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SUPES ALLOCATE \$1 MILLION TO CUT DOWN EUCALYPTUS

By CHRIS COUNTS

TAKING ON trees that many see as a nuisance, not to mention a fire hazard, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to spend nearly \$1 million to remove eucalyptus trees in North County.

District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church, who represents the area, reported that about 75 of his constituents have already expressed interest in the program. Church made a motion to pass the proposal, which was seconded by District 4 Supervisor Wendy Askew.

“Eucalyptus are one of the most flammable trees in the world,” Church said. “The only issue I can think of that would have more unanimity would be filling potholes, and I hope this can be expanded elsewhere in the county.”

‘Like matchsticks’

A number of North County residents told supervisors at the hearing that the program is needed to confront the fire risks posed by eucalyptus trees, which were introduced from Australia in the 19th century as a potential timber source and touted for their ability to grow quickly in many conditions. It turned out the trees were lousy for timber, but they adapted so well that, in a few decades, they dominated much of the California landscape.

“We have a stand of full-grown eucalyptus in a perfect row,” property owner Kate Edwards told the board of supervisors. “They’ve already started one fire, and luckily it was in the middle of winter. These are a real threat to my house and my neighbor’s house.”

A resident and an advisor for the Fire Safe Council for Monterey County, Robert Vitale of Aromas, warned that,

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

In 2019, a worker cuts down a giant eucalyptus tree on San Antonio near Fourth in Carmel.

Cal Am plugging away on desal plant permits

By KELLY NIX

WHILE THE effort continues to expand wastewater reclamation for the Monterey Peninsula, California American Water is forging ahead with plans to build a desalination plant — which it contends is the only way to ensure a drought-free water supply for the region.

Cal Am, which provides water service to 40,000 homes and business in the Peninsula, got approval from the California Coastal Commission Nov. 17, 2022, to build a desal plant in Marina with an initial capacity of 4.8 million gallons per day of purified water.

Company spokesman Josh Stratton said this week that the company is shooting for late 2025 to begin construction on the desal plant, slant wells, pipelines and other components. The work is expected to take a little more than two years to complete.

“There is still a false narrative out there that the desal project has not been approved,” Stratton said. “I want to make it clear that we have been approved by the California

Pastor, coastal commission agree on Rocky Point

■ ‘Everyone should be able to enjoy the spectacular views’

By MARY SCHLEY

PATRICE PASTOR’S plan to redevelop and reopen Rocky Point restaurant took a huge step forward this week with the release of a report from the California Coastal Commission setting out a plan for Pastor to undo extensive illegal work done by previous owners and provide permanent public access at the scenic and historic property, which is about 12 miles south of Carmel.

According to coastal commission planner Rob Modellmog, Pastor has signed a nearly 40-page agreement that is set for adoption by the coastal commission at its June 14 meeting.

Closed since 2020

Pastor told The Pine Cone this week that he’s pleased to have come to an agreement to settle the issues he inherited when he bought Rocky Point, that he’s been happy to provide public access since he acquired the property and will continue to do so.

“Everyone should be able to enjoy the spectacular views available from this beautiful piece of land,” he said. “It is one of the best views in the world.”

Pastor and his company, Esperanza Carmel LLC, purchased the 2.5-acre property, which includes the iconic restaurant and three attached

apartments, for \$8 million in November 2021 from the family of Peter and Grace Wang. Monterey County owns much of the land surrounding the Rocky Point property, including the driveway from Highway 1 to the parking area.

The Wangs purchased the property in December 2012 for \$4,550,000, and, according to Modellmog, their Coastal Act violations began a few years later.

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With its stunning location and amazing views of the Big Sur coastline, Rocky Point has for decades been an iconic California destination.

County reduces housing target in Carmel Valley

■ More than 1,000 possible units cut

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER RESIDENTS pushed back against an attempt by Monterey County officials to identify sites for about 2,500 housing units in Carmel Valley to meet state housing mandates, the county this week eliminated several sites from the plan, included a large property that could accommodate more than 1,000 homes.

One property that was taken out of the plan was a 557-acre parcel just off Carmel Valley Road near the entrance to Palo Corona Park, where 1,020 units could conceivably have been constructed, including more than 800 market-rate homes, along with 62 units for very low-income residents. A total of 1,142 units were taken out of the plan, but that still leaves about 1,350.

Affordable housing was discussed at length during Wednesday’s county planning commission meeting,

which hosted another workshop on the effort to update the county’s housing plan.

The news was welcomed by the Carmel Valley Association, which has long pushed for fewer homes in the area — unless they are “truly affordable and well planned.”

“We think it’s moving in the right direction,” Walton told The Pine Cone. “We still have a couple more areas where we’re looking to reduce the numbers.”

Affordability crisis

Walton insisted the group isn’t against growth in Carmel Valley. Instead, she said they advocate for more affordable housing, which she calls a “critical need,” and less market-rate housing.

“We’ve already got enough market-rate houses,” she said. “We have to be responsible in making sure Carmel Valley exists as a real community that is accessible to the different socioeconomic levels of people who work here.”

At Wednesday’s hearing, Walton urged the planning commission and, ultimately, the board of supervisors, to focus their efforts on creating affordable housing. “That’s where the crisis in housing is,” she said.

Previously, planning commissioner Kate Daniels suggested that the county is relying on creating high-end housing to subsidize low-end units, and the strategy has failed to develop any meaningful cheaper dwellings.

While the reduction of sites identified in Carmel Valley was welcome news for many, county official Craig Spencer noted that there are limits to how many can be removed.

“You can’t remove all of the sites, and you can only remove so many before the numbers don’t meet the state mandates,” Spencer said.

Walton, meanwhile, in a message to CVA members, also said the strategy of using high-end housing to fund less expensive housing isn’t working. “A major shift in the methodology focusing on the delivery of affordable housing is required.”

‘A major shift in the method of providing affordable units is required’

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

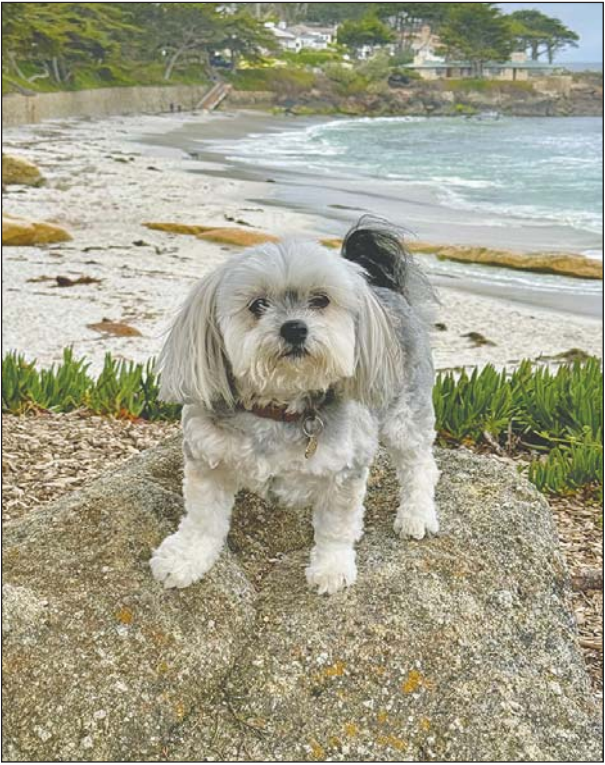
Canine culture

Bizbee is a family “rehome,” whose people have no idea what she is, so they delight in taking a poll among passersby who stop along Ocean Avenue to pet the “dear little dog.”

“Most people think she’s a Maltese-Shih Tsu mix,” said her person, “or they show me pictures of various breeds who look just like her. We’ve had her six years and imagine she’s 10, maybe 11 years old. She still looks like a pup.”

Although the little dog’s name was Bizbee when they met, her people found it unflattering and planned to change it. Told by Carmelites they couldn’t change her name — it would be like changing the name of a Carmel cottage — they settled on Bee.

Bee’s person, a writer, and his wife, both Hollister



High graduates, were married at La Playa back in the day. Ultimately anchored in San Diego, they had been coming to Carmel for weekends of writing for so long, they finally decided to stay. It doesn’t get more Bohe-mian than an author, sitting in an upstairs apartment above a downtown business, writing. Passersby can look up to see the glow of the light and imagine the story unfolding across the page.

Introduce a little doggie in the window, and it doesn’t get more “Carmel culture” than that.

For Bee, it’s about sitting patiently on her person’s lap or nearby, waiting. She used to hope for a trip to the beach, until a rogue rover came racing across the sand and attacked her. Now, she just wants affection.

“Everyone said that dog must have been visiting,” said Bee’s person, “since he didn’t know how to play nice at the beach.”

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All but one school board seat up for election in November

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH VOTERS set to choose four out of the five Carmel Unified School District Board of Education trustees Nov. 5 due to the district’s move from at-large elections to trustee areas, “pretty much the whole district area is up for grabs,” as board President Jason RemyNSE put it.

In fall 2022, the board unanimously voted to shift from at-large elections and break the district into five separate trustee areas with a seat available in each. Trustees serve staggered four-year terms, with three up for a vote during presidential election years and the other two open during mid-term-election years.

The change was made to help CUSD

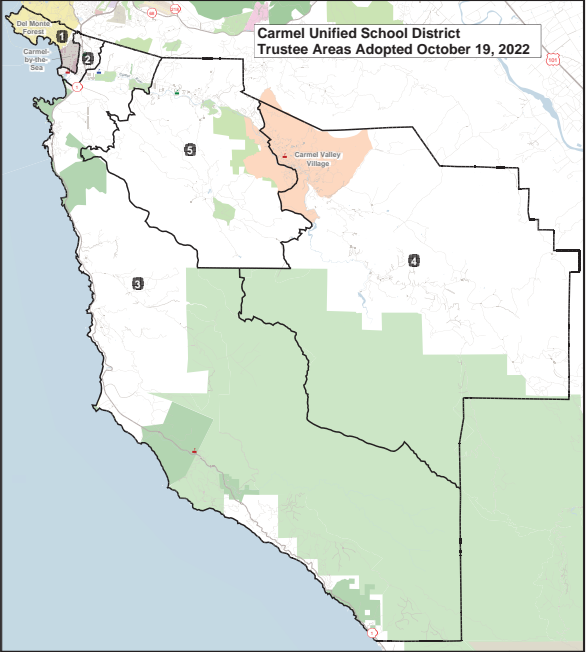
comply with the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, which states, “An at-large method of election may not be imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election,” and defines protected classes as “members of a race, color, or language minority group.”

Based on population

As a result, the school board approved a map that was confirmed by the Monterey County Office of Education in late 2022. Roughly, it divides the sprawling district by putting Pebble Beach and Carmel-by-the-Sea in one area, the mouth of the valley and unincorporated Carmel down to Ribera Road in the second, Carmel Valley to Quail Lodge and then south all the way down the Big Sur coast in the third, Carmel Valley east of Quail to the western portion of the Village and south of the Santa Lucia Preserve in the fourth, and the rest of the Village and Cachagua in the fifth.

The size differences are so vast because they’re based on population, and the maps are valid until 2031, when they can be adjusted, if needed, based on the next U.S. Census.

At last month’s board meeting, attorney William Tunick explained voters in trustee areas 1 (Carmel and Del Monte Forest), 3 (a large swath that starts with the western portion of Carmel



GRAPHIC/CARMEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Some of the new Carmel school board districts are huge, including one that stretches all the way from Jacks Peak to McWay Creek.

See **ELECTION** page 17A



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Police & Sheriff's Log

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

TUESDAY, MAY 21

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

Pacific Grove: A 35-year-old male was arrested at Lighthouse and 17th for battery, trespassing, shoplifting and probation violation. He was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property at Lighthouse and Eighth.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog at large on Central.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Marino Pines Road, Fountain Avenue and Spruce Avenue were marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Report of a burglary on Forest Avenue. A 63-year-old male was arrested at Central and 19th for first-degree burglary, violation of probation and public intoxication. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$57,500 bail.

Carmel area: Deputies conducted a pro-

bation search at a residence on Palo Colorado Road and located cannabis, methamphetamine and various prescription medications for sale. The suspect is a 17-year-old male.

Carmel area: Report of neglect at a residence on Ribera Road.

Carmel Valley: Village Drive resident reported his son was bitten by a neighbor's dog.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Fifth east of Monte Verde reported a subject often passes by their residence and stops in front of their house. The subject then looks and stares in a creepy way. The person also noticed damage to a private tree. There was also a similar incident at the beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle theft reported on Ridgewood Drive.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Forest Avenue passed away after a medical emergency.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances on Monte Verde south of 13th. Referred to Adult Protective Services.

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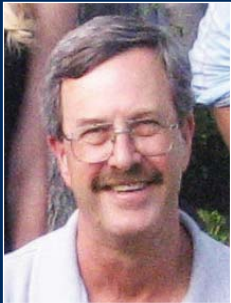
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The gavel falls

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

May 17 — Judge Rafael Vazquez sentenced Alan Christophe Ortiz, 30, to prison for 4 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. On Feb. 28, Ortiz plead to one count of committing a lewd act on a 15-year-old child. Ortiz admitted a prior serious and violent felony under California's Three Strikes Law. Ortiz was also ordered to register as a sex offender.

On Aug. 8, 2023, Salinas Police Department Commander Gabriel Garcia was dispatched to the area of E. Alvin Drive and Natividad Road regarding a sexual battery that had occurred. Commander Garcia contacted Jane Doe, who told Garcia that she was walking her dog near E. Alvin Drive and Natividad Road. While waiting for the light to change, Ortiz approached her and kneeled to pet her dog. However, instead of petting the dog, Ortiz moved his right hand up Doe's leg and grabbed her right thigh. Ortiz continued to move his hand up Doe's thigh. Doe stepped backwards, away from Ortiz. Ortiz was a complete stranger to Doe and she did not know what to do at the moment. A witness saw the incident and confronted Ortiz, who walked away from Doe and the witness.

Officers located Ortiz two days later and arrested him.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Commander Gabriel Garcia and other officers from the Salinas Police Department.

May 29 — Gonzalo and Jose Echeverria, who are cousins, were convicted by a jury of two counts of first-degree murder with the special circumstances of lying in wait and multiple murder. Each was additionally convicted of personal discharge of a firearm causing death, shooting into an occupied vehicle, and two counts of assault with a semi-automatic firearm.

On Feb. 5, 2022, Jesus Villa (22 years old) and Karina Chavez (23 years old) were gunned down in their vehicle near Closter Park in Salinas. Villa worked helping the elderly and had an interest in health. In May of that year, Chavez would have graduated from CSUMB with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.

The couple entered their vehicle parked at the corner of Grandhaven and Towt Streets at 8:18 p.m. so Villa could drive Chavez home.

See **GAVEL** page 20A



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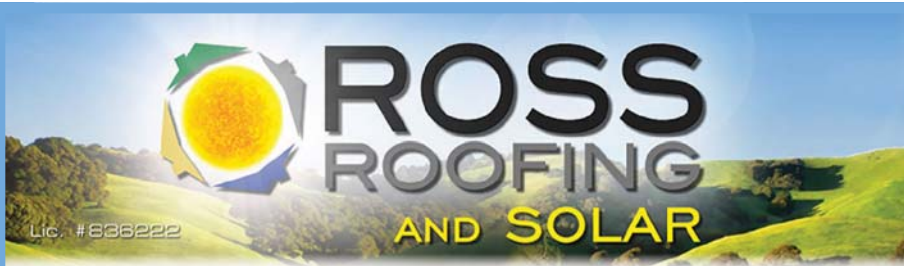
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Dentist to pay nearly \$240,000
in penalties for false invoices

By KELLY NIX

A SEASIDE dentist who at one point faced several felony charges, including insurance fraud and grand theft, has pleaded to two misdemeanors to resolve several criminal and civil cases against him, according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.

Dr. Ayman Adeeb, 44, admitted guilt to two counts of public nuisance related to billing insurance companies for procedures he never performed, contracting without a license and failing to pay workers’ compensation insurance, district attorney Jean-nine Pacioni said.

“Improper billing raises costs for everyone, and charges for services not rendered filter down to the consumer in the form of higher premiums and greater scrutiny of claimed charges, including legitimate ones,” according to the prosecutors.

As part of his plea deal, Adeeb will pay a civil penalty of \$200,000 for violating state Business and Professions Code section 17200, which includes unfair competition, a \$10,000 penalty for violating the workers’ comp insurance mandate, \$23,000 restitution to insurance company Anthem and \$5,380 to Humana.

County prosecutors in November 2022 charged Adeeb with two counts of

insurance fraud, alleging he “aided, abetted, solicited and conspired” to make a “false and fraudulent claim for payment in health care benefit,” two counts of grand theft by false pretenses, and one count of conspiracy to commit a crime, all felonies, court records show.

Billing issues

Two days before the DA’s office announced Adeeb’s plea deal, records also indicate it filed a civil complaint against Monterey Dental Center, the clinic Adeeb owned and operated, alleging that beginning in January 2020, it “claimed to have performed the localized application of an anti-microbial agent” and presented Anthem with “at least 500 unsupported requests for billing” which were “not substantiated,” along with at least 100 unsubstantiated billing claims with Humana.

“By resolving these cases, the Monterey County District Attorney seeks to ensure confidence in the health care system,” the office said.

Adeeb ran for a seat on the Seaside City Council in 2020 but was not elected.

To report possible medical insurance billing improprieties, the DA’s office asks that consumers fill out an online form at shorturl.at/s61XR or call the consumer fraud unit at (831) 647-7710.

Garland Park wildflower show

AN ABUNDANCE of rain this spring has made it banner year for nature’s annual bloom at Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley, which celebrates the 25th anniversary of its annual Wildflower Show Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

According to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, more than 100

species of plants will be displayed at the park’s visitors center.

Besides presenting a dazzling display of wildflowers that bloom with the parks’ boundaries, the family-friendly event offers attendees a wealth of information about the local vegetation, as well as its relationship with pollinators like bees. The park is at 700 W. Carmel Valley Rd.



