

Pastor’s Rocky Point plan gets big thumbs up

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CALIFORNIA Coastal Commission unanimously approved what chair Caryl Hart called “a visionary plan” for the restoration and enhancement of Rocky Point and the surrounding property during its meeting in Morro Bay Friday. The expansive deal will undo extensive illegal work by the restaurant’s prior owners, vastly improve public access on the scenic and historic property, and ensure it remains open and accessible.

Reacting to the vote, property owner Patrice Pastor told The Pine Cone he was pleased with the outcome.

“The process was better than I expected, because everybody told me the coastal commission is terrible — that it’s impossible to discuss with them and it will take a really long time,” he said Tuesday during a call from France. “And in fact, they’re super practical.”

Lots of work

At the June 14 meeting, coastal planner Rob Modellmog gave a 30-plus-minute presentation on the history of Rocky Point and the Coastal Act violations committed by Peter and Grace Wang a few years after they purchased it in 2012 for \$4,550,000, as well as the solutions Pastor agreed to.

The 40-page agreement calls for removing eucalyptus and other invasive species,

restoring the entire bluff, taking out signs and lighting along the shoreline, recording public-access easements over 80 percent of the property, establishing a conservation easement, providing two dozen public parking spaces and eight vehicle charging stations, building four

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Dramatic satellite rescue



PHOTO/CHP

A hiker who was stuck in a tough spot near Pfeiffer Beach in Big Sur was rescued Sunday, and his cell phone played a key role in alerting authorities, despite no reception. See page 12A.

O’Neil throws hat into city council ring

By MARY SCHLEY

SINCE MOVING to Carmel full-time in 2021, David O’Neil has been heavily involved in local organizations, observed numerous city meetings and has undertaken the restoration of a historic cottage. This week, he announced he’s running for Carmel City Council.

“I’m trying to help people feel that they’re heard and understood,” he said of one of his primary motives for running. “I’m very big on good communication.”

Born in the small Sierra town of Mariposa, O’Neil, 46,

visited the coast frequently as a child with his family and developed a deep affection for the Monterey Peninsula, which he often traveled to while living in San Francisco. Since then, he and husband William have had homes in Southern California, on the Hawaiian island of Maui and in France, where they restored a historic chateau together.

When Covid hit, they decided to return to California to be closer to family, according to O’Neil. “We ended up living in this sweet little cottage in Carmel,” he said.

They had been considering buying in Montecito because they’d lived in the area before, but a move there by some members of England’s royal family put the community in the spotlight and drove up prices, he said, so they set their sights here.

Remodel bug

When a longtime Carmel family decided to sell their cottage at 12th and Casanova, the O’Neils put in a backup offer, and they ended up with the house — sight unseen.

“This is the first place I haven’t wanted to remodel, and I love remodeling, so that’s saying something,” he said.

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CHP OFFICER RESCUES KITTEN FROM FREEWAY

By KELLY NIX

THANKS TO a coordinated effort involving motorists, an SPCA worker and a California Highway Patrol officer, a wayward kitten that found itself precariously wandering alongside Highway 1 is safe.

On June 14 at about 9 a.m., a driver called authorities to report a cat on the freeway near the Highway 68 interchange heading toward Salinas. When California Highway Patrol officer Ryan Moore arrived, he spotted the distressed kitten on the side of the road and tried to catch it.

“I wondered if it was injured,” Moore, 39, told The

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This young cat, which SPCA Monterey County has named Chippy, was rescued last week after being found on Highway 1.

It’s wildfire season, but early ones stopped in tracks

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE second time in six weeks — reminding everybody how combustible the local vegetation is — a wildfire erupted near Bottchers Gap in Big Sur early Monday afternoon.

Despite its being one of more than a dozen wildfires crews are battling throughout the state, firefighters launched an aggressive attack and stopped it from spreading. In all, about 20 acres burned. The cause remains under investigation.

“They’re calling it 100 percent contained,” Andrew Madsen of the U.S. Forest Service told The Pine Cone Thursday.

Aggressive airshow

Madsen said help arrived not long after the blaze began. “We were able to get two hotshot crews released from the Post Fire in Los Angeles County,” he reported.

The fire started in Los Padres National Forest along the Skinners Ridge Trail near Bottchers Gap Campground, which is located at the end of Palo Colorado Road.

The Mid-Coast Fire Brigade received word of

Planning commission OKs rules to rein in short-term rentals

By CHRIS COUNTS

A DECADE after Monterey County officials took on the thorny task of regulating short-term rentals in unincorporated areas like Carmel Valley, Big Sur and outside the Carmel city limits, the county planning commission reached a milestone June 12 when it voted unanimously to send a set of ordinances to the board of supervisors, which will consider them Aug. 27.

Highlights include provisions that severely limit STRs in residential neighborhoods in Carmel Valley and everywhere in Big Sur.

The ordinances create rules for hosted — meaning the owner stays onsite — and unhosted rentals. Because unhosted STRs have been the source of most complaints about the industry, the ordinances heavily restrict them, while making it relatively easy to operate hosted rentals.

Planning commissioner Martha Diehl described the ordinances as “rational, understandable and a good beginning,” while commissioner Kate Daniels called them, “a huge deal.”

“This was 10 years in the making,” Daniels said. “The ordinances are finally ready to be moved to the supervisors — they are ready for adoption.”

Tough rules in C.V.

So what will be permitted in Carmel Valley, where the industry has notably clashed with residents over the proliferation of vacation rentals in single-family neighborhoods? The recommendations include permitting 201 unhosted short-term rentals in Carmel Valley, a big drop from the 300 an earlier draft. More significantly, the planning commission called for banning unhosted rentals from residential neighborhoods. Instead, they will be restricted to properties zoned for agriculture and commercial activities.

