of the proposals, shall be directed in writing via email to the OWNER of the project.

Santa Lucia Preserve
 1 Rancho San Carlos Rd.
 Carmel, California, 93923
 Telephone (831) 620-6780
 Contact: Aimee Dahle
adahle@santaluciapreserve.com

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality in a proposal, and to make award to the SUPPLIER that will best serve the interest of the DISTRICT as determined by the BOARD in the evaluation process. The DISTRICT reserves the right to conduct discussions with responsive SUPPLIER'S for the purpose of assuring full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements

Date of Publication: February 4th, 11th & 18th, 2022

By order of the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Service District.
 State of California
 Forrest Arthur General Manager

Publication dates: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2022 (PC207)

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