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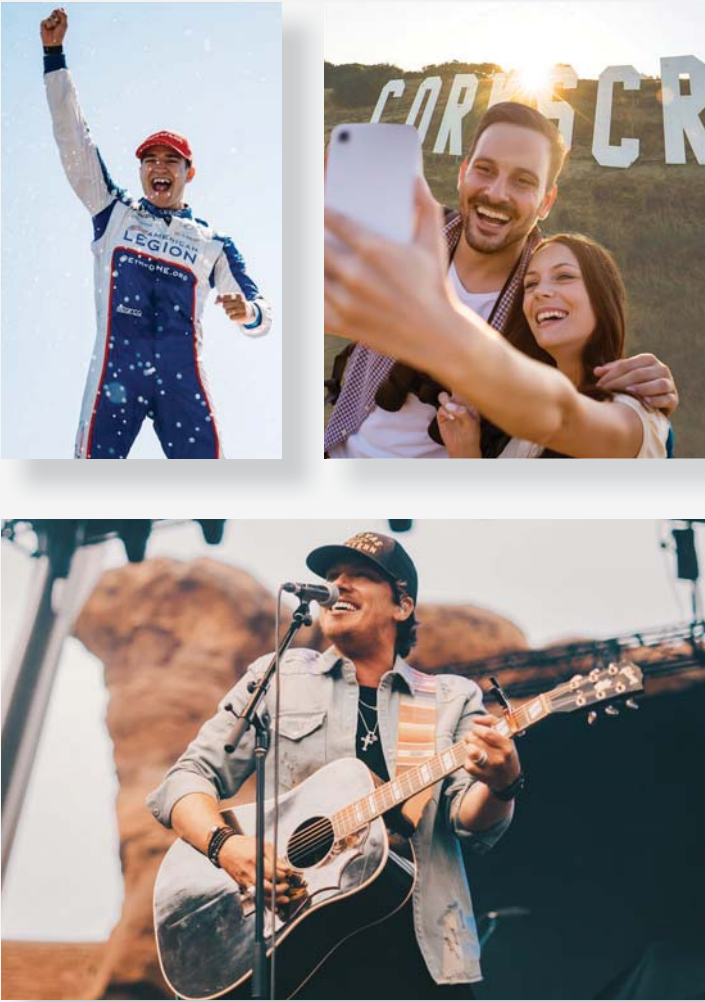
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Hwy. 1 at Paul’s Slide to reopen in July

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE MOTHER of all Big Sur road-blocks, Paul’s Slide has been preventing travel between Carmel and Cambria since January 2023. An announcement this week that Highway 1 will reopen at Paul’s Slide “by early to mid-July” doesn’t change that — but it’s welcome news for northbound tourists seeking to reach parts of Big Sur as far north as Lucia and the New Camaldoli Hermitage.

“Crews are installing the last of three culverts which will convey water and debris below the roadway,” Kevin Drabinski of the state roads agency reported. “Crews are also installing base material prior to final paving. In coming weeks, crews will install guardrail, protective barriers, and place final striping.”

“To make the site more secure against future slides, the alignment of the highway has been altered.

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In part to address slide activity at this location, the roadway has been moved slightly inland and elevated at its south end,” the spokesperson explained. “The repair will feature an expanded catchment area between the travel lanes and the slope. A concrete protective barrier and fencing

will also extend along the northbound shoulder.”

Once the highway reopens, motorists from the south will be able to reach some Big Sur destinations for the first time in 18 months. “The southern closure of Highway 1, currently in place at Limekiln State Park, will move north and open direct access to the community of Lucia, the New Camaldoli Hermitage, and area residents,” Drabinski reported.

The site has kept work crews busy for decades.

“Paul’s Slide has been a known active slide area for much of the history of Highway 1 on the Big Sur coast,” Drabinski added. “Continued movement of the mountain at various locations within the repair zone proved a challenge during construction and will continue to be a background dynamic of the reopened highway.”

Since January 2023, more than 500,000 yards of dirt, rock and debris have fallen on the pavement. The work to clear and repair the road, which presented an enormous challenge due to Big Sur’s steep topography, has been slowed by wet weather.

Travel between Carmel and Cambria won’t be possible until the other two slides are cleared between Lucia and Esalen Institute, which isn’t expected to happen until late fall, Caltrans reported last week.

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PANETTA TALKS TO TAIWAN PRESIDENT ABOUT POSSIBLE CHINA ATTACK

By KELLY NIX

DURING A trip to Taiwan to strengthen ties between the Asian country and the United States, Congressman Jimmy Panetta met its newly inaugurated president and talked to him and other officials about a possible invasion by China, which days before warned against such high-level visits and launched military drills around the island.

Panetta, a Democrat from Carmel Valley, was part of a congressional delegation that landed in Taipei May 26 and met with leaders to discuss regional security, trade, investment and other issues before returning to Washington D.C. May 31. Rep. Michael McCaul, a Texas Republican, organized the visit.

Possible incursion

The talks were anything but trifling.

“During our visit, we focused on the bipartisan support in the United States for Taiwan amidst the Chinese Communist Party’s continued aggression in the region,” Panetta told The Pine Cone this week. “We discussed the consequences of an invasion, Taiwan’s work to defend itself from an invasion, the United States’ efforts under the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act to support Taiwan’s self-defense, and ways in which Taiwan can deal with the growing grey-zone incursions by the CCP.”

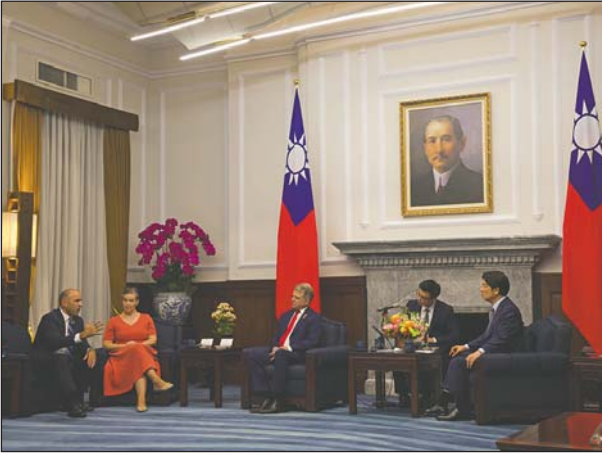
Panetta met and congratulated Taiwan’s President Lai Ching-te, who vowed to “deepen cooperation between Taiwan and the United States,” and members of

Taiwan’s legislature, diplomats, and officials from the semiconductor industry. Taiwan, a strong U.S. ally in the region, produces most of the world’s semiconductors.

Lai spoke to Panetta in English but had interpreters nearby for support.

Beijing, which has long insisted that Taiwan rightfully belongs to China, has called Lai a “troublemaker.”

On May 23, three days after President Lai gave an inauguration speech in which he emphasized his country’s independence from the Chinese Communist Party, China launched a large-scale military exercise in



PHOTO/JIMMY PANETTA'S OFFICE

Rep. Jimmy Panetta, left, talks to Taiwan President Lai Ching-te, far right, during a congressional visit to the country last week.

the Taiwan Strait and warned against delegations visiting the island.

“I believe that as the CCP watches and learns from authoritarian incursions and invasions around the globe,” Panetta said, “it also is closely watching the response of the United States, as the leading democracy, to support” and help defend

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Drive to remove P.G. official fails

By KELLY NIX

AN EFFORT by the mayor of Pacific Grove to remove a city commissioner over allegations he inappropriately disclosed the email addresses of two people failed Wednesday night when council members voted 4-3 against the idea.

Mayor Bill Peake asked the city council to “immediately” unseat Mike Gibbs from the city’s economic development commission for “disclosing” the email addresses of Kim Bui, a member of the city’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force, and Nadja Mark, a former member of the task force.

The city council “recently received a Mike Gibbs email dated May 18, to another

voted to oust him, while Debby Beck, Luke Coletti, Lori McDonnell and Nick Smith voted against the idea.

Gibbs early Thursday told The Pine Cone he was “very grateful for the courageous conviction of everyone who stood up in the face of the spiteful bad actors trying to divide Pacific Grove.”

The vast majority of those who addressed the council spoke in Gibbs’ favor.

‘Poke the bear’

Gibbs — who regularly criticizes the DEI Task Force as unnecessary and divisive — had intended to send the email message only to resident Carol Marquart, but inadvertently sent it to Mark. Gibbs told Marquart, also a critic of the DEI Task Force, to email DEI members and “poke the bear.”

In response, Mark sent a message to Gibbs, Marquart and others, saying that the “bear” comment was “tantamount to harassment,” and that she didn’t want to be contacted since she’s a private citizen and no longer on the DEI. She called Gibbs’ move “concerning.”

In a letter to the council urging Gibbs’ removal, resident Joy Colangelo said his efforts to set up a “confrontation” between a citizen and DEI Task Force member while also “exposing their personal information” was “illegal” and an embarrassment to the city that he represents.

Gibbs, though, challenged the notion that Bui’s and Mark’s email addresses were “private,” since both used them to communicate with members of the public

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Mike Gibbs



Nadja Mark

member of the public disclosing one current and one former city official’s private email addresses without their knowledge or consent,” Peake wrote in his report to the council, adding that the message violated the city’s code that governs the conduct of appointed officials.

After supporters and critics of Gibbs addressed the council, Peake and council members Joe Amelio and Chaps Poduri

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\$900,000 mobile clinic to start offering healthcare

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By KELLY NIX

A ROLLING medical clinic that offers primary care, dental help and other health services may soon be coming to a school site or community center near you, the Monterey County Health Department said last week.

The health department’s clinic services

bureau last week unveiled its new mobile healthcare clinic, a 37-foot-long motorhome that is equipped with two examination rooms for everything from vaccinations and basic checkups to dental services. The vehicle, which will also eventually offer mental health services, was expected to make its first visit to Sherwood Elementary School in Salinas Friday to offer fluoride treatments to kindergarten students.

“We are thrilled about the opportunity to better serve our residents where they live and learn” Monterey County director of health services Elsa Jimenez said.

‘Significant step’

The clinic on wheels, which will supplement the county’s existing clinics in Seaside, Salinas and Marina, not to mention the county-owned Natividad hospital, was purchased from a company called Mission Mobile Medical, which specializes in transforming motorhomes for commercial use, health department spokeswoman Karen Smith told The Pine Cone.

“Mission Mobile Medical purchases gently used RVs and then retrofits them as medical/dental clinics,” Smith explained. “The motor for the clinic runs on gasoline, but there are solar panels that provide

power for all components needed while parked.”

In June, the health department plans on offering dental services one day per week at its administration building at 1270 Natividad Road in Salinas, while later this year, it will be present at “various school-based and community sites” in Monterey County to provide health services for up to 40 hours per week.

The mobile clinic will be “fully deployed” in the fall to provide school-based services supported, the county health department said.

Clinic services bureau chief Prashant Shinde said the mobile clinic would bring essential healthcare services to the communities “that need them most.”

“This initiative is a significant step towards improving access to quality medical care and ensuring that no one is left behind due to barriers to care,” Shinde said.

Smith said that Monterey County is committed to providing health services to everyone, “regardless of their ability to pay. Fees are adjusted based on the patient’s income and family size.”

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Fundraising arm of Pacific Grove’s library honored by city council

By KELLY NIX

A NONPROFIT that has spent five decades helping raise money for the Pacific Grove Public Library was recognized by the city’s mayor.

At the May 15 P.G. City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Peake recognized the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library.

“The Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library began in 1974, holding its first book sale and soon growing to 100 members,” Peake said, reading the proclamation. “And 50 years later, the friends have contributed millions through fundraising efforts, provided tens of thousands of volunteer hours and decades of library advocacy.”

In 2013, the organization established another group, the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation, and the two organizations raised more than \$3 million to remodel the library at 550 Central Ave. in 2020 and 2021. The renewal project included restoring portions of the building that were features of the original Carnegie library.

The library groups merged and now have more than 500 members and donors, Peake said.

Friends president Kim Bui commented on the group’s anniversary.

“Actually, the Pacific Grove Public Library has been cherished and used for over 138 years, so our 50 years

pale in comparison,” Bui said during the council meeting.

She was referring to the city’s first library, which opened in 1886 in a corner of a community hall on Fountain Avenue. The collection was given to the city in 1904 and two years later P.G. received a grant from steel magnate Andrew Carnegie, who funded libraries all over the

country, for \$10,000. The money, combined with tax revenue, paid for the library building, which opened in 1908 at its present location.

Bui read a citizen’s letter which said in part that the P.G. library is “the heart of our town that resonates with all ages.”

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Feds kick in \$6 million for flood work

By CHRIS COUNTS

A FLOOD control project in Carmel Valley that will cost an estimated \$25 million received a boost last week when the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration contributed \$6 million, courtesy of taxpayers, to the work.

The announcement was made by Congressman Jimmy Panetta, who said the Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project will help restore habitat along a mile-long section of Carmel River. His office noted that the river possesses more than 100 miles of “high-quality” spawning grounds but lacks a floodplain. Experts say floodplains offer prime habitat to many animals, including birds and fish, and improve water quality by acting as a natural filter.

“California’s 19th Congressional District is blessed with immense beauty and bounty that is threatened by the impacts of a changing climate and habitat loss,” Panetta said. “Through this new federal investment, we will empower community partners in their work to restore the Carmel River watershed’s floodplain, which is essential to sustaining a wide variety of

wildlife. I’m continuing to ensure the federal government plays its part in the stewardship and conservation of our natural world so that we can share its wonder with the next generation.”

Last October, The Pine Cone reported that the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded the project \$10 million. The money came from both taxpayer grants and donations. Construction is set to begin this year.

Restoring vegetation

The work includes restoring native vegetation on 185 acres along both banks of the Carmel River as it passes through the former Rancho Cañada Golf Club, excavating about 40 acres, constructing a pedestrian bridge, removing rip-rap and improving a network of trails. Black cottonwoods, dogwoods, willows, bullrushes, sedges and horsetails will be planted, and a temporary irrigation system will be installed.

Besides reducing the impact of flooding on nearby neighborhoods like Hacienda Carmel, the project will improve habitat for steelhead, the California red-legged frog, migratory birds and other wildlife.



In this photo from 2017, the Carmel River floods low-lying portions of the former Rancho Cañada golf course.

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“The Anzar Fire of 2022, which burned more than 100 acres in Aromas, should have been a big wakeup call,” Vitale suggested. Referring to the catastrophic 2018 fire that destroyed the Butte County community of Paradise, killing 85 people, he said, “Something similar to Paradise could happen to Prunedale very easily. If you go there on a hot day in the summer, and the winds are coming out the east, all you need is a spark and that entire community is going up.”

Resident Sara Karn urged supervisors to approve the pilot program. “We had a fire break out across the street from us,” she testified. “It was horrifying — the eucalyptus went up like matchsticks.”

Tree ‘scapegoated’

Two speakers, meanwhile, pushed back against the necessity of taking down the trees, including Lorna Moffat of Monterey, who suggested that eucalyptus are being “unfairly “singled out. She also said oak trees “are more flammable.”

“A lot of lies are being perpetuated,” Moffat said. “Because they are non-native, they’ve been targeted with the same venom as immigrants have been targeted.”

Another resident, Nina Beatty, also objected to the pilot program. Beatty contended that the Oakland Fire of 1991 would have been more deadly is it wasn’t for the presence of eucalyptus.

Before the vote, Supervisor Chris Lopez also expressed his support for the program.

“The Lopez family in Gonzales no longer has a father because one of these fell on Highway 101 and crushed his vehicle,” he added. “I have some eucalyptus near my home and I have the same fears — I think this program is a great start.”

Love ‘em or tear ‘em down?

The threats eucalyptus pose, along with the contention by some that they should be preserved for historical or biological reasons, has long been debated locally.

In Big Sur during the 1990s, a state parks proposal to take down eucalyptus trees at Andrew Molera State Park

drew opposition from a historian. In 2002, state parks was widely criticized for removing numerous eucalyptus at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park and dumping them over the cliff and into the surf below.

A proposal in 2009 sought to take down massive eucalyptus stand along Boronda Road in Carmel Valley, but Monterey County Public Works reported that a survey of residents showed that 95 percent wanted to preserve the trees.

In 2015, the Monterey County Planning Commission voted 6 to 1 to remove more than 1,200 eucalyptus trees at Elkhorn Slough. The same year, three residents of the Monarch Pines Mobile Home Park sued the city of Pacific Grove for refusing to allow the removal of eucalyptus that they said threatened their dwellings.

The Pine Cone reported a dispute in 2016 that involved one neighbor wanting to cut down a eucalyptus because it posed a threat to his home, while another neighbor wanted

it saved so red-tailed hawks could nest in it.

In 2018, the Big Sur Land Trust led the push to raise funds to cut down thousands of eucalyptus in Palo Colorado Canyon, which had suffered a devastating wildfire the year before.

New sky

Twenty-seven giant eucalyptus trees along San Antonio Avenue north of Fourth in Carmel were taken down in 2019, creating a huge swath of sky and ocean views that had been hidden for many decades. The city council approved the work after it was turned down by its forest and beach commission

Two years ago, the Carmel forest and beach commission agreed to allow a resident to work with the city to cut down four eucalyptus growing on public property on San Carlos north of Fourth — as long as she paid to plant replacement trees on the site.



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What do those ‘sharrows’ mean?

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FOLLOWING THE recent resurfacing of San Carlos Street south of Eighth Avenue, city crews painted “sharrows” — chevrons paired alongside a bicycle emblem — along the entire stretch to indicate the major city thoroughfare also serves as a bike route, giving cyclists the same rights as drivers, according to public works director Bob Harary.

“Sharrows are meant to prevent confusion by telling cyclists and drivers that bikes are allowed to ride in the road,” he said. “Drivers must be careful when driving close to a bicyclist. Allow a minimum of 3 feet of space between the side of your vehicle and the bicycle when passing.”

Harary said that if a cyclist can keep up with the flow of traffic, the person is “allowed to ride with traffic in the traffic lane the same as the other cars.”

“Thus, a sharrow tells you where it’s safe to ride,” he said. “But if you can’t keep up with traffic, then the bicyclist has to ride to the right except when there are hazards on the right.”



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If one of your neighbors asks, “What are those new markings on San Carlos Street for?” you can tell them, “The answer is in The Pine Cone.”

EXPLORE MONTEREY’S STATE PARKS

CALIFORNIA STATE Parks Week is coming June 12-16, showcasing the Golden State’s 281 parks. Monterey State Historic Park has a lineup of free tours and activities to celebrate.

Explore the park’s historic gardens on tours at 12:30 p.m. June 12, 14 and 16. Departing from the Custom House, these hour-and-a-half tours will reveal the “secret language of flowers” in the Casa Soberanes and Memory gardens.

You can also join the Arts and Literature Tours at 12:30 p.m. June 13 and 15.

Also starting at the Custom House, these tours highlight how the park’s 19th-century buildings inspired renowned writers and artists, with readings and a peek inside Casa Soberanes.