What will be allowed in Carmel Valley residential neighborhoods are “limited STRs” — which can be rented no more than three times a year without a host or rented out anytime as long as a host is onsite — and “home stays,” which are similar to limited STRs but must have an owner living onsite. Both categories will offer applicants an easier and less expensive permit process than commercial STRs.

More than 160 homes are being advertised as short-term rentals in Carmel Valley.

In Big Sur, commercial rentals won’t be allowed,

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the fire around 1:30 p.m. Monday. Its volunteers were quickly on scene, and soon the real firepower arrived.

“An aggressive airshow was established with five

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A helicopter makes a drop on the Coast Fire, which started Monday near the end of Palo Colorado Road. The wildfire was stopped at 20 acres.

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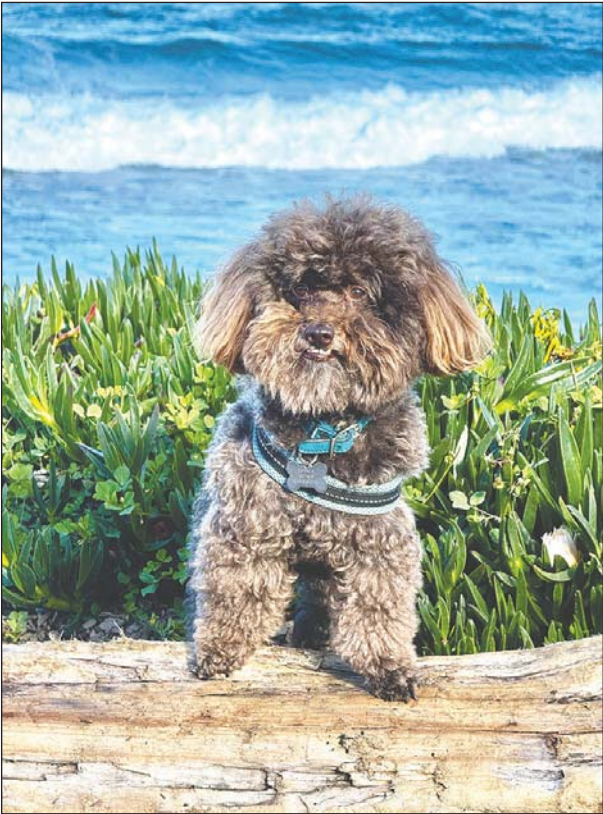
By Lisa Crawford Watson

Blessed at the beach

Francis Brown is not a fussy dog — except when he wants to get his way. Which, typically, is most of the time. Yet he also is willing to sit patiently on his people's laps and feel the love, even if they're not paying attention to him while they work, focused instead on painting or writing.

One of his people calls him "Francis Brown," while the other calls him "Brown Francis." Either way, this distinguishes him from his predecessor, Frances White, a little female poodle.

After Frances passed away, they couldn't stand her absence. So, they asked their daughter to help find a breeder in Indiana, Kentucky or Ohio, the last of which is their home state for half the year, when they're not at their mid-Carmel cottage.



The search identified a house painter in Kentucky who happened to inherit his mother's poodle breeding business. You can't make this stuff up.

"We were willing to switch the sex and the color of our next dog, but not the breed nor the name," said his person. "This is how we came up with Francis Brown. We just shifted from the female to the male spelling of Frances."

Every morning, Francis accompanies his couple on a walk into town to collect their morning coffee at Bruno's, where the little 9-pound pup expects treats. Then they continue on through Carmel, where Francis, his little legs moving in a blur, dodges the footfalls of passersby, including some who look down, notice him, and smile.

"Typically, what they see is a scruffy-looking little dog with dark, sunken eyes, an underbite and too many bottom teeth," his person said. "I compare him to a little lowland gorilla."

Recently, Jane Goodall held Frances on Carmel Beach when she was in town to celebrate her 90th birthday. Surely he felt blessed.

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Two houses OK'd for Carmel Resort

By MARY SCHLEY

WITHOUT ANY of the controversy that has plagued many of hearings on the future of the Carmel Resort Inn property in the northeast corner of town, the Carmel Planning Commission last week approved designs for two more homes on the Guadalupe side of the aging hotel.

In March and April of last year, commissioners OK'd plans for the first two residences proposed for the property on the corner at Guadalupe and First and the lot just south of it.

Architect Eric Miller, who designed those two other residences, submitted preliminary plans for two more two-story homes with basements and attached garages, one with a stucco and stone finish, clay tile roof and wood doors, and the other in a Mid-Century Modern style with wood and glass.

Each will be built on a 4,000-square-foot lot mid-block, and one of them requires demolishing a 688-square-foot hotel cottage and a 122-square-foot accessory building. The residences will be about 1,950 square feet apiece.



RENDERING/ERIC MILLER ARCHITECTS

Inspired by Mid-Century Modern design, this home planned for Guadalupe Street reminded commissioners of a treehouse.

Principal planner Marnie Waffle said the designs meet all the city's development standards, and she didn't recommend any changes.

No neighbors

"It's funny being in here without any neighbors to comment — it happens every 10 years or so," Miller said at the June 11 meeting in city hall.

Miller explained that he designed each house in a distinctive style to "make sure it feels like a neighborhood that was developed over time."

Commissioners universally liked the stucco-and-stone design, describing it as "lovely" and complimenting Miller for his work.

Resident Karyl Hall supported that one, too, but she objected to the other.

"When I saw this design, I won't describe what came to mind," she said of the Mid-Century Modern home, though she did say it reminded her of the shed-roofed granny unit built across the street from the Carl Cherry Center.

"Everyone hates that, and I think this elicits the same feeling," she said.

Hall said she was surprised and disappointed no neighbors were at the meeting, "because last time, when you had the modern house on the corner, everyone came and said, 'This doesn't fit our neighborhood,'" and Miller changed the design to make it more compatible.

"I expected the neighbors to be here to say this doesn't fit, either, because it's very much not in keeping with Carmel or the neighborhood or the general plan," she said. "So I'm hoping we can scrap this and start over again."