Families can get crafty on June 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pacific House Museum. Learn about early California candle-making and take home your own handmade beeswax candle.

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ELECTION

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Valley and extends south to cover Big Sur) and 5 (Carmel Valley from Quail Lodge to Robles del Rio) will elect candidates for four-year terms, while voters districtwide will decide who serves the last two years of former board member Tess Arthur’s term in what is now trustee area 4, which includes most of Carmel Valley Village and Cachagua.

“This will be the first election where board members are elected using a ‘by-trustee area’ election system where board members must live in trustee areas and will be elected by the voters of those areas,” he explained.

While in the past all district voters selected three board members on presidential-election years and two board members during mid-term election years, now eligible

candidates must live in the trustee areas they want to represent, and only voters in those areas will be electing them. “An individual voter will vote every four years,” and will be able to vote for only one candidate, Tunick explained. “They won’t see an election for two or three, only one every four years.”

The conversion from at-large to by-trustee-area elections will take two years to complete, since two of the four board members who were elected at large won’t see their terms expire until 2026.

The wrinkle

“Additionally, this November’s election will include an election to fill the remainder of the term vacated in early 2023,” Tunick said. Anyone living anywhere in the district can run for that seat, and all district voters can decide who wins.

RemyNSE was appointed in late March of last year to finish out the first half of that term after Arthur abruptly quit after being reelected in November 2022, and he said he plans to run again.

“There’s a lot of opportunity for growth in the district,”

he said, especially with new superintendent Sharon Ofek on board, better communication with the public at board meetings, and other progress. RemyNSE, who lives in trustee area 5 and can therefore run for a full term, noted that he’s undergone a lot of California School Boards Association and possesses insight from having several kids in the district.

“I’m dedicated to the cause and the district’s missions,” he said. “Because of all the turnover, we haven’t really had the opportunity to focus on our mission.”

Board members Karl Pallastrini, Seaberry Nachbar and Anne Marie Rosen will also see their terms expire this year. If they live in one of the trustee areas up for election and want to run again, they can opt for that four-year term or to enter the at-large election for the two-year term in trustee area 4. If they don’t live in trustee areas 1, 3 or 5 but want to run again, they can only participate in the at-large election.

The filing period for potential candidates opens July 15 and closes Aug. 9. If an eligible incumbent doesn’t seek reelection, the filing period for that seat is extended to Aug. 14.

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ROCKY

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In 2017, they put in a new gate at the top of the driveway placed “private property” and “no trespassing,” signs on county property and installed security cameras — all without permits.

“They also began locking the gates except for when the restaurant was open,” Modellmog said. “Although a gate existed prior to the Wangs’ purchase of the property, it was

almost always open, providing public access to much of the property. Because the restaurant as managed by the Wangs did not open until almost noon, closed before sunset in summer and was not open every day of the week, locking the gate amounted to greatly reduced public access.”

In a notorious 2014 incident, Brian Lyke, who said he had been officiating weddings at the site for 30 years, complained that he learned about the no-access policy when a wedding he was conducting was interrupted by the restaurant’s general manager.

Lyke told her that he was standing on county land and had a right to access it. But the manager insisted he needed

permission from the restaurant to be there. When Lyke didn’t stop the wedding, she reported the incident to the Monterey County Sheriff’s Department.

According to the coastal commission, the Wangs also planted non-native species along the driveway and irrigated them, which “contributed to an existing problem of invasive plants throughout the properties,” built a long stairway up a hill full of environmentally sensitive habitat, and cleared and graded two areas on the county property and designated them for customer and employee parking. They also used the sites for “numerous tanks, sheds and other infrastructure,” he said.



Patrice Pastor

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JAMES PAYNE

James Payne, 55, a longtime resident of Monterey County, passed away on May 6, 2024. Born on April 4, 1969, in Salinas, James was a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend. He was full of joy, greeting everyone with a warm smile and big hug, making all feel special and loved. He lived in Prunedale for 29 years, and Carmel Valley for his next 23 years. In 2021 he relocated to Southern California with his parents to be closer to his sisters.



As a youth, James attended special education classes in the Salinas Valley. He was also a Special Olympics athlete, winning many medals in running and swimming events, and finishing each competition with a smile. One of the highlights of his life was receiving a victory medal from Clint Eastwood and teasing the actor to “Make his day!” He worked at the Northridge Mall Taco Bell store in Salinas for nine years and spent the next 18 years as a courtesy clerk at Mid Valley Safeway in Carmel Valley. Customers would come from far and wide to visit James as he had a special ability to brighten everyone’s day.

In his free time, James enjoyed attending Compass Church in Salinas, spending time with family, watching classic sitcoms, rocking out to music, and busting out ’80s inspired dance moves. James was the light of so many lives and will be greatly missed.

James is survived by his parents, Alvin and Judy Payne; his sisters, Christina (Richard) Andrews, Carolyn (Len) Cole, Christine (Dave) Isaacson; and his loving nieces and nephews.

A family Celebration of Life service is planned. Contributions in James’ memory can be made to Calvary Community Church in Westlake Village, California — Special Abilities Ministry, at calvaryweslake.org.



CARL VICTOR NOTO, D.D.S.

Dr. Carl Victor Noto joined the angels on May 1, 2024, surrounded by his family and held in their love.

Carl was born on August 14, 1948, in Chandler, Arizona to Joseph and Pauline Noto. He was the second of four children and was their eldest son. When he was 4 years old, the family moved to the Monterey Peninsula where he lived most of his life. Carl attended Junipero Serra School at Carmel Mission, Carmel High School, and Monterey Peninsula College, before attending the University of California, Davis and subsequently earning his Doctor of Dental Surgery at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in 1974.

After receiving the “D.D.S.” after his name, Carl returned to the Monterey Peninsula and joined his father’s dental practice until his Dad retired and his brother Tom joined the practice. Carl served our community as a dentist for nearly 50 years. As many of his patients can attest, Carl was a comedian and a storyteller, often making patients laugh around the dental instruments in their mouths. Carl was an avid outdoorsman, a musician, and a giver of many gifts — floss, toothbrushes, his favorite pocket knives and woven shemaghs (scarves).

Carl was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Felicia Colton; and his mother-in-law, Bruna Odello. Carl leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Pamela Noto; his siblings, Joanne Noto and Tom Noto; his sister-in-law, Carla Odello; his nieces, Courtney (Carlos) Colimodio, Ariana and Rachel Wylie and Nicole Colton; grandnephews, Zane Fuqua and David Colimodio, and his many patients who were like family.

The vigil service will take place 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at Mission Mortuary, 450 Camino El Estero, Monterey. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, June 14, 2024, at Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel.

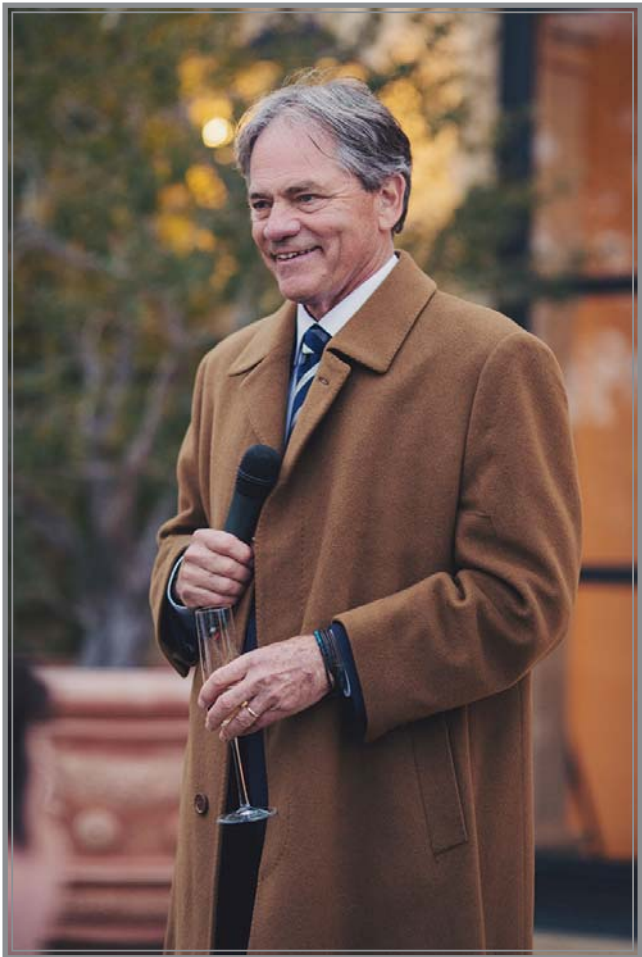
In lieu of flowers contributions in Carl’s memory can be given to the charity of your choice.

PATRICK FEEHAN

Patrick Feehan, age 71, passed away on May 29th after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Patrick was born in Yakima, Washington. After college, Patrick spent a year as a ski bum in Alta, UT, then attended medical school in Kansas City via the U.S. Air Force. Patrick served the country in the Air Force for 20 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. His medical specialty, radiation oncology, led to career opportunities that took the family to many amazing places such as San Francisco, Napa Valley, Santa Fe (NM) and ultimately Carmel, CA, where he worked at CHOMP for more than 20 years until his retirement. Over the course of his career, Patrick served as the medical director of Radiation Oncology, was appointed to the State Board of Medicine in New Mexico and was appointed by the U.S. Dept. of Energy to an oversight committee for the Environmental Remediation from Nuclear Weapons program at the Los Alamos National Lab.

Patrick was a beloved father and friend who was also tirelessly dedicated to his patients and the local community. When he wasn’t working, he could be found coaching his daughters in soccer, golfing, playing the guitar, volunteering as a docent at Point Lobos, serving on the board for Goodwill of the Central Coast, or traveling around the world. In 2022, he made a 500-mile pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago across Spain with his lifelong travel companion and wife, Mariana. We will continue to honor the legacy of a remarkable soul whose passion for life knew no bounds. His presence will forever be felt in the hearts of all who knew him and those he touched.

Patrick is survived by his wife of 38 years and the love of his life, Mariana; his three daughters Kelsy, Kaitlin (Reidy) and Mikayla; and his son-in-law Colin (Reidy). He is also survived by his brother, Bruce; his sisters, Polly and Jill and his Aunt Linda and Uncle Bob.



A memorial Mass will be celebrated at the Carmel Mission at 11 a.m. on June 20th.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Carmelite Monastery, specifically the Solar Power Campaign: Let There Be Light (www.carmelitesistersbythesea.org)

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“This unpermitted development was constructed in spite of the fact that the habitat and coastal views on the county property are legally protected by a deed restriction,” the law and a county resolution, Modellmog wrote. On their property, the Wangs posted “customer parking only” signs and limited access to several public trails. “They did this even though the public had been parking there to enjoy the trails for more than 60 years,” he con-



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While the restaurant has been closed since Covid and the buildings are somewhat in disrepair, Rocky Point seems likely to have a bright future under the ownership of Patrice Pastor.

tinued. “The Wangs also hired a security guard to enforce the new unpermitted signs. The guard regularly obstructed members of the public who attempted to park and/or use the trails.”

‘Environmental justice’

Blocking the public from free access to the coast in an area dominated by expensive resorts and restaurants had a disproportionate impact on visitors who can’t afford to patronize such businesses, he observed, “and thereby caused environmental justice impacts.” It also interfered with another low-cost activity, fishing.

When the gate was permanently locked, many determined people “routinely bushwhacked through the chaparral or hopped the locked gate to continue accessing the fishing spots on the properties,” according to a coastal commission report.

Other work done without permits included a septic system on a coastal bluff, and Modellmog said those many violations were discovered after someone reported the public-access issues to the state agency in 2018. The coastal commission staff spent several years working with the owners to remedy them, he said, but that effort was derailed when the Wangs shut the restaurant during Covid and permanently locked the gate.

The coastal commission’s chief of enforcement officially recorded the violations with Monterey County in June 2021.

New owner, new access

When Pastor bought the property in late 2021, he reopened the gate to welcome the public and has spent the last few years working with the coastal commission to amicably resolve all of the issues, Modellmog said.

Pastor is “agreeing to this proposed resolution in spite of the fact that the original violations arose before his ownership,” the staffer acknowledged, but since the violations run with the land, he’s obligated to remedy them.

“More significantly, Pastor has agreed to provide high-value and high-cost amenities to the public to resolve

penalties for the existing violations,” he said, including providing public restrooms, far better public use areas and parking, and eight EV charging stations.

Pastor will record a deed restriction allowing public access in perpetuity and formalizing public access easements over approximately 80 percent of the Rocky Point property.

“This would ensure that the special and memorable public access at this location, which was informal for so many decades, is protected forever,” Modellmog said.

In short, he said, Pastor “has agreed to a package of conservation measures and public access amenities that will protect and enhance a truly unique part of the coast that has been neglected for far too long.”

“This coastline is one of the true treasures of California, with breathtaking and fabulously dramatic views,” said Lisa Haage, chief of enforcement for the coastal commission. “We worked hard to craft a deal that would provide amenities for visitors and residents alike.”

The nearly 40-page agreement requires Pastor and his team to submit and execute separate plans for restoration, erosion control, removal of illegal additions, control of invasive plants and revegetation, and environmental mitigation and monitoring. Modellmog estimated the improvements will cost Pastor in excess of \$4 million.

“Commission staff is appreciative of the cooperation of respondent and their dedication to reaching a proposed resolution that would provide excellent benefits for both the environment and the public,” he said.

‘Best view in the world’

With the pending OK of the agreement, which is on the coastal commission’s consent calendar for its June 14 meeting in Morro Bay, Pastor and his team “will now focus our efforts on the development plans for the property,” which include retaining a world-class architect to redevelop the buildings.

“It is of course a shame that the restaurant has sat empty for so long, and we are looking forward to reopening a new and improved restaurant with Michelin-starred chef Justin Cogley as soon as we can,” Pastor said this week. “However, we will of course look to act on the coastal commission requirements straight away. Public bathrooms in particular are something which are badly needed in the area, but amongst other things, we will also improve the



SUSAN MARCHANT BRITTON

A memorial service for Susan Britton will be held at 3 p.m. June 15 at All Saints Church in Carmel. The service will feature some of her favorite music. A reception will follow in Seccombe Hall.

Mrs. Britton died peacefully at her Carmel Valley home on April 6, 2024. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald, who died in September 2022.

MARGARET EILEEN THOMPSON

1924-2024

It is with great sorrow and a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our friend Margaret “Eileen” Thompson. She was born in Walsall, Staffordshire, England on July 28, 1924. Eileen relocated to America to work as an economist. With her husband George, who served in the military and predeceased her, Eileen traveled all around the world and she had many stories to share about her experiences in other countries. The couple eventually settled in Los Angeles.



In addition to being an economist, she taught Sunday school in Beverly Hills where one of her students included the son of actors Humprey Bogart and Lauren Bacall whom she said were two of the kindest people she ever met and made a lasting impression on her.

George and Eileen’s next move was to Carmel. The Hacienda Carmel community will remember Eileen and her friend, Norbert, as “Mr. and Mrs. Claus” at the holiday events. Eileen loved to sew, read and watch classic movies (especially the Bogey and Bacall films). At 99 years young she kept up with the news and the economy with a daily dose of CNN and the WSJ.

She had a generous heart and a wicked sense of humor. We all hoped to celebrate her 100th birthday in July but sadly, a brief illness took that hope away. Eileen was a very spiritual person. In our hearts, we know she is already on her next journey so we will end this, as we would end most of our visits together not with a goodbye but a line from a Bogart movie “Here’s looking at you kid.”

Godspeed Eileen, until we meet again.

— Friends and colleagues of Margaret Eileen Thompson



trails and add some educational signage.” Pastor, who has launched a website, www.esperanzacarmel.com, to help the public track his development projects, thanked the state agency and its staff for their efforts, “as I know this was a lot of work for them.”

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TRACY ANNE TOPE

Tracy Anne Tope, a cherished resident of Carmel, CA, departed peacefully on May 18, 2024, following a brief illness. She was surrounded by her loved ones in her Carmel Valley home. Born on June 26, 1962, in San Diego, California, Tracy’s family relocated to Monterey in 1981, where she married Andrew Gerard Tope in 1984.

Tracy’s memory is carried on by her three devoted sons, Andrew John Tope, Michael David Tope and William James Tope, all from the local area; and her sister, Linda Waterfield. She was preceded in death by her mother, June Poe and stepfather, Dave White, both of Carmel, CA; and her brother, Mark Poe, of Salinas, CA. Tracy’s legacy also lives through her five beloved grandchildren: Carter, Drew, Axel, Mia and Finnegan.

Tracy and her husband Andy created not only a loving family, but two thriving local businesses, Tope’s Tree Service and Tope’s Sustainable Garden Center. Renowned for her generosity and creative flair, Tracy’s absence will be deeply felt by all who knew her.

A celebration of Tracy’s life will take place on June 22, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. Attendees are encouraged to honor Tracy’s vibrant spirit by dressing in bright colors reflective of her style and energy.

In Tracy Anne Tope’s memory, may we carry forward her kindness, creativity, and the love she shared with all those around her.

Memorials in Tracy’s name may be made to the JDRF or CHOMP.

CHINA

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democratic countries and their institutions and values.

In April, Panetta and a bipartisan congressional coalition approved an \$8 billion aid package for Taiwan and the Indo-Pacific region he said would “safeguard Taiwan from an advancing China.”



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In late May, thousands of protesters surrounded Taiwan’s legislature to oppose a drive by opposition parties to subject Lai and his administration — which do not have an outright parliamentary majority — to tighter scrutiny from lawmakers who favor closer ties to China, according to a CNN report.

‘Continued support’

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Panetta is one of the sponsors of the Taiwan Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act, which would authorize the President of the United States to “lend or lease defense supplies to the Government of Taiwan, in the case of preemptive aggression by the CCP.”

GAVEL

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Unbeknownst to them, Gonzalo and Jose Echeverria waited nearby, parked across the street in the dark, for the opportunity to ambush the pair.

As soon as the couple settled into their car, Jose Echeverria drove to the corner and both Jose and Gonzalo exited their car and opened fire on the victims’ car from behind. The two fired at least 18 shots into the car. Jose used a 9 mm handgun, and Gonzalo used a rifle with .223 ammunition. Villa died on scene and Chavez died shortly after at the hospital, both from multiple gunshot wounds. Villa’s mother, who testified at the trial, was inside her apartment and heard the shots that killed her son.