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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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Battery reported at Lincoln and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Scenic Road reported a violation of a court order. After a full investigation, it was found that the second party did not violate the order.

Pacific Grove: Parent on 11th Street reported their child missing.

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

Pacific Grove: Report of theft from an unlocked vehicle on private property on Syda.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances reported on Ransford.

Carmel area: Vehicle accident on private property on Venado Road.

Carmel Valley: Theft under false pretense from an Oak Glen Drive resident.

Carmel Valley: An argument was reported on Laguna Robles.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man with a gun reported on Hatton Road. Subject was contacted and found in possession of two BB guns. The subject was detained, searched and released at the scene. This report is for documentation purposes only.

Pacific Grove: Report of a possible brandishing of a firearm. Unable to determine whether a crime occurred.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a possible domestic dispute on Trampa Canyon.

Pebble Beach: A female was warned about trespassing at a residence on Laureles Lane.

Carmel Valley: A male on Carmel Valley Road was placed on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services report report at Lincoln and Fifth.

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The gavel falls

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

May 23 — Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced Courtney Trendon Davenport, 43 and a resident of San Jose, to 10 years in state prison after he was convicted of one count of human trafficking of an adult for commercial sex purposes, a felony offense, and one count of domestic violence.

This is Davenport's first conviction for human trafficking.

In addition to the prison sentence, Davenport will have to register as a sexual offender for the remainder of his life.

On Feb. 2, 2023, at approximately 8:12 p.m., the Salinas Police Department received a 911 call from Jane Doe, an adult and a resident of Wisconsin, from a restaurant on Kern Street.

Salinas Police officers arrived and contacted Doe, who reported that her "boyfriend," Davenport, had battered her after she refused to leave their motel room and engage in commercial sex work for Davenport's direct financial benefit.

In response, Davenport struck Doe on the eye with his elbow. Doe left and called 911, but as she was speaking with officers, Davenport emerged from a neighboring restaurant and began yelling. Davenport was detained and found to be in possession of a knife.

Subsequent interviews and searches of the motel room and cellular phones for both parties resulted in evidence that Davenport had been forcing Doe to engage in sex acts for his financial gain, including forcing Doe to abide by a set of strict rules which controlled her movements through tracking, her ability to provide for her everyday needs through finances, and threats of violence and actual violence when she refused.

Davenport controlled what sex acts Doe would perform, for whom she would perform them, how much she had to charge, and how much she had to make each day before she was allowed to return to their motel room.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police officers and detectives, including Luis Toribio, Jesus Trujillo, Oscar Solis and Ruben Sanchez.

Also assisting in the investigation and victim services was district attorney investigator Pablo Andrade. Doe was supported by victim witness program coordinator Alma Sanchez and former victim advocate Yanine Velasquez.

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City adopts law on military gear

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL P.D. doesn't own any armored vehicles, Humvees or weaponized aircraft and probably never will, Police Chief Paul Tomasi told the city council June 4, when he presented an ordinance that will regulate the purchase and use of military-grade equipment. In response to a state law passed in September 2021, other jurisdictions throughout California have been doing the same.

"In enacting AB 481, the Legislature stated the public has a right to know about any funding, acquisition or use of military equipment" by their local governments, he said. "The same applies to the public's right to participate in any government agency's decision to fund,

Do semi-auto rifles, tear gas and shotguns count?

acquire or use such equipment."

Tomasi said that when he started working at Carmel P.D. in 2008, it owned a fair bit of military equipment, mostly for the SWAT team it once had. A couple of years later, he went about researching how to return the items to the military, which the city subsequently did.

"We don't have any military equipment," he said Tuesday.

Grey areas

But the law, like many, is a bit grey in some areas, so it took time to figure out whether the department's half-dozen Colt M4/AR-15 semiautomatic rifles count as military equipment, as well as its tear-gas canisters and shotguns. Those items are included on CPD's list of "military

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Garbage police report contamination

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CARMEL RESIDENTS are doing an OK job of throwing their kitchen waste and food scraps into their green bins — as required by a state law that took effect in 2022 and became enforceable this year — according to the people hired to check people's garbage cans to ensure they are complying with the rules.

The law was enacted by the state in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A consultant hired by the waste management district "is working with local jurisdictions to support SB 1383 compliance through garbage, recycling and organic bins 'lid flipping' contamination monitoring," according to the city, which is paying the district, called ReGen Monterey, \$11,225 in the 2024-2025 fiscal year

to administer the organic waste recycling program on its behalf.

Carmel officials said a recent "contamination monitoring study" conducted by the consultant, Blue Strike Environmental, shows "the most commonly contaminated stream was in the garbage, with organics being the most common contaminant found," that the least commonly contaminated stream was organics, that residential properties had a higher contamination rate (14.8 percent) than commercial/multi-family properties (9.8 percent), and that the city's overall contamination rate is 11.46 percent.

"While Carmel is doing reasonably well, there is room for improvement," the city said. "More education will be forthcoming to increase participation and compliance."



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Former gallery slated for restaurant

By MARY SCHLEY

THE OWNERS of a wine bar in the Crossroads shopping center can open a restaurant, VIN Kitchen, in a Dolores Street space most recently occupied by Bennett Sculpture Gallery, the Carmel Planning Commission decided June 12. And contrary to a staff recommendation that the restaurant be forced to close at 8 every night, commissioners voted to allow operating hours more typical of most dinner spots.

Lance and Roslyn Anderson plan to have their new restaurant in Su Vecino Court on the west side of Dolores north of Sixth open seven days a week to offer lunch and dinner, weekend brunch, and an all-day menu of snacks and small bites. Their liquor license allows for serving beer and wine, and they would also sell bottles to go, along with related accessories.

VIN Kitchen will be relatively small, with 26 interior seats and 13 outdoors — as allowed by Monterey Peninsula Water Management District regulations — and the Andersons proposed closing hours of 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Close to homes?