Villa’s vehicle was captured on multiple surveillance cameras traveling between the crime scene and Griffin Street, where he and other family members lived. Gonzalo exited Villa’s vehicle around the corner from the shooting and was picked up by an unknown vehicle shortly thereafter. Salinas Police identified Villa’s vehicle in the surveillance videos, which led them to the cousins.

Gonzalo subsequently confessed to his role in the crime and gave statements to undercover agents that implicated his cousin, Jose, as the second shooter. Gonzalo also revealed that their intent was to murder a different male who lived in the same apartment complex. They killed Villa and Chavez by mistake. Cell phone evidence helped solidify the case.

A jury convicted the cousins on all counts after a week-and-a-half long trial. This case was solved and brought to completion by the outstanding work of the Salinas Police Department and district attorney investigator Alicia Cox and forensic specialist Natalie Dill.

Each defendant faces life without the possibility of parole. Jose Echeverria will be sentenced June 26 and Gonzalo Echeverria will be sentenced July 17 by Judge Pamela L. Butler.

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while serving on the DEI Task Force.

“This whole complaint hangs on whether or not the two email addresses at issue had been previously publicly disclosed and available,” he said.

Members of Pacific Grove boards and commissions are appointed by the mayor, serve at the pleasure of the council and can be removed at any time for any or no cause. They are supposed to “conduct themselves in a manner that will instill public confidence and trust in the fair operation and integrity of city government,” the code of conduct states.

Double standard?

A mannerly but outspoken conservative, Gibbs, 74, frequently gets under the skin of a group of P.G. progressives, including Mark, who have made their loathing for him clear on social media and at public meetings. His misdirected email gave them the perfect opportunity to call for his removal from the city commission.

But some wondered why Peake took swift action to try to remove him but refused last year to admonish Mark, 47, while she was a member of the DEI Task Force, for a series of public insults on social media directed toward Gibbs and others, including members of the city council. Her comments seemed to be in violation of the code of conduct.

For example, Mark compared an innocuous statement by Gibbs to words by Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels, called his nonprofit community group, PG Lives, a “fraud,” and endorsed a post by Sustainable Pacific Grove

chair Colleen Ingram that accused Gibbs of “using the same rhetoric” as “Christian/White nationalists,” another term for racists. Mark also agreed with Ingram’s characterization of Gibbs’ group as “discriminatory.”

‘Hypocrisy’

During a discussion last August on the former Feast of Lanterns event, Mark referred to Gibbs’ comments as the “raving vitriol of a transplant.” After The Pine Cone published an article about that remark and others, Mark claimed in another online post to have never said it.

Mark also called McDonnell and Smith “lapdogs,” and said Beck needed “ethics and morality.”

At the time, Peake and members of the DEI Task Force, including Bui, would not comment on Mark’s online posts

after The Pine Cone sent them questions.

The mayor also did not propose any action be taken against P.G. restaurant owner Liz Jacobs — a member of the downtown business improvement district — after a city official in April told The Pine Cone that Jacobs failed to obtain a business license for her eatery for two fiscal years. The district’s programs are funded from such business license tax revenue.

Jacobs, who sits on the economic commission with Gibbs, has also been antagonistic toward Coletti at public meetings and in email messages to the council.

Former city councilman Dan Miller called out what he said was the “hypocrisy of Peake not going after other people” who have violated the city’s code of conduct and continue to do so.

Disc golf to raise money for Habitat for Humanity

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A NONPROFIT that helps builds homes for lower income families in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties is holding an inaugural disc golf tournament to raise funds.

Habitat for Humanity of Monterey Bay is inviting disc golf players to test their skills at the June 8 Hucks Fore Homes tournament at the First Tee facility at Twin Creeks Golf Course, 1551 Beacon Hill Drive in Salinas. A temporary pop-up course will be set up for the event, the proceeds of which will go toward a “worthy cause.”

“This will be an exciting day of fun, competition and

fundraising for Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay,” the group said. “The event is open to disc golf enthusiasts of all skill levels. Pros and amateur players are welcome.”

Registration closes June 1 at 8 p.m. Walk-ups may be accommodated but cannot be guaranteed. Check-in for the tournament starts at 8 a.m. Registrants will receive a T-shirt, disc and lunch.

For information about the event, call (831) 469-4663.

Habitat homeowners qualify for the program by earning less than 80 percent of the area median income and by investing 500 hours of sweat equity on the construction site.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240962
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
McKay Group, 27200 Rancho San Carlos Rd, Carmel, CA 93923
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
McKay Productions, LLC, 27200 Rancho 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.
McKay Productions, LLC
S/ Heidi McKay, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/07/2024.
S/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14/24
CNS-3813712#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024. (PC 529)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240976
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FREAKWUNY RECORDS, Santa Fe Street, Unit 2, Carmel, CA 93923.**
Registered Owner(s): ZACHARY STEVEN FREITAS, 24836 (Unit 2), Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 10, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Zachary Freitas
Date signed: May 10, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 10, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024 (PC 531)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240847
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ATAGOL FITNESS, 801 Light-house Ave., Pacific Grove, California 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ATAGOL FITNESS LLC, 801 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 18, 2014.
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/Julie Schnitzer, Manager
Date: April 25, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 25, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024. (PC 532)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240846
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BALANCE YOGA & WELLNESS, 318 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ATAGOL FITNESS LLC, 318 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Julie Schnitzer, Manager
Date: April 25, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 25, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days

after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024. (PC 533)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240887
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MIGOTTI RANCH, 0 Detwiler Ln., Soledad, CA 93960.**
Registered Owner(s): KEITH THOMAS MIGOTTI, P.O. Box 27, Soledad, CA 93960.
LAURA L MIGOTTI.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 15, 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/Keith Migotti
Date signed: April 30, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 30, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024 (PC 534)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240948
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
VANTEZ, 1233 HAMILTON AVE #A SEASIDE, CA 93955, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
VANTEZ LLC, 1233 HAMILTON AVE A SEASIDE, CA 93955
State of incorporation: CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 03/19/2019
S/JESUS CERVANTES MENDEZ, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/06/2024
S/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14/24
CNS-3810364#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024 (PC 536)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240972
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FORTITUDE PHIVING, 316 Mid Valley Central #309, Carmel, CA 93923.**
Registered Owner(s): DUSTIN EUGENE EARL FADDIS.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 6, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Faddis, Dustin Eugene Earl, Owner
Date signed: May 9, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 9, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WALLACE ROBERT MURPHY
Case Number 24PR000251

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WALLACE ROBERT MURPHY.

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

The Petition for Probate requests that JOSEPH A. MURPHY 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: June 26, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito 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

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: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024 (PC 537)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240888
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ACCESS EXECUTIVE AND LIFE COACHING, 22471 Estoque Place, Salinas, CA 93908.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: GARY DANGERFIELD PHOTOGRAPHY LLC
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Gary Dangerfield, Managing Member
Date: April 30, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 30, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024. (PC 538)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240927
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. THE CROSSROADS BBQ
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3. THE CROSSROADS BARBEQUE
241 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BBQ BROTHERS LLC, 8021 Carmel St., Gilroy, CA 95020.
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. 20, 2018.
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/Lawrence Ingram Jr., Member
Date: April 16, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 3, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before

the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024. (PC 539)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240989
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
MADAMLIT DBAGS, 140 CASENTINI STREET APT. 140 F SALINAS, CA 93907, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
KATHERINE C SUMAGANG, 140 CASENTINI STREET APT. 140 F SALINAS, CA 93907
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 12/17/2022
S/ KATHERINE C SUMAGANG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/14/2024
S/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14/24
CNS-3811576#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024. (PC 541)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240761
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BLENDZ, 3056 Del Monte Blvd. Ste. 201G, Marina, CA 93933.**
Registered Owner(s): JIMMY DIEGO SIERRA
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 11, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
Date signed: April 11, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 11, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024 (PC 543)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240753
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WADE WOOTEN MAINTENANCE, 859 Terry St.,**

TS No: CA08001452-22-4 APN: 243-131-006-000 TO No: 240027695-CA-VOI **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED November 21, 2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On June 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on December 10, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003149174, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by JOSE L. BATTO, AN UMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 18 YANKEE POINT DRIVE, CARMEL, CA 93923 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$105,435.99 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001452-22-4. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant **NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001452-22-4 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: May 16, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001452-22-4 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory **SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT** www.nationwideposting.com **FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:** Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0460770 TO: CARMEL PINE CONE 05/31/2024, 06/07/2024, 06/14/2024

Monterey, CA 93940.
Registered Owner(s):
WADE FITZGERALD WOOTEN
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 10, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Wade Wooten
Date signed: April 10, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 10, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024 (PC 545)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241038
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE PASTA PALATE, West of San Carlos near and 7th, Carmel, CA 93921.**
Registered Owner(s):
NOE MANZANO CANO, P.O. Box 2233, Carmel, CA 93921.
MACRINAL GUANDULAY.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1984.
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/Noe Manzano Cano
Date signed: May 21, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 21, 2024.

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File No. 20241038
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
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S/Noe Manzano Cano
Date signed: May 21, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 21, 2024.

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TS No: CA08001452-22-4 APN: 243-131-006-000 TO No: 240027695-CA-VOI **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED November 21, 2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On June 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on December 10, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003149174, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by JOSE L. BATTO, AN UMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 18 YANKEE POINT DRIVE, CARMEL, CA 93923 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$105,435.99 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. 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Date: May 16, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001452-22-4 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory **SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT** www.nationwideposting.com **FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:** Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0460770 TO: CARMEL PINE CONE 05/31/2024, 06/07/2024, 06/14/2024

Tony Bennett tribute opens Sunset’s new season

By CHRIS COUNTS

SUNSET CENTER this week unveiled its 2024-25 lineup of performers, including a tribute to Tony Bennett by singer Michael Feinstein, a concert by a celebrated Ukrainian folk-fusion group, and shows by a trio of Grammy Award-winning musical acts.

Sunset’s artistic director, Christine Sandin, said the new season’s schedule balances “artistic excellence” with “diversity in genres and audiences.”

“We truly have something for everyone, from modern dance fairy tales, outstanding classical performances and legendary improv comedy, to New York City’s finest jazz artists, raucous Celtic celebrations, and stunt dogs,” Sandin announced.

Tickets will be available to the general public June 21. Sunset Center’s Bravo members can buy them earlier — call (831) 620-2052 or by email at bravo@sunsetcenter.org.

More shows will be added

Kicking off the season is Feinstein’s musical tribute to Bennett, which is set for Sept. 13. The lineup also includes performances by Dakhabrakha (Ukrainian folk-fusion,

Oct. 3), Momix’s “Alice” (a dance tribute to “Alice in Wonderland,” Oct. 11), Black Violin with violist Wil Baptiste and violinist Kev Marcus (classical, jazz and hip-hop, Oct. 12), Grammy Award-winning singer Shawn Colvin and singer KT Tunstall (Nov. 7), Chris Perondi’s Stunt Dog Experience (Nov. 10), folk musicians Cliff Eberhardt, John Gorka, Lucy Kaplansky and Patty Larkin (Dec. 20), Jazz at Lincoln Center Live on Stage: New



Sunset Center this week released its lineup for the 2024-25 season, which includes shows by (from the left) singer Michael Feinstein, singer and guitarist Shawn Colvin, and singer Kalani Pe’a. The season opens Sept. 13 when Feinstein pays tribute to the late singer Tony Bennett.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241052
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SALINAS LIQUIDATIONS, 329 Monterey Street, Salinas, CA 93901.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **GLOBAL LIQUIDATION INC, 329 Monterey Street, Salinas, CA 93901.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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/Amadou Selly Diallo, CEO
Date: May 22, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 22, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024. (PC 550)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241078
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALPHA OMEGA COMPANY, 1253-27 Los Olivos Drive, Salinas, Ca. 93901**
Registered Owner(s): MARTIN JAMES O’CONNOR, P.O. Box 195, Salinas, Ca. 93902
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 8, 2019.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Martin James O’Connor
Date signed: May 28, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 28, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024 (PC 553)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241070
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **REPAIR PROS, 6795 Valle Pacifico Rd., Salinas, Ca. 93907, County of MONTEREY**
Registered Owner(s): GUILLERMO MOLINA JIMENEZ, 6795 Valle Pacifico Rd., Salinas, Ca. 93907.

TSG No.: 8790154 TS No.: CA2400290057 APN: 243-141-011-000 Property Address: 34 YANKEE POINT DRIVE CARMEL, CA 93923 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/26/2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 07/02/2024 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 03/01/2018, as Instrument No. 2018008635, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California. Executed by: ZENGBAO CHANG, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER’S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 243-141-011-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 34 YANKEE POINT DRIVE, CARMEL, CA 93923 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 4,021,023.94. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this internet website <http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case CA2400290057 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916)939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case CA2400290057 to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772NPP0460882 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 06/07/2024, 06/14/2024, 06/21/2024

Publication dates: June 7, 14, 21, 2024 (PC604)

State of incorporation: CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 24, 2024
S/ Guillermo Molina Jimenez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/04/2024
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024 (PC 554)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241035
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **@DLSIR WILD IMAGES, 1185 SHAFER ST. SEASIDE, CA 93955 , County of MONTEREY**
Registered Owner(s): DANIEL LEE, 1185 SHAFER ST. SEASIDE CA 93955
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 4/19/2024
S/ DANIEL LEE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 5/20/2024 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28/24
CNS-3813442#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024 (PC 606)

Public Notice
Pebble Beach Community Services District
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Friday, June 28, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) adopted a **Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25** (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025). The Board will hold a public hearing on **Friday, June 28, 2024 at 9:40 a.m.**, to adopt the **Final Budget**, including annual fees for sewer collection and treatment, fire protection, and garbage collection services.

The public is invited to attend this meeting to comment or seek clarification on any item included in the Preliminary Budget. Additional information and copies of the Preliminary Budget are available on the District’s website, www.pbcسد.org, or can be obtained by calling the District Administrative Office at (831) 373-1274.

Publication dates: June 7, 2024 (PC601)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm

email: legals@carmelpinecone.com

Orleans Songbook (Jan. 30), The Peking Acrobats (Feb. 7), Grammy Award-winning singer Kalani Pe’a (Hawaiian music, Feb. 28), Velocity Irish Dance (March 17), Grammy Award-winning Silkroad Ensemble (classical and world music, April 3), the Second City’s 65th anniversary tour (comedy, April 13), the Red Hot Chili Pipers (a Celtic twist on the Red Hot Chili Peppers, May 8), “Disenchanted” (musical comedy, May 9) and Yacht Rock Revue (ballads from the ’70s and ’80s, June 12). More shows are anticipated to be added — you can sign up for email alerts to be notified when tickets go on sale for a new show.

PUBLIC NOTICE	
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Board will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.	
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE AND IN PERSON AT CITY HALL. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom; however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible.	
To attend in person, visit the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To view or listen to the meeting remotely, you may access the YouTube Live Stream at: https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams , or use the following link to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom teleconference: https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/82192956570?pwd=XXz9QXlUAAJcnCJW_13Trs9PIKKSw.mw6QkWSxR5B-TYcD . To listen to the meeting via telephone, dial +1 669-444-9171. Webinar ID: 821 9295 6570. Passcode: 296093.	
All interested people are invited to attend via teleconference or in person at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing mwaffle@cbis.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting to ensure they are provided to the Historic Resources Board 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 Historic Resources Board prior to or during the Public Hearing.	
The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us and found by clicking on “Government” and then “Meetings.” The Historic Resources Board meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s website at http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Historic Resources Board meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.	
Historic Context Statement Phase II Monthly Update Location: Citywide	Historic Context Statement Phase II monthly update status report and discussion.
DR 24087 (Esperanza Carmel Commercial, LLC) Ryan Aeschliman, Director of Development Lincoln Street 3 southwest of Ocean Avenue Block 74; Lots 11, 13 APN: 010-191-001-000	Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for exterior building modifications and site improvements at the historic “Accourt Commercial Block” located at Lincoln Street 3 southwest of Ocean Avenue in the Central Commercial (CC) District and Downtown Conservation District (DC) Overlay.
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Sometimes even the smartest folks are better off not thinking

WHENEVER CARMEL High product Sara Tuck steps into the stirrups and mounts up, she becomes a paradox: The University of California Fresno equestrian athlete — a first-team Academic All-American — does her level best not to overthink what she’s about to do in the arena.

No need to let an adroit and busy brain get in the way of a successful ride.

Tuck typically hasn’t researched the preferences of the

learned to view it because that approach makes everything less stressful for me.”

Young athletes might want to jot that down. In addition to achieving the NCAA’s highest academic honor, the stellar scholar also was celebrated this year as a first-team All-American athlete after rewriting a few parts of the university’s record book.

A place in FSU history

During her five years at Fresno State (four years of competition, plus the canceled Covid season), Tuck was named Most Outstanding Player in her event (flat seat riding) 10 times — more than any other rider in school history. Among the highest scores ever achieved in flat seat rides at FSU, her career-bests rank No. 1, No. 5, and No. 9 all-time.

Her zen-like mental approach was on full display last November, when Tuck and her teammates were in a head-to-head battle in their home arena against National Collegiate Equestrian Association powerhouse Southern Methodist University.

SMU was ranked No. 2 in the nation at the time, and was destined to finish the season at No. 1. Fresno State was unranked. Tuck and her SMU opponent were the last riders of the day. The team score was tied, 9-9.

“I didn’t know the score. I didn’t want to know. My teammates were lined up along the fence, watching, not saying a word — nobody was going to tell me before I went in that everything came down to me,” Tuck remembered. Her assistant coach, Sierra Swaffar, “just slapped me on the leg and said, ‘Go have fun, and do what you know how to do.’ And my approach, like always, was ‘I’m just going to go ride — it is what it is.’”

The power of being ‘clueless’

She rode. She felt positive as she dismounted. She heard the score for her performance: 77 points — two better than her opponent — and knew she had won the event.

The Fresno State contingent erupted in screams. Teammates Molly Stewart and Courtney Wlasiuk raced over and began shaking Tuck by the shoulders.

“Did you know that it came down to you?” Stewart shrieked.

“What??” Tuck gasped.



PHOTO/COURTESY SARA TUCK

Sara Tuck asked for a horse named Hippo — not a car — for her 16th birthday. This summer she’s caring for Happy, a favorite horse that belongs to Fresno State University.

“I had no idea,” she reflected. “If I’d known, it would have been very stressful. If you’re clueless, like me, you just ride your ride for the team.”

An unexpected honor

She also was blindsided in early April when the All-America team was announced — while she was sitting in her backyard in Fresno, reading a book, paying no attention to social media.