But associate planner Katharine Wallace said that because the restaurant would be within 300 feet of the single-family-residential district, it must close at 8 p.m. She cited a Carmel Municipal Code section that says proposed commercial uses estimated to generate more than 40 vehicle trips per day per 1,000 square feet of floor area “shall be prohibited from operating before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m.” and used a transportation industry estimate that “fast-casual” restaurants generate 97.14 daily trips per

1,000 square feet.

But VIN Kitchen will be a full-line sit-down restaurant, not a fast-casual spot, Lance Anderson told the commission. He said they set their hours based on how other restaurants in town operate and “were very surprised to learn that could be an issue.”

Anderson’s survey of the 59 restaurants in the city indicated eight only serve breakfast and lunch, and “of the 51 remaining, zero close at 8 p.m.,” including the roughly 20 that are within 300 feet of the single-family-residential district. Next door, Cultura, formerly Jack London’s, is allowed to stay open until 2 a.m., according

to its permit, and The Pocket restaurant, which is located on Lincoln across the street from several homes, is open until 10 p.m.

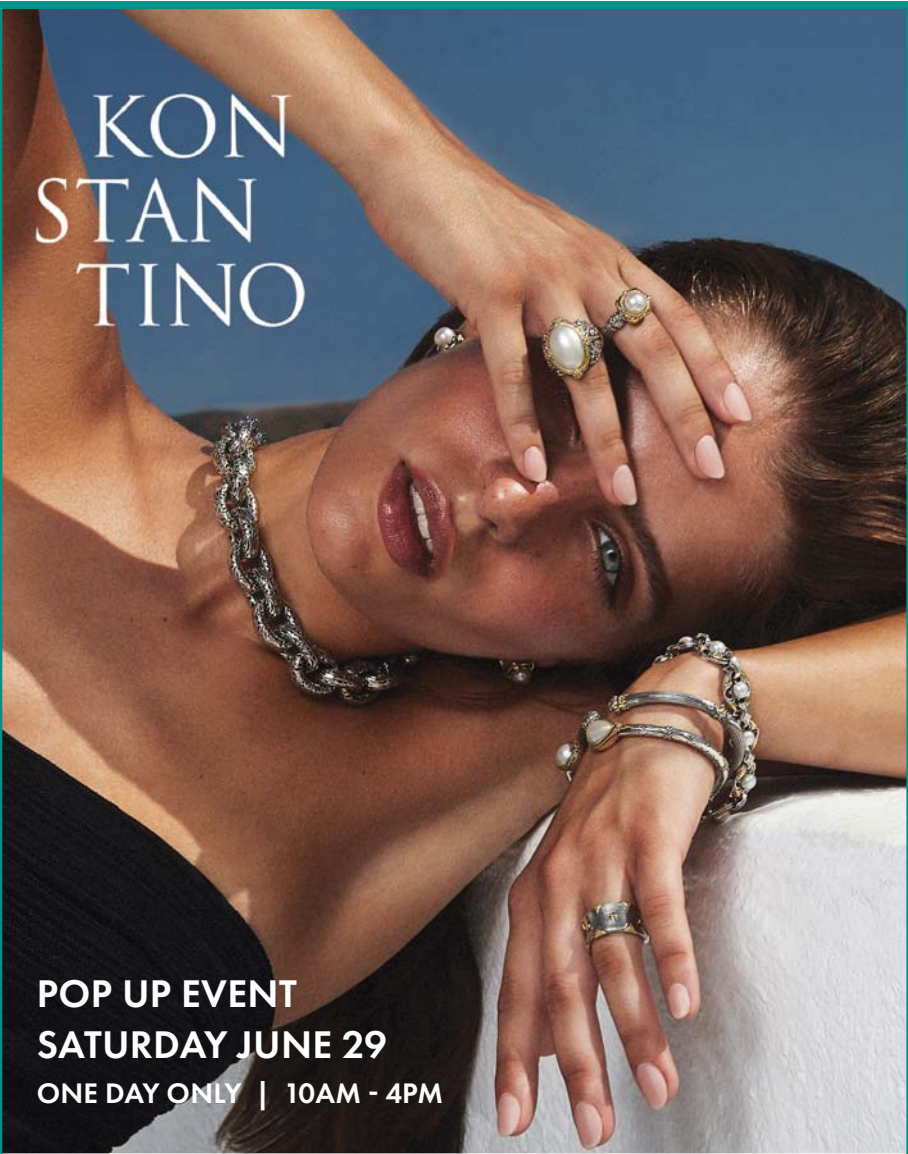
“Closing at 8 doesn’t make the restaurant viable,” he said.

More seats

Wallace had also recommended at the last minute that VIN be restricted to 10 seats outside, because she worried the area would be too crowded since Cultura also has outdoor seating, but Anderson asked commissioners to leave the number at 13. When it has approved other applications for outdoor seats, the commission has followed the water management district’s rule allowing the equivalent of half of a restaurant’s indoor seats to be set up outside without requiring additional water credits.

Their new landlord argued for allowing the Andersons to operate as they proposed, and a few nearby business owners sent letters of support. Su Vecino Court gallery owner Nicole Cromwell wrote to express her “enthusiastic support.”

See VIN page 22A



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Caltrans plants floral eye candy, surprises motorists on Highway 68

By KELLY NIX

TRAVELERS ON Highway 68 in Pacific Grove and Monterey have been enjoying the colorful rows of poppies that recently — and unexpectedly — blossomed along the road. While the flowers are stunning, they also serve an important purpose.

The California Department of Transportation in the past few years has done a lot of work on Highway 68, including paving and a safety project to correct two of the road’s curves. The state agency also planted bunches of native California poppies that now line the well-traveled highway.

Caltrans spokesman Kevin Drabinski told The Pine Cone this week that the orange poppies, which go by the scientific name *Eschscholzia californica* and became the

official state flower in 1903, were planted to help control erosion alongside the road. There are other native flowers amid the poppies.