“I got a ‘congratulations’ text from (head coach Eric Hubbard), who sent me a screenshot of the announcement,” said Tuck, who became the first Fresno State equestrian to achieve first-team All-America status since

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In addition to earning first-team All-America recognition as an athlete, Carmel High alumnus Sara Tuck also made All-America as a scholar this year.

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Swaffar did it in 2015-16.

“I was initially in shock, because I’ve never chased awards or honors,” she said. “And then, after a couple of minutes, my phone was blowing up with texts and emails, and I started feeling really excited. It was a very sweet surprise.”

Riding at age 6

Tuck was introduced to horsemanship as a 6-year-old, when she mounted a pony named Little Star and followed her mom, Cori, and sister, Lauren (Carmel High ’15), into the sport.

She was coached through high school by Carmel Valley native Toni Venza. At 15, she qualified to compete at the International Equestrian Association Nationals in Kentucky, where she was runner-up in fences, a show-jumping event, and placed sixth in the flat event, which entails guiding her horse through precision circles, turns, and transitions on flat ground for a scoring judge. “It’s kind of like a ballet,” she said.

By then, she was deeply in love with the sport, practicing almost daily while also competing in cross country and track at Carmel High.

“Instead of getting a car for my 16th birthday, I wanted a horse,” she said. “His name was Hippo, and rode him for two-and-a-half years, before I left for college.

“That’s when I had to pass him off to another little girl,” Tuck lamented. “I cried. He was my child, my heart horse, and he still is, even though he’s in San Diego now, teaching some other little girl how to ride.”

First place at Almaden

As a high school senior, Tuck rode Hippo at the Almaden Farms Horse Show in Sacramento, where she won her first and only gold medal in an open equestrian competition.

Tuck’s fifth year at Fresno State — her final year of eligibility as an NCAA athlete — was her first as a graduate student. In 2023, she earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural business with a minor in animal science, graduating cum laude with a grade-point average of 3.69.

This year she achieved a GPA of 3.66 in pursuit of her Master of Business Administration, which she hopes to complete in another year-and-a-half.

A horse named Happy

“I’ve learned a lot during my time there, not only about riding, but about life,” said Tuck, who is caring for

a Fresno State-owned horse named Happy this summer while completing an internship in marketing.

She plans to apply for additional internships in the agriculture industry when she returns to Fresno State in the fall. She says she’s likely to pursue a career in some aspect of business after completing her postgraduate studies.

Tuck also is hoping to compete in at least one equestrian event this summer, if time allows.

■ Postseason update

Carmel falls at NorCal baseball tourney: One of the best baseball seasons in Carmel High School history ended May 28 when the Padres lost 2-1 to Redwood, the No. 3 seed, in the opening round of the NorCal Division 2 bracket. The game was played on Redwood’s home field in Larkspur.

The PCAL Gabilan Division champion Padres (19-2 league, 23-7 overall) qualified for NorCals by reaching

the semifinal round of the Central Coast Section Division 1 tournament, the top bracket in CCS.

Redwood (28-4 overall), champion of the Marin County League, rode a stellar pitching performance from senior right-hander Chas Veley (6-0, 0.95 ERA), who threw a complete-game three-hitter at the Padres, striking out six and walking one. He faced just 25 hitters in the seven-inning game.

Sophomore Matt Maxon also went the distance for Carmel, fanning five and walking nobody in his six innings.

Carmel scored a first-inning run when Bo Iandoli doubled, and scored on a single by J.J. Sanchez. They held the lead until the fourth inning, when Theo Trono doubled, and Gavin Soper and Jack Moseley delivered RBI singles.

Maxon had the other hit for the Padres, who graduate 11 seniors, starters, from this year’s team.

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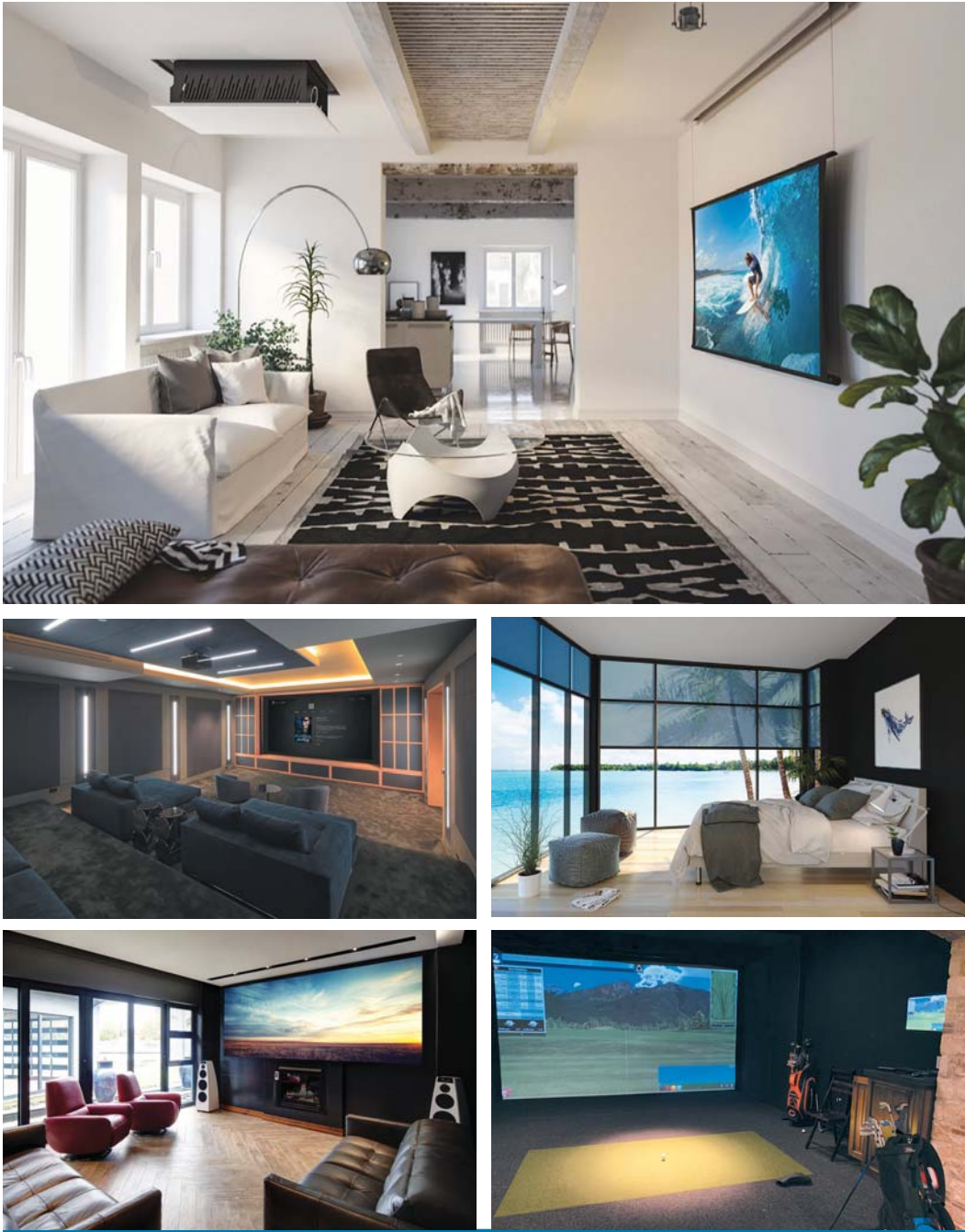
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Editorial

Hitchcock wasn’t always right

ONE OF the happiest obligations that comes with being publisher of The Pine Cone is to write the editorial every week — including an occasional editorial about how horrible eucalyptus trees are.

We don’t say this lightly, because we are as cognizant as anybody about the importance of trees. They not only provide habitat for animals, oxygen for the atmosphere and shade on hot days (yes, we occasionally get them around here), they also play a vital role in the Earth’s ecosystem. And their timelessness can inspire or soothe you whenever modern life is getting you down.

Some of the Peninsula’s native trees, especially our magnificent wind-swept Monterey cypress, are among the most intriguing things on this planet. And when you’re not in one of your poetic or back-to-nature moods, you can always take a moment to consider the vital role lumber and other materials derived from trees play in providing shelter for humans, including in your very own house.

Yes, we owe a lot to trees. But trees also have downsides — and for some, the downsides are bigger than the General Sherman. We speak, of course, of those horrible monstrosities imported from Australia, *Eucalyptus globulus*.

Eucalyptus trees are alien invaders that not only poison the soil, they block out the sun and occasionally drop 1,000-pound branches on unsuspecting creatures below. During winter storms, an entire tree will sometimes topple over onto someone’s house — or their head. And during fire season, eucalyptus trees are like flamethrowers just waiting to be ignited. What’s even worse, a eucalyptus forest, such as the one that took root decades ago along the north end of Carmel Beach, can become naturalized, which is to say that the trees start reproducing like they belong there — which is also to say they drive out native species.

How bad are California’s eucalyptus? Even KQED calls them, “the state’s most hated tree” and “a fire-prone scourge.”

Which is why we cheer this week’s decision by the county board of supervisors to start spending some of the taxpayers’ money reducing the county’s oversupply of eucalyptus. Supervisor Glenn Church was right when he said, “Eucalyptus are one of the most flammable trees in the world. The only issue I can think of that would have more unanimity would be filling potholes.”

But we just can’t understand comments from two members of the public, who insisted that eucalyptus are being “unfairly singled out,” and claimed the trees are being targeted because they’re “non-native ... like the immigrants.”

Nonsense. Eucalyptus are being targeted because they are horrible. The sooner they are all cut down, the better.

Which brings us to Alfred Hitchcock. In his 1958 thriller, “Vertigo,” the film’s stars, James Stewart and Kim Novak, leave San Francisco for dinner in San Juan Bautista. On the way, they drive through the infamous stretch of Highway 101 that’s densely forested on both sides and in the median with eucalyptus.

We’re pretty sure Hitchcock intended the sequence to be impressively scenic. But he was wrong. That scene is the scariest one in the movie.

BEST of BATES



“Have you lived here all your life?”

“Not yet!”

Letters to the Editor

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Mayor’s race

Dear Editor,

I am compelled to respond to the article in this past week’s Pine Cone regarding the mayor’s race in Carmel-by-the-Sea. The choice for us is clear: Dave Potter. We learned a good lesson before Dave initially ran for mayor. At the previous mayoral election, we elected a resident with no experience leading a city government. Carmel deserves a leader with both strong experience and proven dedication to enhancing our city’s charm and functionality.

It is one thing to show interest in beautifying our city, and for that we are appreciative. But that is not enough to run for mayor with no previous experience in elective office or in leading a city government. The experience necessary to command requires understanding a multimillion-dollar budget, staffing and employees, how each and every department within the city

functions, how to effectively coordinate with the county, state and federal governments, and so much more. Carmel needs an experienced individual who has trained and earned the position. We deserve that.

Dave Potter not only has a deep breadth of experience having served at all levels of government, but it is clear that he is driven by a genuine desire to serve and improve our community. He has led Carmel through some of the toughest times, and we have come out the other side stronger and more resilient.

Potter’s extensive experience, proven leadership, and unwavering dedication make him the ideal mayor of our town, and I am grateful for his service. Let’s make the right choice for Carmel-by-the-Sea and re-elect Mayor Dave Potter.

Dixie Smith, Carmel

‘Buckle Up’ for energy prices

Dear Editor,

I agree with your predictions of higher energy prices caused by replacement of gas-burning appliances with electrical equivalents, coupled with increased electricity demand by EVs and AI data centers. But has anyone thought about the effect of climate change on our electrical generation and delivery systems? Here are my thoughts:

Scenario 1: Violent and severe weather, such as recently reported derechos, tornadoes and flooding rainfall in Texas and neighboring southern states, periodically destroy and/or incapacitate solar and wind generation in those regions, resulting in a

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He came home to build a ‘real life’

BRANDON KIRSCH is a confident guy, a quality his mother strove to foster in him. He also is a grateful guy — for his family and the life he has led, which he has worked hard to create.

Born in Los Angeles, Kirsch was raised in Carmel, where he and his wife, Jennifer

observation skills. He shut me up and made me be still. He wanted to hire me. He said, ‘I like you. I’d already heard about you and your wild energy, but when you came in with a notepad and a suit, I had to hire you.’”

He worked for Zieff for eight years, learning about the business and developing his own acting career. By the time he left the position, he was in national television commercials and shows. In addition to movie-star looks, Kirsch radiates a kind of charisma that seemed evident to Zieff and translated well on screen.

“I had become a costar, sometimes a principal actor,” Kirsch said. “I started working on CSI. I was considered believable and was given a role as Officer Almada,” in four episodes of the highly rated crime show. “I also starred in ‘One Tree Hill,’ ‘Semi-Pro,’ and ‘The Hopeful,’” he added.

‘Authentic magic’

Kirsch met the woman who would become his wife in an acting class at the Beverly Hills Playhouse. Admittedly, the Kirsches loved the Hollywood scene, but not the impact it was having on the children of fellow actors.

Besides, while standing on a dark stage before an audience of 200 felt profound, and making films or commercials was exciting, it wasn’t real life, he said.

“I’m about the authentic magic of life. I wanted to be Michael Landon in ‘Little House on the Prairie.’ We moved to Carmel in 2006 and bought a home, where we are raising our kids, in the bubble. In my gut, I knew my kids would do better

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PHOTO/LISA WATSON

Though Brandon Kirsch enjoyed his Hollywood life, when it came to raising his kids, he returned to Carmel for the “authentic magic.”

The Dalai Lama was so engaging, the photographer forgot her tea

THE PHOTOGRAPHY of Ginger Chih is fine art in the finest sense — stunning, creative, inspired and visionary — even as she meshes those visual talents with journalistic instincts in her 224-page chronicle, “The Dalai Lama: Leadership and the Power of Compassion” (Interlink Books, 2024).

“He is a leader of global importance, but he truly thinks of himself as a simple monk,” Chih said. “Nothing you see in his home might suggest that this person is a Nobel Peace Prize winner.”

Rarest of all, she said, was the permission he granted Chih to photograph him inside his home while he meditated — a privilege few outsiders have ever received.

He also sat with Chih for a more than two-hour recorded interview, during which he described his harrowing escape from Communist oppressors in March of 1959, when, at 23, he fled Tibet for India. About 85,000 Tibetans followed him.

“He’s such a wonderful storyteller, and right in the middle he noticed that I was listening so intently that I hadn’t even taken a sip of the tea that was right in front of me,” she recalled. “So he let out a big laugh and bellowed, ‘Tea! Tea! Have some tea!’

“The world is very familiar with his contagious laughter,” she wrote in her book.

Escape from China

Chih is Buddhist, but not Tibetan. She was born in Beijing to a Chinese father, and a mother (also a Pacific Grove resident) who is half-Japanese, half-Chinese.

But her family’s story loosely parallels the personal journey of the Dalai Lama, who, like Chih’s family, fled China’s Communist regime.

In 1951 — two years after the Communist takeover — a 3-year-old Chih boarded a train with her 23-year-old mother and two siblings, fleeing from Beijing in North China to Guangdong in Southern China, then Hong Kong.

When Chih was 5, her parents obtained visas that allowed them to move to Japan.

“I grew up in Japan for 13 years, then came to California, and earned my bachelor’s degree from Mills College in Oakland,” she said. “But I never studied photography. For me, that was a learned skill.”

From Oakland, she moved to New York City, where she became part of the Historical Society of Chinatown and co-authored a book on the history of the Chinese in America.

“I did some of the modern photography for that project and researched a lot of the old photographs that were used,” she said. “I worked various jobs in New York but always did photography on parallel projects.”

Two master’s degrees

While in New York City, she earned a master’s degree from Sarah Lawrence University in women’s history with a focus on the history of Chinese immigrant women.

She also obtained a Master of Business Administration from New York University, then began her travels, residing abroad in Japan, where she worked as a cross-culture consultant,

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

The Pacific Grove resident, who holds a Ph.D. from Cambridge University, describes herself as both a fine-art and documentary photographer, and her book not only tells a concise story, but steals your breath with more than 100 of her own full-color images of the spiritual leader of Tibetans, as well as monks, nuns, oracles, pilgrims, schoolchildren and nomads.

Chih shares a tightly woven history of the Dalai Lama’s personal journey along with some of her own observations and experiences during the 12 years that she researched the project.

A life-altering visit

She began shooting those photos in 2009 but captured the majority of her images of the Dalai Lama during a life-altering visit to the Northern India town of Dharamshala, home of the Dalai Lama and the administrative center of the Tibetan community-in-exile.

Between 2009 and 2018, Chih made multiple visits to photograph two dozen settlements occupied by Tibetan refugees, as well as Tibetan nomads who live year-round in tents in the Himalayas.

In 2018, over a period of four weeks, she was frequently given close access to Dalai Lama, who was supportive when he learned Chih had spent more than a decade researching her book about the preservation of Tibetan culture in exile.

‘A simple monk’

The highlight, she said, was being beckoned to spend time inside the personal residence of the spiritual icon of the Tibetan Buddhist world.



PHOTO/TENZIN CHOEIAR

Pacific Grove photographer and author Ginger Chih shares an intimate moment with the Dalai Lama in his private residence in Dharamshala, in Northern India.

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loss of dependable electricity for air conditioning and other life-sustaining services. No wind turbine towers or solar panels that I have read about are designed to withstand such severe weather. Climate-change refugees migrate north and west to more hospitable areas.

Scenario 2: Global warming causes West Coast hurricane tracks to move north from southern Mexico. Hurricanes damage California solar and wind turbine farms, with similar results to Texas electricity systems in the above scenario.

So, what carbon-free electricity generating system is/can be hardened to severe weather?

Tom Craig, Monterey

Hooray for PWM

Dear Editor,

A recent ad in the Pine Cone showcased the innovative accomplishment of Monterey One Water and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Water security is now guaranteed, and the Peninsula water crisis averted because these two public water agencies, together with the Marina Coast Water District, developed an awesome engineering feat. Pure Water Monterey is a national award-winning water recycling project.

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By contrast, Cal Am continues to insist on an over-priced desalination project that could deplete Marina’s potable water supply source.

The expansion of PWM as depicted in the MPWMD ad provides guaranteed water security. Cal Am did all it could to thwart the PWM Expansion, including a two-year delay in construction-startup plus a \$250,000 cost to update the SEIR.

While Cal Am continues to mislead

the public, our public water agencies are delivering this long-needed water supply birthed from inter-agency cooperation and visionary engineering genius. May God bless our public water agencies for giving us a solution to our long-standing water woes.

This achievement makes possible affordable housing, growth, lots of record development, lifting the Carmel River CDO and moratorium on new hookups, and best of all, our public water agencies have done this without profit, unlike Cal Am, which parasitically profits from our water.

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll, Marina

Wasteful bus route?

Dear Editor,

I cycle the Fort Ord Dunes State Park several times a week. It is a beautiful, natural resource that is inclusive to all. Seniors with walkers, families, dog lovers, para-athletes, cyclists and more enjoying the coastal views, flora and fauna. But why does MST continue to push the Surf busway? In reading its budgets (2024-2027) I kept finding alarming phrases: “Fare revenue assumptions are estimates only; increased costs in fuel/supply expenses due to global crisis; use of unrestricted cash reserves is needed in the next two years to balance the budget; service will need to be cut back and/or inject additional revenue.” What a huge waste. In more ways than one.

Christie Greenwall, Marina

The urge to selfie

Dear Editor,

Ah yes, the stunning beauty and design of the famous Bixby Bridge, showcased so proudly in the movie, “Play Misty For Me.” It is inevitable that one day soon with another summer of our lives approaching that an influencer or someone, anyone, will feel the need to capture themselves in the most perfect selfie involving this bridge.

Everything will have to be just right,

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and damn it all to those who have things to do or places to get to because you will wait it out as we all do. And then there will be a whoosh and a fall to yet another unnecessary death in the world; someone having to snap the selfie that will travel the world in an instant and get the most likes and views and infamy, the selfie that breaks the internet and also some bones.

And long after the memorial is held for that person, they will remain forever young in that photo. The image may never be forgotten. Sadly, their name will. “All right, Mr. DeMille, I’m ready for my close up.”

Catherine Luciano,
Lafayette

County’s homeless
Dear Editor,

The numbers of homeless in Monterey County are rising to astronomical levels that might get too irreversible to fix. According to Monterey County 2022 Homeless Summit, more than 2,000 were homeless in Monterey County alone. More than 50 percent of the homeless population in America resides in California. Those statistics are not acceptable, and we need to solve this issue before it is too late.

One way the community can come together and help give homeless people a chance to get back on their feet with the respect and dignity they deserve is getting involved in Al and Friends’ Sunday morning homeless breakfast. It takes place at Window On the Bay in Monterey and the volunteers serve each plate with love and a sense of community that everyone has the right to receive. I truly believe that if there were more Al and Friends

breakfasts around the county and more involvement in Al and Friends, we could squash this issue before it gets too out of hand to fix.

One guest at Al’s recently said, “You know, we can survive without the breakfast but it’s the community that is created here that makes me feel really welcome and I really appreciate that more than you could know.”

Al and Friends have given so many people better qualities of life who then were able to restart their lives in beautiful ways. There are so many heartwarming examples but one that sticks out to me is when a guest was able to go back to school, get new teeth and obtain a new home in a matter of months because of the help and support she

and her husband received from the Al’s community. To keep our county beautiful and thriving we need more involvement in our local homeless issue before it becomes irreversible.

Lily Biggs, Carmel

Support food bank
Dear Editor,

According to the Food Bank for Monterey County, 1 in 3 children in the community aren’t assured of their next meal. Food insecurity is a real and pervasive problem

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DESAL

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its construction methods and adapting “best management practices” for the project. It also must conduct pre-construction biological surveys, adopt a habitat and mitigation monitoring plan, implement measures to monitor and protect groundwater in Marina, and meet many other conditions.

“We have to mitigate our temporary construction impacts and permanent impacts, such as slant wells, and other permanent components,” O’Halloran said. “We are working to obtain easements to complete those mitigations, and that’s an ongoing effort.”

Cal Am must obtain several other approvals, including an encroachment permit from the California State Lands Commission before it can start building.

Specialized work

At the 2022 hearing in which coastal commissioners approved the desal plant, Cal Am agreed to spend \$3 million to protect low-income customers from higher bills, mitigate the loss of coastal access during construction of the desal plant’s wells and fund a staff position within

Marina city hall to help keep an eye on Cal Am’s work.

Meanwhile, The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and sewer district Monterey One Water are all working on an expansion of the Pure Water Monterey wastewater treatment plant, which they say would produce all the water the Monterey Peninsula will need for the next three decades, including building on lots of record and meeting housing mandates.

Once the water district’s expansion is complete, it is expected to request that the State Water Resources Control Board lift an order prohibiting new water permits.

Cal Am, which has agreed to purchase the reclaimed water, contends that its desal plant — which would offer a lot more new water but also cost more — is needed to provide a long-term, drought-free water supply for the Peninsula.

O’Halloran said that Cal Am is updating the design for some of the project components to lower construction costs and improve efficiencies. A contractor, CDM Smith, has been selected to build the desal plant itself, while another firm, Boart Longyear, will drill the slant wells, he said.

“That’s very specialized work and there are only a couple of machines that can drill a 1,000-foot slant well,” O’Halloran explained.

Public meeting on surveillance cameras

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AFTER THE rollout of a new surveillance system that automatically reads license plates was halted due to concerns about privacy impacts and aesthetics, Carmel City council members Alissandra Dramov and Bobby Richards agreed to review the plans and seek more feedback from the public. They’ll hold an informal meeting on the subject June 10 at 4 p.m. in city hall.

Approved by the council in April 2023, the new Flock Safety cameras capture images of passing cars and automatically

read the number, issuing state, date, time, location, and vehicle details such as type and color. The system alerts police within seconds if it identifies a stolen or wanted vehicle by automatically running the numbers through crime databases.

Some residents have objected to the appearance of cameras and equipment throughout downtown, as well as on residential streets. They have also said the cameras impose on people’s privacy.

The meeting Monday will be held in person and online. For more information and how to participate, visit ci.carmel.ca.us.

ARTIST

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and London, where her mother was residing.

The first time she attended one of the Dalai Lama’s presentations was in 2005, in Zurich, Switzerland, where her seat in a crowd of 10,000 was so distant that “he looked like a little dot,” Chih said.

“But the minute he came in, it was like the whole place filled with light and compassion. It was amazing how one person could bring that kind of energy into a space,” she said.

“And at the end, I knew I wanted to spend my life doing something meaningful.”

Open-mindedness, fairness

In London, Chih developed a professional leadership program, emphasizing teamwork based on open-mindedness,

LIVES

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growing up in Carmel as I had.”

His career also took a turn, thanks to a rough wave. Although he was a longtime surfer, he suffered a big wipeout and seriously injured his back.

“That wave took me down like a rhino. I was in such heavy pain; I couldn’t move for two months,” Kirsch said. “I finally went to gnarly guys who knew how to fix me. And through that I thought, ‘I’m taking a pay cut here, but I’m going to learn how to train people to be their best selves.’”

Push yourself

Kirsch has been serving as a fitness trainer, a role many have said is accompanied by a dose of “life coach” and “work-out buddy” at Carmel Valley Athletic Club. He has trained private clients at Tehama, The Preserve, and Del Mesa, as well.

compassion, mutual respect, and treating others fairly — concepts based on Tibetan Buddhism and teachings of the Dalai Lama.

For more than two decades, Chih mostly resided in London, earning her doctorate from Cambridge University before moving to Pacific Grove in 2017 to be near her mother.

After previewing an advance copy, the Dalai Lama authored the foreword that appears on Page 9 of her book.

Chih has donated her profits from the book to the Tibet Fund (mission statement: “to preserve the distinct cultural identity of the Tibetan people”) and other Tibetan nonprofit organizations.

Images of her work and travels, and additional information about Chih’s life, art and book can be found at gingerchih.com. Contact her at gingerchih@me.com.

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

“The biggest thing for me,” he said, “is to help people believe in themselves. If I have someone who weighs 100 pounds or 500 pounds come to me for help, what is more noble in life than that? I’m going to help you, we’re going to have fun, we’re going to grind, you’re going to push yourself, and you’re going to win.”

Kirsch’s only caveat is that he doesn’t ever want to hear a client say anything negative about themselves. That goes into our backbone and gets lodged there, he believes, affecting our “chi,” the energy that influences consciousness — one’s sense of self and what’s possible.

And yes, sometimes he misses his Hollywood life. It was fast, exciting and a whole lot of fun.

“Growing up with the comforts provided by successful parents made me restless,” Kirsch said. “I was a big fish in a little bowl who went down south into a big bowl. I rose to the surface and felt like a big deal, but it wasn’t a lifestyle conducive to family. And nothing compares to that.”



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MORE LETTERS

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that affects over 40 percent of residents locally. However, many people do not know that food insecurity negatively harms our community in many more ways than is obvious. For one, it harms the physical health of the population. Furthermore, it harms the education of our youth, and increases pre-existing socioeconomic gaps based on race and ethnicity.

I'm writing to shed light on the severity of the problem at hand, because we as a community can help alleviate this issue by donating to the Food Bank for Monterey County and other similar charities. This specific organization serves about 160,000 community members and supplies over 35 million pounds of food annually. It also has different programs that aid the quantity and quality of the food that people can afford. By supporting this charity, we can support our community, promote a healthier lifestyle and create an environment where everyone can flourish.

Julius Dutta, Carmel

Protect the ocean

Dear Editor,

Here in Monterey County, we are proud to consider the beautiful ocean we drive by every day a National Marine Sanctuary. However, what we fail to recognize is that things we do in our everyday lives — such as driving to work, leaving our trash on the beach, or consuming that delicious McDonald's Big Mac — are all destroying this ocean that millions of species call home.

While climate change has been a more highly discussed topic in recent years, many do not realize that the ecosystem at the biggest risk of this issue may be the ocean. With rising greenhouse gas emissions, the ocean has been absorbing these harmful pollutants. This has led to issues that need to be addressed, such as ocean acidification and oxygen depletion, which have caused ripple effects across ecosystems in Monterey Bay.

According to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which has been studying and recovering marine species and climate change since opening in 1984, "Over the last 20 years, carbon dioxide has built up in the surface waters of Monterey Bay, increasing the bay's acidity by about 10 percent."

With these changes in oceanic conditions, the species we all love are greatly suffering, and the places they call home are becoming increasingly difficult for them to live in.

If we want to protect the ocean and the creatures in it that we all love, it is imperative that we spread awareness

of this issue and act now. Some things you can do to help include minimizing your meat consumption (specifically red meat, which has the biggest environmental impact), choosing alternative forms of transportation and donating to organizations that are in support of this issue, such as the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, which has been conducting research and spreading

awareness about the issue since 1995.

Many of us grew up getting to experience beautiful beaches and being able to see the majestic whales and adorable sea otters that exist in Monterey Bay. If we want future generations to be able to experience the same things, it's time to make a difference.

Lila Glazier, Prunedale

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Local valedictorians share memories, hopes and dreams

By ELAINE HESSER

GRADUATES, TEACHERS, parents and honored guests: Welcome to our fifth annual story about valedictorians. As we look out across this magnificent vista, we can't see a single one of you, because this is a newspaper.

As it is every year, it was fun talking with the valedictorians of 2024. They have a contagious hope for the future, despite having spent their freshman year at home because of The Great Plague of 2020. Some referred to the pandemic as "a bonding experience," offering some version of, "It was terrible, but it brought us together."

Mostly, though, they have happy memories of supportive families, close friends, interesting classes, terrific teachers and coaches, and their plans and dreams. If you'd like to get better acquainted, read on.

Carmel High School

CHS has been part of a national trend of recognizing exceptional academic performance by setting a high bar — using a somewhat complicated system of standards — and declaring that anyone who reaches it is a valedictorian.

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(Top row, from left) Alexis Pine, Alyssa Galicia, David Cortez, Eleanor Song, Emma Kim, (bottom row) Ian Mills, Isabella Bony, Percy Xu, Sara Eyjolfssdottir and Sebastian Del Toro represent students who excelled academically at Carmel High and other local schools.



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CLASS OF 2024

‘Oh very young, what will you leave us this time?’

By DENNIS TAYLOR

AS THE November elections approach, our electorate remains polarized on multiple issues. Just a few of them are: the wars in Ukraine and Gaza, political discontent at home, climate change, women’s rights, DEI, and the future of democracy. So, we posed the following question, and others, to high achievers from Carmel and Stevenson’s Class of 2024: “How are you feeling about inheriting responsibility for creating a better world?” Their answers are enlightening.

The participants:
■ Joaquin Velazquez (Stevenson), as-

piring music producer, who plans to major in business management and leadership at Loyola Marymount University.
■ Shayla Dutta (Carmel), who aspires to study international relations of environmental analysis at Tufts University in Boston, or Macalester College in Minnesota, with an interest in going into law.
■ Ansam Qureshi (Stevenson), headed to UCLA to study psychobiology, with plans to go to medical school.
■ Marcus Michie (Carmel), two-time intern for Rep. Jimmy Panetta, likely to enroll at the University of Pennsylvania or UC Berkeley to major in economics and political science, or pursue an interdisciplinary degree in philosophy, politics and economics.



Carmel High senior Marcus Michie interned for U.S. Congressman Jimmy Panetta during the last two elections. He’ll likely enroll at the University of Pennsylvania.

Carmel Pine Cone: What’s your sense of optimism about the world you’re inheriting as a young adult?
Michie: “I’m divided, but overall I have to say that I’m optimistic about the future, optimistic that my generation will be able to take on these issues. I’m seeing young people actively trying to take on these problems now, even before they enter the workforce. I’m seeing them participate in protests and demonstrations, making efforts toward changing things for the better. I think Gen Z is producing a lot of really exceptional people who are ready to take on these challenges.”

CPC: Do you feel like your generation can effectively solve some of the major problems you’re inheriting?
Velazquez: “When I look at social me-

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CHS seniors finish difficult process of college decisions

By TULLAH MCCOLL

MANY ADULTS reminisce about college as one of the best times of their lives, with those happy memories seemingly eclipsing those of the process of deciding where they wanted to spend those years. As this year’s Carmel High School graduates begin the next chapter of their academic careers, some reflected on the hard work and thought that went into choosing a school.

“I’m excited to carve out a path for myself, meet new people and make connections that will all help me grow as a person,” said Carmel High School senior Sofia Posadas, who will be attending the University of Colorado, Boulder next fall. After being deferred from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, the school



Sofia Posadas

Posadas had her mind set on, she decided it was time to focus on her other two top schools.

“I fell in love with Boulder after having visited multiple times as my older brother is an incoming senior there,” said Posadas, who plans on majoring in business management and entrepreneurship. Knowing that she wanted a big out-of-state school that balanced athletics, academics and social interaction, Posadas was able to nar-

row her options and make the best choice.

One of Carmel High School’s college counselors, Yesel VonRuden, said, “Overall, what’s hard is trying to find that perfect spot — the one that checks all the boxes and each student’s individual wants and needs.”

As deciding what to do after high school is one of the first big decisions young adults are asked to make, VonRuden and other counselors at CHS understand the fear of making a commitment to a school in the face of so many unknowns.

“It may be a tough adjustment at first, but it is reassuring knowing that every other freshman is in the same position,” said Posadas. She is looking forward to immersing herself in the lifestyle Boulder has to offer, with the town’s free-spirit feel and outdoor orientation.

New experiences

Feeling similarly, Fiona Hirschfield made her decision to attend Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., primarily for the connection many students feel with nature. Following Hirschfield’s first visit at the school, she could envision herself being happy there. She described coming upon a student dock along the river during a short walk she took with her mother and finding an idyllic scene — kids lying around by the river, complete with a guitar.

“I could totally picture myself there,” Hirschfield said.

Since college is a time to have new experiences, and the commitment to any one place is temporary, Hirschfield knew she wanted something completely different

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CLASS OF 2024

Checking in on young dancers’ next steps

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

IN SPRING 2022 and 2023, four local students, having danced their way from preschool through high school, flipped the tassels on their mortarboards and began the next phases of their lives. A year or two later, we checked in to see how they were doing.

Alexa Julian, whose plans to participate in the Joffrey Ballet Conservatory Pre-Professional Program in Chicago were canceled by Covid, graduated from Carmel High and spent summer 2022 traveling through Europe before heading to West Hollywood to pursue a career in acting and dance. She turned 20 in March, and is a dance teacher for two companies.



Alexa Julian



Sierra Wouden-Crosno

“During the day, I teach at different public and private elementary schools — both low-income and the schools where Beyonce and Jay-Z’s kids and David and Victoria Beckham’s kids attend. I was the youngest instructor. But, because of my dance experience while growing up, they thought I’d be an

asset.”

Julian also teaches at a competition dance studio similar to The Dance Center in Carmel, where she took lessons.

“A lot of students see me as an older sister,” she said. “What I’ve realized through all of this is how much I love teaching.”

She moved to Los Angeles to pursue acting, “getting her feet wet” through small roles with Warner Bros., Universal, and Disney Studios.

“I’m building my resume, and I’m also maintaining my dance skills by taking classes at Millennium Dance Complex, a well-known studio, and The Playground, a young actors conservatory,” she said.

And, something that may seem like a hard left turn in her career path is just one more passionate pursuit — Julian wants to follow in the footsteps of her mother, Alicia Stirling, and grandfather, Robert Stirling, by becoming a race car driver.

“My family races front-engine, top-fuel dragsters — the long cars — on a quarter-mile track. I’m going to get my (racing) license next year. I think the fact that my mom did it makes me less scared,” Julian said. “And, once I get into the car and can feel the power, it’s pretty adrenaline rushing.”

Gap year

After graduating from Carmel High in 2022, dancer Ruby Maxion took a gap year before college and participated in a rigorous training program with the Mather Dance Company in Orange County.

“It was a very intense, commercial dance-based program with a lot of hip hop and jazz,” said Maxion. “It was pretty rough on my body but all worth it because I became a much better dancer through the challenges.”

Last fall, Maxion resumed her plan to attend the University of Arizona’s prestigious School of Dance. She also went through sorority rush and became an Alpha Phi. As a dance major, her course load is heavy, and the hours, long and demanding. Her sorority offers a soft landing and always has lunch or dinner waiting for her.

Despite the demands of dance, Maxion is considering a double major, adding human performance, nutrition and personal training, or perhaps fashion into her curriculum.

“I’ve had a lot of time to think about my career options,” she said. “First I want to dance for as long as I can, maybe on a cruise line to make money and see the world.”

She also participated in a San Francisco 49ers audition, making it to the finals.

“I definitely will try again,” she said. “I love football, love the Super Bowl. I’ll audition for the Arizona Cardinals since I’m here. And I want to audition for the Dallas Cowboys. One should dream big!”