“Caltrans has completed a few projects recently along Highway 68 that all included native California poppy in the erosion control mix,” Drabinski explained.

Strong roots

Poppies and other native wildflowers and grasses are regularly used by Caltrans for erosion control, he said, adding that it’s the agency’s “policy to preserve and enhance California native plants” on state property. Poppies’ deep, long carrot-like root systems help stabilize soil.

“At a minimum, the amount of wildflower seed must be the cost equivalent of one-quarter of 1 percent of the total project cost to comply with Federal Highway

Administration guidelines,” he said.

Poppies do especially well on roadsides “without a lot of competition from other plants in the spring and can easily proliferate and look beautiful again the next year if left to go to seed before mowing,” Drabinski added.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, poppies planted in coastal climates can bloom most of the summer.

“In California, it is hard to tell anymore which poppies are native wildflowers and which are garden escapes,” the agency said.



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No apology for failed removal try

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Mayor Bill Peake has no plans to apologize to a city commissioner he unsuccessfully tried removing from his position earlier this month after the man revealed the email addresses of two people and made fun of another city panel.

On June 5, Peake asked the other six council members to remove Mike Gibbs from the economic development commission for giving a citizen the “private” email addresses of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force member Kim Bui and former member Nadja Mark on May 18.

Gibbs also mocked the panel, calling it the task “farce.”

The effort failed, with four of seven council members voting against Gibbs’ removal.

Last week, Gibbs wrote a letter to Peake and the city council requesting a “correction” in the Pacific Grove City Council minutes and in the weekly city manager’s report overturning the claim that he disclosed “‘private’ email addresses, which, in fact, were public.”

Asked if he would consider Gibbs’ request for a correction or an apology, Peake indicated this week that neither would be forthcoming.

“As a result of the June 5 vote, the city council did not approve any action,” Peake told The Pine Cone Monday. “Therefore, no further action is planned.”

In response, Gibbs said Tuesday, “the mark of a courageous leader is being able to admit when you make a mistake.”

‘Double standard’

Gibbs and some of his supporters have asked why Peake was swift to try to remove him from the commission but did not take any action against others, including Mark, who last year, when she was on the DEI Task Force, ridiculed council members,

compared an innocuous comment by Gibbs to Nazi propaganda, and made other antagonistic remarks.

However, Peake seemed to be persuaded by an email from resident and attorney Crystal Gaudette, who called for Gibbs’ removal. Her May 28 message came about 10 days after Gibbs inadvertently forwarded the email to Mark which triggered the row.

“Mr. Gibbs shared the personal contact information of two private citizens without their knowledge or consent for the express purpose of harassment, and in a deliberate effort to disrupt the work of the city’s DEI Task Force,” Gaudette told Peake.

Less than three hours after Peake received her message, he asked for Gibbs’ resignation, but Gibbs refused.

Keyboard warriors

As Peake sought to remove Gibbs at the council meeting earlier this month, he also extolled the “diversity of opinion” and criticized what he called “very personal attacks on other people in the community,” which he said bothered him greatly.




The rhetoric in Pacific Grove has been incendiary at city meetings and on social media in the past year or so, and particularly in the past few months, with adults name calling, making false accusations against residents and city officials they don’t agree with, spreading misinformation and smearing their opponents

Gibbs, a conservative, has faced relentless attacks by a small group of progressives because he’s critical of the DEI Task Force, which they feel is necessary to help people of color, those with disabilities, LGBT people and others.

While Peake urged civility, it doesn’t appear to have helped much. The 74-year-old Gibbs told The Pine Cone that he’s taken extra security precautions after two people made “veiled threats” toward him on social media.

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Rep. Panetta gets \$\$\$ under new Capitol reimbursement policy

By KELLY NIX

REP. JIMMY Panetta was one of more than 300 members of Congress who expensed hotel and meal costs under a new program that permits federal lawmakers to be reimbursed without providing receipts.

In 2023, Panetta was paid a total of \$15,455, which included \$6,528 for lodging and \$8,927 for meals and incidentals. The expenses amounted to about 9 percent of the Carmel Valley Democrat’s \$174,000 salary, according to the Washington Post, which created a database to search for how much each member of Congress received.

The taxpayer-funded reimbursement arrangement was approved unanimously by a House panel with bipartisan support and went into effect last year. More than \$5 million in expenses were filed by 328 Democrats and Republicans. Former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, a Republican from California, spearheaded the program’s creation.

Bipartisan support

“Republicans and Democrats supported the amendment because Congress has not had a cost-of-living increase since 2009, and many believe the program would help a wider swath of Americans from different socioeconomic backgrounds serve in the House of Representatives,” Panetta told The Pine Cone this week.

The congressman, who represents the 19th Congressional District, was nowhere near the top of the list of lawmakers who expensed the most, according to The Post, which reported more than two dozen members were paid more than \$30,000.

The system allows members to be reimbursed for lodging and other incidental expenses only when lawmakers are in Washington D.C. and during legislative session days, Panetta said. Last year, there

were 173 legislative session days for which members could be reimbursed up to \$261 per day for lodging and up to \$79 for daily expenses.

“Based on my rent, expenses and time legislating in Washington D.C., my total for rent and expenses for the year came out to \$15,455, which is well below the maximum that a member can request and receive, and as indicated by the Washington Post, puts me in the bottom half of amounts that were reimbursed to House members,” Panetta explained.

Other members’ expenses

The top three highest reimbursements went to Republicans Jack Bergman of Michigan (\$44,079), Matt Gaetz of Florida (\$42,249), and Jim Baird of Indiana (\$41,549), while Democrats Ilhan Omar of Minnesota (\$40,092) and Troy Carter of Louisiana (\$39,245) were fourth and fifth.


In California, McCarthy, who represented much of the Central Valley before resigning as a congressman last year, was reimbursed \$23,011, while Democrat Rep. Anna Eshoo, whose area represents the 16th District that includes coastal San Mateo County, was reimbursed \$16,266, almost all of it for lodging.

Democrat Eric Swalwell, who represents Alameda County, expensed \$28,223, which amounted to about 16 percent of his salary.

Zoe Lofgren, the Democratic congresswoman for the 18th District, that, like Panetta’s, includes a portion of Monterey County, did not file for reimbursement of any expenses last year.

The program, which operates on the honor system, was intended to make it easier for members of Congress to cover the costs of having separate homes in

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SOS cell capability saves man from cliff

By CHRIS COUNTS

A DRONE operator who was visiting Big Sur from out of state learned the hard way Sunday morning that it wasn't worth risking his neck to recover the pricey device.

Big Sur Fire received a page at about 9:45 a.m. that a man at Pfeiffer Beach was in trouble and needed help.

"He was flying a drone, and he lost it due to high winds," Big Sur Fire Chief Matt Harris told The Pine Cone. "He made his way through brush and over rocks to retrieve it, but got stuck about 60 feet above the ocean."

Despite having no cell reception in the isolated spot, the man was able to communicate with rescuers. "When he became weak and was unable to climb any farther, he was able to use the SOS function on his cell phone," Harris said.

Tough terrain

Big Sur Fire soon arrived at the beach and at first had difficulty locating the victim "due to the steep terrain," Harris explained.

It turned out the man had scrambled over the rocks just south of the beach near Pfeiffer Point and was no longer visible.

Before long, though — with the help of a CHP helicopter and the GPS coordinates revealed by the

Morgan Eastwood wedding at Mission Ranch



PHOTOS/MORGAN EASTWOOD VIA INSTAGRAM

There were smiles on every face in the extended Clint Eastwood clan Saturday when the former Carmel mayor's youngest daughter, Morgan, 27, married Tanner Koopmans at Mission Ranch. (Left) The bride and groom just after the ceremony. (Middle) Morgan with her mother, Dina Ruiz, and Dina's husband, Scott Fisher. (Right) The bride laughs while her dad admires her soon-to-be-baby.

man's phone — he was found safe. As a video posted by the CHP on Facebook shows, the man was placed in a harness and airlifted by helicopter to a private property nearby, where it was determined he was uninjured. But he did not get his drone back.

Besides Big Sur Fire and the CHP, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team and the Urban Search and Rescue Team assisted with the incident.

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KITTEN

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Pine Cone Thursday. “When I got up to it, I realized it wasn’t injured, and it actually ran away from me. It ran across the lane, and I thought, ‘Oh my gosh, it’s going to get hit.’”

That’s when Moore decided to briefly stop traffic on Highway 1 so he could save the cat, but the effort didn’t go quite as planned.

Motorist Tom Greeley, who saw the kitten running on the shoulder of the highway as he was driving to work, stopped his Toyota Prius for the traffic break. When Moore tried again to catch the tiny feline, it jumped into the wheel well of Greeley’s Prius and made its way near the vehicle’s fuel tank.

“My hand was just a foot away from grabbing her, then she ran up and behind the Prius’ engine,” the CHP officer explained.

With the terrified kitty hidden and out of sight and reach, Moore contacted SPCA Monterey County for assistance.

Remote camera

SPCA Humane Investigations Supervisor Jacob Duarte arrived to help. While Duarte could hear the kitten, he couldn’t see it. But he realized the animal was in an area of the car where she would not get hurt with the engine running.

For the safety of the kitten and drivers, Greeley carefully moved his Prius to his work parking lot nearby as Moore followed him with emergency lights.

Once parked, Duarte used a camera on a wire to spot the kitten and, after removing a few car parts, he scooped her up and brought her to safety.

“The rescue delay made Tom Greeley over two hours late for work, but saving the kitten was worth it all,” SPCA

spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said.

“I couldn’t just leave this little kitten out on the highway,” Moore, who owns cats and dogs, said. “I needed to try to do everything I could to help her. I’m so glad that Jacob was able to get her out.”

Duarte returned to SPCA headquarters where Chippy had a “drink of cool water, some healthy food” and a vet exam.”

“She is now safe and recovering at the SPCA and she will be available for adoption next week,” Brookhouser said.

The SPCA named the 8-week-old cat Chippy “to honor the CHP officers who helped her,” she added.



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CHP Officer Ryan Moore spotted this 8-week-old kitten wandering on the freeway before the animal crept into the engine compartment of a Toyota Prius. The feline was removed safely from the vehicle after a two-hour effort.

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O'NEIL

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But he got his remodel wish after they befriended a neighbor when she and William had medical emergencies at the same time, O'Neil said. The couple struck a deal

with her: They helped her buy the 80-year-old house she inhabited, and she lived there until she decided to move into a unit at Hacienda Carmel. Once it was empty, the O'Neils began restoring it.

"That's how I got involved in the community," said O'Neil, who has become a regular at city council, planning commission and other meetings, and is involved in

the Carmel Residents Association, Carmel Cares, the Carmel Police Department VIP program, the anti-modern Carmel Preservation Association, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, the SPCA and other volunteer organizations.

In joining the council, he said he will “aim to apply my expertise in urban planning, entrepreneurship and community development to promote sustainable growth and inclusive public service.”

"I have a deep respect for this city and would be honored to contribute to its continued preservation and development," he said.

While he has never served in an elected or appointed position in local government, O'Neil said he's studied extensively with local historians and possesses working knowledge of the city's general plan and other codes, experience in planning and development, is adept at working with budgets, and is knowledgeable in web design and commercial and high-end residential real estate sales and marketing.

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O'Neil has worked in real estate since 2007, and in construction, planning and development for many years as well, but said he's willing to give up working if he's elected so that he can dedicate himself to the role full-time.

"I decided what is most important to me

is to be of service to the community," he said, which is what led him to real estate in the first place and might now lead him to leave the business.