Norah Takehara, also attending the University of Arizona, stepped out of a dance class to catch her breath and talk about life two years after graduating from Ocean Grove Charter School, which had enabled her to pursue a rigorous dance schedule during high school.

“At the university, I’m on a triple-track program, studying ballet, modern, and jazz dance in my technical classes and in performance,” she explained. “I’m also taking electives in tap, pointe, and partnering.”

As she completes her sophomore year and pursues a dual major in dance and psychology, Takehara is amazed to be halfway through college and excited to set her sights on a dance career, followed by a second career as a physical therapist, like her



Ruby Maxion in high school (above) and at her 49ers audition.



father.

“My plan is to audition during my senior year for anything and everything ‘dance’ — a more commercial style for a cruise line, companies oriented toward modern and contemporary dance, and ballet companies, as well. I want to be able to check all the boxes in my professional dance experience before switching gears into the PT realm.”

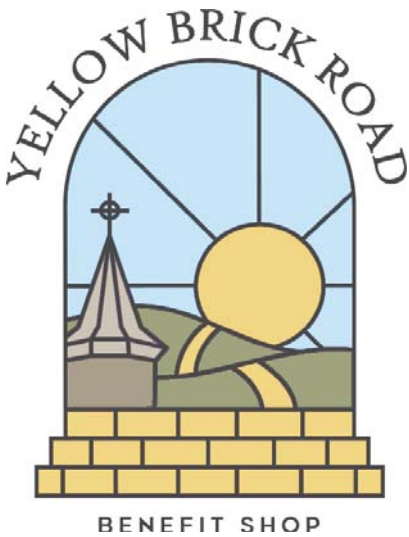
She continued, “It feels like just yesterday I was a freshman. This experience has already given me more than I expected. I’ve had opportunities to perform in a couple of faculty-choreographed pieces for shows, and I’ve also performed in pieces like ‘Serenade,’ George Balanchine’s first full-length work, and Tchaikovsky’s ‘Serenade for Strings.’ Through it all, I have expanded my resume and dancing abilities, which is the greatest blessing.”

An anchor

Sierra Wouden-Crosno has been dancing since she was 3. A member of the Carmel High Class of 2023, she has just

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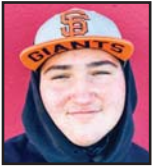
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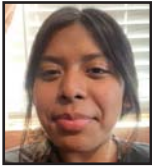
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This year, Carmel’s 17 valedictorians are: Mark Albiol, Isabella Bony, David Cortez, Shayla Dutta, Sara Eyjolfssdottir, Alyssa Galicia, Sabrina Giachetti, Fiona Hirschfield, Marcus Michie, Kaitlyn Myrick, Cyanea Nguyen, Giovanna Panetta, Alexis Pine, Hudson Silva, Craig Smith, Quinn Weisenfeld and Grant Xu.

The Pine Cone spoke with five of them, including **Isabella Bony**. When she entered high school, she wanted her grades to be good enough so that she could choose any path she wanted. “I didn’t want anything to be off-limits,” she said, and her advanced placement classes forced her to operate “on a college level.” She loves to write and was president of the school’s poetry club. She also has a black belt in jujitsu, which she said gave her a lot of confidence. Bony will attend St. Mary’s College in Moraga, near Oakland, possibly majoring in global studies. Although she’s not traveling too far away, she said, “I’m going to miss living here,” adding, “It’s been on my bucket list to be in The Pine Cone.”

Alexis Pine is going to U.C. San Diego to major in cognitive science or neuroscience. “It’s a really interesting and growing field,” where she said she hopes to learn about the biological aspects of human be-

havior. She’ll return to Taiwan this summer for a fourth visit with family there. Last summer, she volunteered with the Taiwanese government to teach English — not too surprising, since her mother teaches Chinese at DLI.

Her classmate, **Alyssa Galicia**, is also interested in biology. Galicia’s father is a doctor at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, and she’s hoping to follow in his footsteps and work in physical medicine — helping people to rehabilitate after injury or surgery. When she was a youngster, she said, “Instead of daycare, my dad took us to work.” She’s also volunteered at Community Hospital and will be heading to UCLA in the fall.

Sara Eyjolfssdottir isn’t sure she wants to go to medical school, but she likes biology and neuroscience. “It could lead to a variety of careers,” she said of the major she hopes to pursue this fall at Harvard. Apart from the prestige of a Crimson diploma, she said, “I want to have seasons, and it’s a beautiful campus.” She’s the co-editor of The Sandpiper, the school newspaper, and was also on the mock trial team for four years. “It was stressful, but fun. It helped me be more composed and think clearly,” she explained.

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JULIA STENVICK

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The students listed, in addition to those students currently in college with the LaSalle Music program, will be sharing a total of \$95,000 in 2024 scholarship support from Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary.

Congratulations to **Steve Woodward**, Science teacher and Coach at Carmel Middle School, recognized with the 2024 Harris A. Taylor Excellence in Teaching Award given annually by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary Club.


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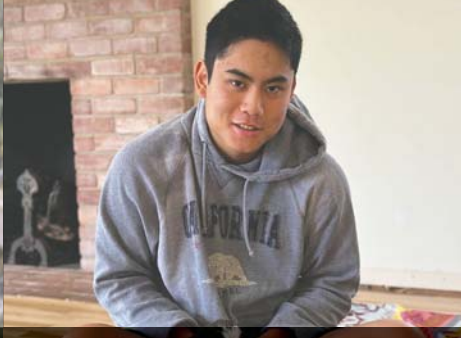
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completed her first year at USC, where she performed on the dance team at basketball games, while launching her major in industrial and systems engineering. She also joined Pi Phi sorority, which she found offers an anchor on the large campus.

“My major is based in science and math, which were always my strengths, growing up,” she said. “But it’s also business oriented in that it focuses on optimization and how to make systems most efficient. From a big-picture perspective, it really can be applied to any industry or business sector, which gives me options.”

“Originally, I wasn’t going to dance during college, so I could focus on school,” Wouden-Crosno said. “But, when they held auditions, I decided to try out. It’s turned out to be a really good thing for me. I’d forgotten how happy dancing makes me, and it keeps me active through something I love, which balances out the rigors of my

studies.”
“I think my dance life gave me a strong technique base, which they look for at the college level,” she said. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to dance for USC and plan to continue during college. But after graduation, I’ll turn my attention to grad school.”

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CHS CLASS OF 2024



Congratulations Cohen! We are so extremely proud of you and all of your accomplishments at Carmel High School. We can’t wait to see what your future holds. Are you sure you don’t want to stay and repeat 12th grade? You have brought so much joy to our lives.

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Princeton-bound **David Cortez** found math and chemistry at CHS “very enjoyable.” He told The Pine Cone, “I’m a math kid, and because I was so advanced in math, I was taking college-level classes online starting as a freshman — combining that with the fact that Covid was still around, I had a pretty nontraditional freshman and sophomore year.”

“I’ve been fortunate enough to have experiences where I can be around other students who are passionate about mathematics, and Princeton stands out to me as a place where I can be in a similar environment, on a much larger scale, with students across a variety of majors,” Cortez said. That shouldn’t be hard at a school where Albert Einstein was a resident scholar (no pressure).

Long lockdown

Percy Xu, Stevenson School’s valedictorian, spent his freshman year at home in Lanzhou, China, a city of about 3 million people. “I did my whole freshman year online,” he said. Once in California, however, he found himself on a school-sponsored 11-day backpacking trip in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, north of Santa Cruz. “I could never have imagined living in the wild for 11 days,” he said.

Xu is going to Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., for its “fantastic computer science program,” where he plans to learn more about artificial intelligence. “My mom teaches programming,” he said. “It’s methodical, logical and you know the outcome. It’s certain, not like some other things in life.” And, he added, he finds it a fun challenge. He enjoyed his time on the Pirates’ swim team, too, calling coach Franco Pacheco “one of the most special people I’ve ever known,” for his inspirational approach and his belief in his team members.

Pacific Grove’s valedictorian, **Ian Mills**, is taking a slightly less-traveled road, leaving midsummer for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. “I want to serve my country,” he said simply. He’ll study engineering and physics, building on a high school academic career where he was active in the robotics club. He also played “a lot of sports,” including water polo and track. Mills has to report to school at the beginning of July for “Swab Summer” (basic training), at the end of which he’ll officially become a cadet, working his way toward the rank of ensign in the Coast Guard at graduation.

Monterey scholars

Off of Highway 68 at York School, Salinas resident **Sebastian Del Toro** is preparing for four years at Cornell University. His parents are physicians, and Del Toro said he’s interested in learning more about genetics and genomics. He’s inspired by the opportunity to eliminate diseases and intrigued by the challenge and uncertainties that are part of the field. In addition to learning golf, which has become a bit of a passion for him, he’s played a lot of

soccer and managed to earn his pilot’s license. He also enjoys volunteering and has spent time working in doctors’ offices to enhance his learning.

Emma Kim of Monterey said goodbye to Santa Catalina School after 14 years. As one of the school’s outstand-

ing students — Santa Catalina doesn’t have a valedictorian — she said she was honored to giving the closing prayer at the May 25 commencement. “It felt very ‘full

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circle’ — the prayer is the very last thing at the end of the graduation ceremony,” she said. One high school highlight was a school research program in marine ecology, with field trips to Big Sur and Hawaii. She also enjoyed a philosophy class, where, she confided, “There was a lot of hating on Nietzsche.” Kim has played the piano since elementary school and was part of a small student-run club called Reverb, which gives a musical performance at the end of every year.

Like Eyjolfsdottir at CHS, Kim is heading to Harvard — for “something STEM-related” — and she’s keeping

her options open for now. She’s excited to experience Boston’s city life and learn more about the area’s history.

Her classmate, **Eleanor Song**, is an American citizen who lives with her family in Singapore. One of her father’s colleagues had children who attended Catalina, and that’s how she ended up here from sophomore year on. About halfway through that first year, she said she realized, “This is what home is like” — lots of friends in a tightly knit community. Her memories include swimming, something she’s done her whole life, and auditioning for Catalina’s production of “The Little Mermaid” in fall of her junior year, which she said was like nothing she’d ever done. “Singing in front of people was terrifying,” she recalled,

but she was glad she did it.

Song wants to major in psychology, and said that she saw many schools with “really great programs,” so she narrowed her choices by looking for someplace with an atmosphere similar to Santa Catalina and settled on Vanderbilt University, near Nashville. Before she leaves for school, Song plans to travel in Asia and attend a wedding on the East Coast.

Whether these students’ stories tapped into a well of your own memories or those of children and grandchildren, we hope they brought smiles to your faces. In conclusion, you may now turn the newspaper’s page from one side to the other, and graduate to the next story.

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from California.

“I really based my decision on the area surrounding the college,” Hirschfeld noted. “I wanted to go to school in the mountains, I wanted it to snow, I wanted to be in close proximity to a ski mountain. I looked at a bunch of schools kind of in the middle of nowhere.”

Although Dartmouth does not require students to choose majors as freshmen, Hirschfeld is leaning towards environmental science studies.

“It’s so rural that there is literally nothing around, just totally immersing myself into that and also being with kids who have similar hobbies as me,” she said. “Everyone who goes to Dartmouth has some sort of connection to the outdoors, and I think if I’m around people like that all the time, it’s going to push me more into that side and push me to do things I wouldn’t normally do.”

Hirschfeld deeply considered the environment around her but also the people she would be with every day and how they would help her become the person she wants to be.

‘Big step’

CHS staff does its best to support students in their decisions starting from the ninth grade, with helpful presentations, online resources, counselor check-ins and more.

“It’s a big step, a huge ending of what you have known for so long,” said Von Ruden. “Now you are really going to something that is unknown. It’s a change and transition into the next part of life for a student.”

Harper Hohman, who plans to study microbiology at California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo this fall, acknowledged the opportunities and challenges that come with this time of change. Hohman looks forward to the new respon-

sibility and independence of living on his own, while getting to study something he is passionate about.

One thing Hohman prioritized when deciding was the school’s approach to learning and instructional delivery.

“Cal Poly is known for its learn-by-doing method of education. I’m ready to get involved in research and excel in my program,” he said.

The school visit was especially important to Hohman, who said he really wanted to get a feel for the place and tried to imagine himself there. All three seniors felt it was important to picture themselves on campus and envision their new lives as they took their first big leap of faith into adulthood.

In addition to the factors mentioned by Posadas, Hirschfeld and Hohman, CHS counselors said that additional considerations when choosing a college, include affordability and what is best for the family as a whole.

While in some ways it’s a very grown-up decision — and a potentially expensive one — students can change their minds. Transfers aren’t uncommon, nor are gap years. For the Class of 2024, it’s the beginning of their next adventure, as they start building the kinds of memories those adults love to talk about.

Editor’s note: Tullah McColl just finished her sophomore year at Carmel High School, where she is on the staff of the school’s newspaper, The Sandpiper.



Fiona Hirschfeld



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dia, what I see is that my generation is demanding change. I look at the problems we’re inheriting — the climate-change issue, for example — and I think we’re motivated to break through and take action. We have no other option.”

Dutta: “One of the things I said at a student speaker contest was, ‘Can you imagine how it would feel to watch as today’s world leaders trade the future of my peers, and the future of my family, for their own convenience, ambition and greed?’ But, no, I wouldn’t necessarily expect my Gen Z peers to be much more generous, altruistic and community-minded than our current generation of leaders.”

CPC: Are you concerned about the future of our democracy?

Michie: “What I’ve been watching in Ukraine concerns me, because polarization in our country has put their democracy in

peril. We’re having trouble supporting institutions of democracy, and we have to fix our political system — but I’m optimistic that we can do that.”

Qureshi: “Sometimes I feel like our voices aren’t being heard. In that sense, it doesn’t really feel like we have a democracy. I hope my generation will be less focused on greed and power, and I think I sense a sort of upward trend: I see younger people who are advocating, trying to make a difference. In that context, I’m kind of optimistic.”

CPC: Do you see yourself wanting to bring children into this world?

Qureshi: “I’ve always wanted to have kids, raise a family — I think it’s a beautiful thing. At the same time, it worries me when I look at how our world is being shaped, and how rapidly it seems to be changing. So maybe I’m not so sure anymore.”

Dutta: “I probably don’t think it would

be fair for me to do that, with our world the way it is.”

Velazquez: “I’d love to have children, but with climate change and all, it seems kind of scary. So I guess I don’t know right now.”

CPC: Do you think Gen Z votes will show up at the polls in good numbers in November?

Michie: “I think a decent percentage of Gen Z is going to vote. People my age are engaged on issues like LGBTQ, diversity, equity, inclusion, gun rights, abortion. I’m hearing those conversations.”

Velazquez: “It bothers me to see politics getting in the way of friendships. I was talking to a friend a while back who insisted on knowing where I stood politically, whether I vote Republican or Democrat. The truth is, I don’t vote — I’d rather try to see past the politics and see people for who they are. When I told him that, he unfriended me..”

Dutta: “Not at all, no. I get stuck in my own little echo chamber, of course, but my impression of what I’ve seen is Gen Z nihilism. Gen Z has never had expectations. Gen Z kind of feels like it’s never going to work out, no matter what. That’s probably an exaggeration — a caricature of how kids feel today — but when I talk to people my age, most of them don’t seem optimistic at all.”

CPC: What types of things will you look for in a candidate?

Qureshi: “I’ll hope for a candidate who approaches politics from a more humanitarian perspective, rather than a person who is motivated by power.”

Michie: “I would greatly prefer a candidate who is well below the age of 80, but these are our options in November. What I’m looking for in a leader of our country is somebody who truly represents what our founding fathers envisioned, and a person who can take on difficult issues with rationality.”

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(Top) Shayla Dutta, who excelled two years in a row on Carmel High’s Mock Trial team, is considering pursuing a law degree at Tufts University or Macalester College. (middle) Stevenson’s Joaquin Velazquez, an aspiring music producer, is likely to enroll next fall at Loyola Marymount to major in business management and leadership. (bottom) Ansam Qureshi, a senior at Stevenson, will study psychobiology this fall at UCLA, with plans to go on to medical school.

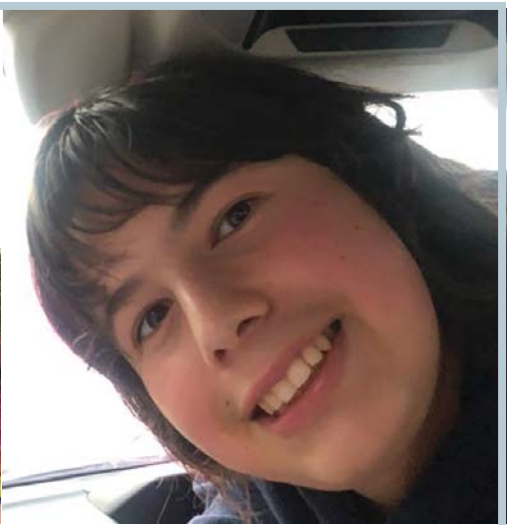





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This Week

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Violinist launches new chamber music festival at Monterey art museum

JUST WEEKS before the Carmel Bach Festival celebrates its 87th year, the Monterey Peninsula welcomes an ambitious new classical music venture — the Sunkiss'd

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Mozart Summerfest — which is set for June 12-16.

Besides presenting a pair of arts-related events, the festival features three concerts. The first one, titled “Lone Cypress,” is set for June 12, 6 p.m., at the Monterey Museum of Art. Musicians include violist **David Samuel**, violinist **Yuri Cho**, cellist **Felix Fan**, cellist **Tanya Tom-**



Wolf Jett, featuring singer and guitarist Chris Jones (pictured), plays June 8 at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

kins, and violinist **Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu** — and the backdrop is a stunning display of paintings by David Ligare.

The same chamber ensemble will play June 14, 6 p.m., at the same site, and June 16, 5 p.m., at a private home in Monterra. The program for each concert is a mystery and will be full of surprises, Wu told The Pine Cone.

Tickets to each concert are \$50. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. For tickets, visit skmozart.com.

■ A ‘folk’ Nina Simone

A singer who has been called “the folk Nina Simone” and an instrumentalist who makes her own guitars, **Ana Egge** performs Saturday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City.

Accompanied by guitarist **Mike Robinson**, Egge will play music from her 13th and latest album, “Sharing the Spirit.” “Leave the noise behind as you let yourself be transported by the song, the story, and the company,” Sand Box founder **Michelle Djokic** suggested.

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

■ Terrace Hour continues

In the latest installment of Sunset Center’s Terrace Hour — a free outside concert series — **The Suborbitals** play Friday at 6 p.m.