"I don't have a need for income, but people asked me for help with real estate," and he obliged, he said. Now, he wants to help the community in a different way.

"I want people to feel heard," he said. "The community wants to feel heard and acknowledged. They don't want to go to these meetings with people who have their minds already made up."

Close eye

O'Neil said he's been monitoring the planning commission's decisions and the planning and building department's activity, and has found numerous occasions where they've deviated from policies and guidelines.

“They need to be adhered to, and they need to be dealt with consistently,” he said, adding that he wants to “do some auditing of how our city is being managed, because we want to make sure we’re handling things consistently.”

He said he's intent on safeguarding local control, particularly with regard to the housing issue, and that state and federal overreach threaten efforts to preserve and revitalize the city. In response, O'Neil plans to pursue the idea of historic districts to help protect the city's heritage.

On the police station, he'd like to start making small repairs instead of waiting for a larger plan, and he said fiscal responsibility is critical, especially concerning the mammoth California Public Employees Retirement System and the financial burden it places on local governments. Other significant areas of concern include street and sidewalk repair, and protecting

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STRs

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although it’s uncertain if such a ban will be supported by the California Coastal Commission, which has the final say over what happens in the coastal zone. But limited STRs and home stays will be permitted.

According to the county, 37 homes in Big Sur are being advertised for vacation stays.

In the unincorporated neighborhoods around Carmel-by-the-Sea, 117 commercial short-term rentals would be permitted, but not in single-family residential neighborhoods. Currently, 218 homes are being advertised as STRs, a number that exceeds the cap by 101.

Countywide, 1,345 commercial short-term rentals will ultimately be permitted — in contrast to the 825 that are advertising.

Out of those 825, only about 30 have permits. Most of those have permits that don’t expire, although the most recent permits issued will need to be renewed after three years.

‘Fair and reasonable’

The Carmel Valley Association, which has been vocal in its opposition to commercial short-term rentals, was pleased with the planning commission’s recommendations. “Hopefully, the supervisors will approve them when they meet on Aug. 27,” the group announced.

The association’s president, Pris Walton, told The Pine Cone that short-term rentals compete directly against working families for housing, and as a result, the industry needs to be reined in.

“Short-term rentals take housing off the market for people who live here,” Walton said. “They cause a tremendous loss of community.”

Walton called the ordinances that the planning commission is recommending “fair and reasonable.”

But Dick Matthews of the Monterey County Vacation Rental Alliance called the ordinances “very restrictive.”

“We’re worried this will wipe out all the non-hosted short-term rentals in Carmel Valley,” Matthews said.

While he conceded that complaints about the industry generally come from rentals that don’t have hosts living onsite, Matthews said there is a great demand for non-hosted rentals. “The traveling public doesn’t want to have a stranger present,” he said.

Matthews also predicted that a ban on vacation rentals in the coastal zone won’t hold up. “We frankly don’t think the coastal commission will allow banning in the coastal zone,” he added.

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Carmel’s charm.

To help develop plans for contending with some of these challenges, O’Neil said the city should tap into the knowledge and experience of its residents rather than continuing to spend money on consultants.

“I would like to see us using the community to come up with solutions,” he said. “We have people in this community who have been incredibly successful, and we could save a lot of money.”

So far, Mayor Dave Potter has announced he’ll run again, and he’s set to be challenged by resident Dale Byrne and city councilman Jeff Baron, who is running from a safe seat.

Planning commissioner Robert Delves has said he’s planning to run for city council, and councilman Bobby Richards has said he’ll seek reelection. Councilwoman Karen Ferlito has not said whether she’ll pursue another term. The filing period for the Nov. 5 election opens July 15.



KENNETH ‘KEN’ PAUL RAUH

Kenneth “Ken” Paul Rauh, 55, born on May 15th, 1968, in Whittier, CA, passed away on April 28th, 2024, in the comforting presence of his family, transitioning to his eternal rest with Jesus.

Ken’s upbringing in Hacienda Heights, CA, alongside his late parents, Betty and Jack Rauh, shaped the foundation of his life. He leaves behind cherished memories for his siblings: John Rauh (Debra), Doug Rauh (Stacy), and Julie Paterson (Steve). At Glen A. Wilson High School, he excelled both creatively and athletically, graduating with the class of 1986. His passion for football was matched by his dedication to working summers at Fuddruckers and Phil & Jim’s TV. Pursuing higher education, Ken earned degrees from Fullerton College and Cal State Fullerton, majoring in finance. It was during this time that he met and fell in love with Robyn Lindley. After graduating in 1991, they traveled and worked in London, exploring Europe and building lifelong memories and friendships together. Upon returning, Ken established himself as a mortgage broker in San Diego. Then, in 1993, Ken and Robyn exchanged vows in Gonzales, starting their beautiful 30-year journey. Ken brought his out-of-the-box thinking, and Robyn brought realism; together they learned just how great a team they’d be. Settling down in Monterey County, they realized their dream by establishing A Taste of Monterey, a beloved wine-tasting room and bistro on Cannery Row, which has flourished for three decades. Over the years, their home in Carmel Valley grew with their three sons; Justin, Sam and Luke, who each bring laughter, love and endless adventures.

Being a father was undoubtedly one of Ken’s greatest accomplishments. Justin (25), Sam (22), and Luke (19) each share a distinct and special relationship with their dad. Justin inherited his father’s quiet demeanor and intelligence, while Sam shares his father’s adventurous spirit and creativity. Luke not only shares Ken’s creative ability but has his knack for turning ideas into reality. Ken was truly devoted to his family, and all three of his sons will always treasure the love and dedication he showed them.