The eclectic local band brings together “the powerful baritone sax of **Ben Herod** and the slinky, incomparable bass lines of **Heath Proskin**,” a Sunset Center spokesperson said. “Good luck describing their sound — there’s a little bit of everything in their music, including surprises.”

Food and drinks are allowed, but alcohol must be purchased at the bar, which opens at 5:30 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. The series continues through June 21.



Cellist Tanya Tomkins performs at the inaugural Sunkiss'd Mozart Summerfest, which is set for June 12-16.

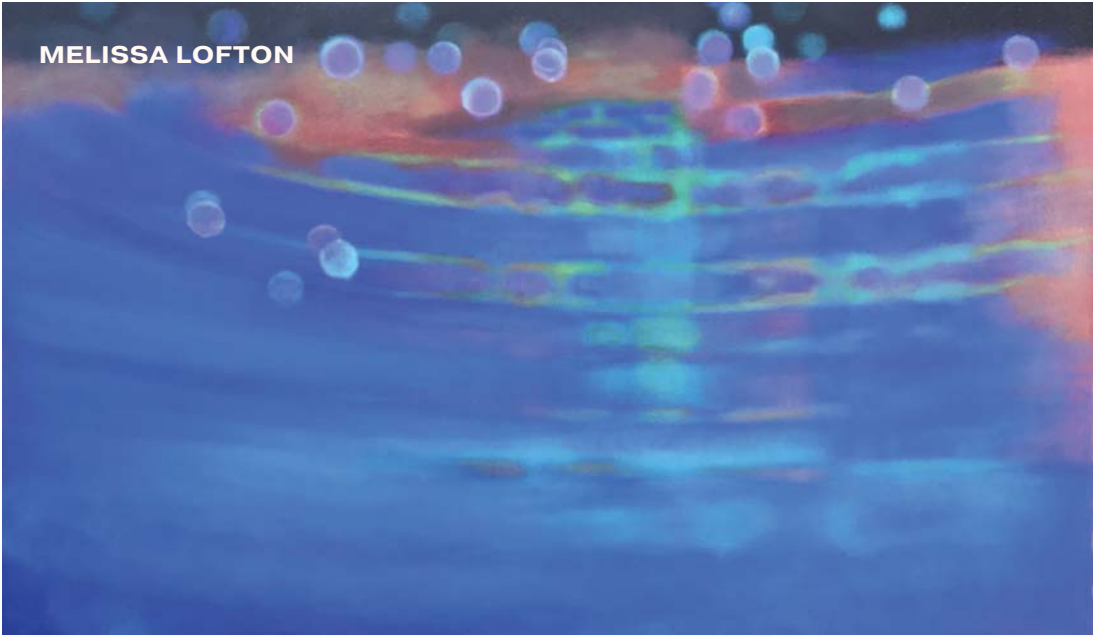
■ Live music June 7-13

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen in Monterey — singer and guitarist **R.J. DeMarco** (Friday at 5 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Baja Cantina restaurant in Carmel Valley — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Mathias Mann** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Michael**

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JUNE EXHIBITIONS

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Stepping into the realm of the ephemeral, Melissa Lofton takes us on a journey through transitory landscapes that linger between perceived earthly forms and elemental abstractions. The artist creates contemplative, colorful environments where edges soften and shift. She utilizes these elusive borders to pose larger ontological questions of being for the viewer.

LANDSCAPES - TABLESCAPES - ESCAPES

Jelmini’s artworks materialize from layers of ‘play’ with her painted surfaces, through a process the artist describes foremost as ‘joyful.’ This is readily apparent in her latest series assembled from domestic memories of familial gatherings and fond places. Upon these comforting impressions, Jelmini maps lively and shifting color, line and compositional surprises that arise spontaneously from her playful approach.

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COCKTAIL COMPETITION, AIR FARE FOR LUNCH, AND GRILL PAIRINGS

ONE OF the most highly regarded bartenders on the Monterey Peninsula will be hosting a cocktail competition at Cella Restaurant in downtown Monterey June 24, and an impressive field has signed on to compete in his inaugural Coastal Cocktail Clash.

“This will be a great opportunity to come together

Soup to Nuts

and showcase the best mixology and creativity here on the Monterey Peninsula,” Josh Perry, Cella’s beverage manager, said in an email to the dozen local professionals selected to participate. “This will be a night of fun, friendly competition and fantastic moments.”

The contest will consist of two rounds. In the first, contenders will be broken into randomly selected groups of three and be challenged with crafting the best drinks using a spirit selected by Perry, who this week advised the contestants of their groupings and the liquor he chose.

The winner from each group will proceed to the cham-



Wine expert Roxanne Langer shares her picks to pair with grilled foods, including a chardonnay from Albatross Ridge that will go well with oysters, scallops and shrimp.

pionship round, “where there will be some interesting surprises,” Perry said. Beam Suntory is the primary sponsor and is providing the base spirits for the competition.

According to the rules, competitors must use at least an ounce of the chosen liquor and no more than a half-dozen ingredients total, not including garnishes. One of those components can be handmade — as long as the recipe is provided to the judges — while all the others must come from the extensive Coastal Cocktail Clash “pantry list” of spirits, bitters, juices, wines and other items, such as spices, fruits and vegetables, that Perry provided.

Judges will analyze the drinks for craft, flavor/balance and creativity using a point scale, with the highest point-getters advancing to the next round.

Prestigious prize

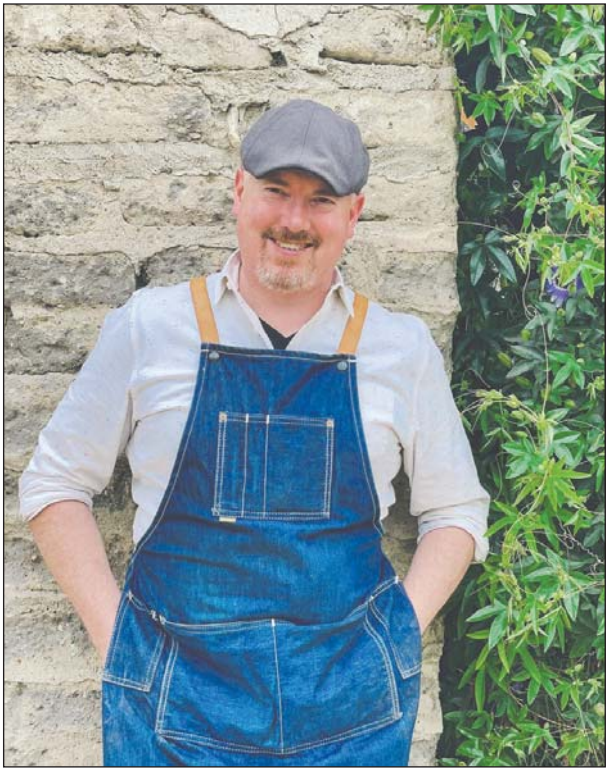
The lineup of competitors features some of the Peninsula’s best, including Ashley Havens (Chez Noir), Manny Hernandez (Stokes Adobe), Sharen Fortune (Mulligan), Jonathan Jeronimo (Bernardus Lodge), Fabian Osornio (Montrio), Alice South (Hula’s), recent Carmel-by-the-Sea Battle of the Bartenders winner Amy Felsing (Sade’s), James Wall (Alvarado Street Brewery), Mars Pimintel (Foray), Matt Clines (Grasing’s), James Garvi (Bud’s at La Playa) and Cella’s own Felicia Gonzalez-Acosta.

“This experience is a showcase of unparalleled mixology mastery as the Monterey Peninsula’s finest hospitality aficionados compete for the prestigious Coastal Cocktail Clash Belt,” the event announcement reads, and guests who want to watch the show will be treated to Perry’s creative cocktails and bites prepared by executive chef Cal Stamenov. Admission is \$27.32 per person via Open Table or \$30 at the door. The restaurant is located at 525 Polk St. in Monterey. Visit opentable.com/r/cella-monterey.

Splurging at midday

The diminutive Le Soufflé restaurant that opened at Dolores and Fifth during the pandemic and was serving dinner a few nights a week has morphed into a lunch-only dining spot offering a prix fixe menu Monday through Friday.

For \$78 per person, guests can choose from start-



Josh Perry, beverage manager of Cella Restaurant in Monterey, is hosting a Coastal Cocktail Clash — a competition where local bartenders mix their best belts to win a championship belt.

ers of frisée salad with roasted baby beets and goat cheese or grilled nectarine salad with mizuna greens, fromage bleu and toasted pecans, followed by entrée selections of Alsatian-style mushroom soufflé with mushroom riesling sauce, garlic soufflé with Dungeness crab sauce, lardons and fromage soufflé with leek cream sauce, or roquefort soufflé. For dessert, diners can opt for chocolate soufflé with vanilla ice cream, Grand Marnier soufflé or strawberry soufflé with strawberry ice cream.

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FOOD & WINE

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■ Hooked for a cause

Get Hooked, a benefit dinner for Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, will return this year on July 19. The event is held in conjunction with the Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust and proceeds go to Meals On Wheels home delivery service, which provides three meals a day, Monday through Friday, for “seniors, disabled adults, and veterans age 60 and older who are homebound and have limited access to shopping and preparing meals on a consistent basis,” according to the group’s website. On Fridays, there’s a double meal to provide food for one day of the weekend. Although those who receive meals are invited to donate, the group says its clients are served regardless, and no one is ever turned away.

Really fresh

For the fundraiser at the facility at 700 Jewell Ave. in Pacific Grove, Meals On Wheels executive chef Isaiah Cortright and sous chef Chase Ewing will highlight fresh ingredients supplied by the fisheries trust, a nonprofit dedicated to the mission of ensuring “sustainable fisheries, resilient communities, and a healthy ocean for years to come.”

The evening begins with an amuse-bouche and wine at 5 p.m., followed by a multi-course dinner expected to last until 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$150 and various levels of sponsorship are also available. Visit mowmp.org for links to information and to purchase tickets, all under the “Special Events” tab at the top of the home page.

■ Meat, fire, wine, joy

For most of the country, June is considered the unofficial start of the backyard



Le Soufflé, the cozy downtown dinner spot, has reinvented itself as go-to for a prix fixe weekday lunch. Sweet and fluffy dessert options include a chocolate soufflé.

BBQ season. In Carmel-by-the-Sea, the month often sweeps in with fog that makes it a bit more difficult for us to see our patio grills, but that doesn’t stop us from heating up our barbies just the same. With so many options of what to cook, the question arises, with which local wines should we pair our seared, smoked and even charred delights?

If seafood such as white fish, oysters, mussels, clams or scallops are on the menu, try an aromatic version of a chardonnay. At \$62 a bottle, the 2019 Albatross Ridge Beton Chardonnay is worth every penny and offers up the perfect richness to mirror the fruits of the sea.

This wine presents the scents and tastes of stone fruits, so adding a dollop of an apricot or peach chutney to your fish or scallop dish would pair perfectly as well. Albatross Ridge tasting rooms are on Dolores between Ocean & Sixth, at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road and at 316 Alvarado St., Monterey. Its website is albatrossridge.com

If you’re grilling chicken or meat, the sauce you choose should determine the

wine you pair. If it’s sweeter, try the 2022 Odonata Zinfandel. Jammy at the front and spicy at the end, this wine almost screams barbecue. Big, bold and fruity, it’s also perfect on its own (\$42, Odonata Winery on River Road, about 8 miles off of Highway 68 near Salinas, odonatawines.com).

Expanding options

Steaks need a wine that can cut through the fat, and cabernet sauvignon is often the go-to, but there are plenty of other varietals and blends that fit the bill, such as petit verdot, cabernet franc, barbera or syrah. Puma Road’s 2016 Petit Verdot, Pedregal de Pacines Vineyard, is a great option as is its cabernet franc from the same vineyard (winery on River Road, tasting room in Monterey at Portola Plaza, across from the Portola Hotel, pumaroad.orderport.net).

Silvestri Winery’s 2019 Barbera and 2019 Syrah are both perfect for steak, especially if you like to add black pepper to your meat (tasting room at Seventh near Dolores, silvestrivineyards.com).

If you only speak “cabernet sauvignon” for your perfectly done steak, Puma Road

and Silvestri produce lovely alternatives — but you won’t know what you don’t know unless you expand your varietal repertoire and try the other wines as well!

■ Festival extends hours

The Artichoke Festival at the Monterey County Fairgrounds is extending its hours on Saturday night until 9 p.m. to give visitors even more time to enjoy “all the incredible food, entertainment, and fun we have planned,” organizers say. “This exciting change means you can now join us for dinner! Our permanent food booth chefs in the Culinary Bazaar will be serving up mouthwatering dishes that you won’t want to miss.” Work off the mayo and drawn butter dips by dancing to the Prince tribute band, Red Corvette, which promises to “keep the energy high into the evening.” Visit artichokefestival.org for more information and to buy tickets.

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



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Once its leader, photographer returns to Sunset Gallery ‘at the top of his game’

THE FORMER executive director of the Center for Photographic Art, Brian Taylor takes on a different role Saturday when he celebrates the opening of a retrospective exhibit of his photographs at the downtown gallery, which hosts a public reception for him at 4 p.m.

Taylor stepped down from his role as leader of the local photography group in 2019. Besides his work with the photography center, he’s well known as an educator and artist.

“Through decades of university teaching and workshops held coast to coast, Brian has long been highly regarded as an influential teacher and inspiring artist in the realm of alternative photographic processes,” Taylor’s successor, executive director Ann Jastrab, told The Pine Cone.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, Taylor presents a free talk about his work as a fine art photographer, which includes exploring 19th-century photographic processes, making handmade books and incorporating painting, illustration and poetry into

his creations.

“Don’t miss the chance to hear this important artist speak about his work and to see his landmark exhibition,” Jastrab added. “Brian remains at the top of

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

his game, and this exhibition marks an in-progress celebration of a career now spanning 50 years and counting — be prepared to be transported to unknown places and new worlds.”

The exhibit will be on display through July 28. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. photography.org.

■ The journey begins

Two shows open Saturday at the Carmel Art Association, including painter Melissa Lofton’s “Stolen Moments.”

“Stepping into the realm of the ephemeral, Melissa takes us on a journey through transitory landscapes that linger between perceived earthly forms and elemental abstractions,” Chris Leib of the CAA said. “The artist creates contemplative, colorful environments where edges soften and shift — she utilizes these elusive borders to pose larger ontological questions of being for the viewer.”

Also new at the gallery is painter Peggy Jelmini’s “Landscapes, Tablescapes and Escapes.”

The exhibits continue through July 1. The gallery, which hosts a public reception Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m., is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.



Peggy Jelmini’s “Table for Two” is included in a new show at the Carmel Art Association.





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■ ‘Water: A Story to be Told’

The Monterey Museum of Art welcomes a new show Friday by ceramicist Mark Tanous. Titled “Water: A Story to be Told,” the exhibit is on display through Aug. 18.

“My work aims to offer pieces that are both thought-provoking and humorous, drawing inspiration from the pop, funk, and abstract movements of the 1950s and 1960s,” Tanous explained. “Whether starting on the potter’s wheel or workbench, I craft forms that undergo transformation, conveying a narrative or an idea. I make no effort to hide the strokes, impressions, or traces left by my hands.

The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.

■ Art walk set for Saturday

There will be surprises galore during Saturday’s monthly Carmel Art Walk, which showcases 15 artist-owned galleries

downtown from 4-7 p.m. — including a performance by violinist Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu at Joaquin Turner Gallery on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

Participants include Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery, Galerie Plein Aire, Gallery Sur, Carmel Art Association and others — all of which will be hanging green lanterns in their windows.

The event is free.

■ Let’s talk about it

Three painters whose art explores contemporary realism — Kirstine Reiner Hansen, Don Hughes and Chris Leib — will talk about their work Saturday, 2 p.m., at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts. The event is free.

An exhibit by the trio, “Reimagined Realism,” continues at the Cherry Center through June 22.

The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

MUSIC

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Culver (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — Andrea’s Fault (jazz and pop, Sunday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Bon Ton LeRoy’s Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alligator** (blues, zydeco, and Cajun, Saturday at 7 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Saturday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.), **Open Mic Night** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cuz’s Sportsman’s Club in Seaside — **The New Wave Band** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

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

Richard Devinck (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

Deja Blue in Seaside — singer and guitarist **Al James** and others (blues and r&b, Saturday at 4 p.m.), singer **Minor Williams** and others (blues and r&b, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

Estéban Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Wolf Jett** (“cosmic mountain music,” Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **The Al James Duo** (“rootsy and soulful,” Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** and violinist **Elijah McCullar** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

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

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues,

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Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Juice ‘n’ Java in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Frank Martin** (Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), **The Zach Westfall Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), harpist **Margy Kahn** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

La Playa Hotel — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud’s Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **Matt Masih & The Messengers** (funk and soul, Friday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Friday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucy’s on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **Bar Kings** (reggae, Friday at 2 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band**

(rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Melville Tavern in Monterey — **Wild at Heart Duo** (“new country and classic rock,” Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Janice Perl**, multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** and guitarist **Bob Basa** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Kenny Stahl Quartet** with guitarist **Adam Astrup**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove — **The Katherine Lavin Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann**, jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Monday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Latin rock with an old school twist,” Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Speakeasy Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Cisco Jim** (country, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Boscoe’s Brood** (acoustic rock, Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Vin Bar Carmel — singer and guitarist **George Woods** (Sunday at 3:30 p.m.). 237 The Crossroads Blvd.

Wendi Kirby Music in Monterey — **The Lonely Parrots** (folk and pop, Friday at 7 p.m.). 550 Hartnell St. Tickets are \$30 — visit wendikirbymusic.com.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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June 11 – Got home equity? Curious about reverse mortgages? A free seminar for homeowners age 55+ will be presented by HighTechLending, Inc., a local mortgage loan originator. Program is noon to 1 pm. in the Seideneck Room of The Carmel Foundation, SE corner, Eighth and Lincoln, Carmel. Sign up online at www.carmelfoundation.org or call (831) 624-1588.


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June 22 – Friends of Carmel Forest present tree walks, a walk along Scenic to view the iconic Monterey Cypress with Master Arborist John Leffingwell. Walks are set for 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person, free to members. To register, email name, phone and preferred time to treewalk@carmelforest.org


June 28 – Carmel Valley Lodge – A night of music and storytelling with Pamela & Bruce Forman’s “Cry Me A River” show channeling the music of **Julie London** & **Barney Kessel**. No host Bar, small bites included. \$49, reservations required. 6-9 p.m. Call 659-2261 to book your spot!



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