Ken was, first and foremost, a firm believer in God. As an integral member of Sanctuary Bible Church, he poured countless hours into serving others. Fondly known as “Master-Chef Ken,” he consistently used his culinary skills in preparing Sanctuary’s famous Wednesday night dinners. Drawing from the legacy of his parents, Ken brought his grounded creative thinking to the table, designing decorations for countless Vacation Bible School (VBS) summer programs, wonderfully impacting so many. His commitment extended beyond the kitchen and VBS; Ken’s leadership as a Deacon and Elder exemplified his dedication to nurturing spiritual growth within our community. Week after week, he engaged with young minds at AWANA: Playing games, making art, and sharing God’s word. For Ken, his legacy wasn’t just in the meals he cooked or the programs he designed; it’s in the love of the lives he touched through big acts of service and the simple moments.

As we all know, Ken had a passion for fishing, a hobby inherited from his dad. Docked at the Monterey wharf for years, his boat fostered countless adventures. He enjoyed every moment spent fishing with his sons, trusty fishing buddies, and bounties of other fishing companions. For Ken, a perfect day began at 6 a.m. with hot coffee, pb&j toast, a glassy bay, coming in with a full flopping cooler, and winding down with friends and family gathered around golden fish tacos.

Ken extended his time and dedication to the community; he was a valued member of the Monterey County Hospitality Association (MCHA) board for 14 years, where he most notably contributed to the organization’s annual dinner for 17 years. Additionally, he was an active board member within the Cannery Row Business Association (CRBA) for more than 20 years where he was an integral part of the planning and vision, parking and banner committees among many other projects.

Ken epitomized kindness, honesty, and generosity, wrapped in a quiet demeanor accompanied by a sharp wit that never failed to leave people laughing. He found joy in hosting at his and Robyn’s home, treating their guests to wonderful meals, especially when cooking his fresh catch of the day. An artist at heart, Ken consistently embarked on new creative ventures, always with an eye toward the future. Whether envisioning enhancements for A Taste of Monterey or strategizing the next move to navigate the ever-changing restaurant and wine market. Ken’s creativity, passion, and innovation enriched and sustained the business but also fueled his pride in his livelihood.

Ken’s absence will be deeply felt in the hearts of his family, friends and hospitality colleagues. Yet, he will be remembered through the passions that defined him; faith, family, great food, fine wine, travel, fishing and football (Let’s Go Niners!). Ken has set sail to fish with the “Master of the Sea, but it won’t be long until we’re together you and me”.

To celebrate Ken’s life, please join us at the Carmel Valley Trail & Saddle Club on Sunday, June 30th from 3 to 7 p.m. The memorial service will begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by dinner, fine wine and fellowship to honor the memory of Ken Rauh.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ken’s memory to the: MCHA Scholarship Fund <https://chooserestaurants.org/support-us/donate/>, Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc (mbv.org) which takes veterans fishing or any Christian charity of your choice.

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permanent restrooms, creating a viewing area with five benches and 10 tables, consolidating and improving a trail system on the property, and adding trash receptacles and water-bottle filling stations. The work is expected to cost in excess of \$4 million.

Aware of the problems

Pastor bought the 2.5-acre property, which includes the iconic restaurant and three attached apartments, for \$8 million from the Wangs’ heir in November 2021. Monterey County owns much of the land surrounding it, including the driveway from Highway 1 to the parking area.

Moddemog’s report detailed many of the Coastal Act violations and illegal construction done by the Wangs. They installed a locking gate and a sign at the top of the driveway, which is county property, posted “private property” and “no trespassing” signs, put in security cameras and posted a guard. They only opened the gate when the restaurant was operating and said only patrons could park



In Loving Memory
KIMBERLY LORD
Nov. 18, 1958 – March 23, 2024

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved friend, Kim Lord. Kimberly was born and raised in San Jose on November 18, 1958. On March 16, 2024 she experienced a sudden brain bleed while running on her favorite trail by Carmel Beach, and succumbed to her sunset on March 23, 2024.

She was a passionate dancer from an early age, as her mother taught dance. She joined a dance troupe that traveled the world, including Japan and Africa. She was also a professional dancer on cruise ships.

Kim moved to Monterey in 1984 and became an accomplished cosmetologist at the salon she owned in Carmel for more than 20 years. She learned to apply permanent make-up with an artist’s eye, with a precision and professionalism that was outstanding. She continued dancing with various dance groups, and choreographed many of the dances herself and was also a fitness buff who lifted weights and ran the sand dunes on Carmel Beach. She also loved photography and capturing the beauty of nature that surrounds us.

Kim was known for her infectious energy and unwavering positivity. Her vibrant spirit filled the fountain courtyard area, where her salon was located, with laughter and joy. Whether she was brightening someone’s day with her smile or filling the air with uplifting tunes, Kim had a remarkable ability to make everyone around her happy. Kim was a caring and generous person, so energetic, full of life and insatiably life-loving. Always up for an adventure, always ready to jump up and dance, to get the party started.

For those who were fortunate enough to have known her, she will be deeply missed in our hearts forever.

there, ending the public’s six-decade use of the property and its network of casual trails.

They also planted non-native species along the driveway and irrigated them, which exacerbated the problem of invasive ice plant and other species in the area, built a long stairway up a hill full of environmentally sensitive habitat that led to a platform on adjacent private property, cleared and graded two areas on county land for customer and employee parking, and installed a septic leach field on a coastal bluff, among other illegal work.

“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, Moddemog wrote. The violations were discovered in 2018 after someone complained to the state agency, and enforcement staff tried to work with the Wangs, but those efforts ended when the owners shut the restaurant down during Covid and permanently locked the gate. Because Coastal Act violations run with the land and are the responsibility of whoever owns it, the coastal commission’s chief of enforcement officially recorded them with Monterey County in June 2021.

“Our client purchased this property with full knowledge of the violations that existed,” Jared Ficker of Axiom Advisors, a government-affairs firm that provides strategic consulting, lobbying and advocacy, public affairs and communications, and regulatory counsel, said at the meeting.

“Your enforcement staff did a great job, they were responsive, and they listened to some of the suggestions we had and gave constructive feedback,” he told the commission. “It took us a while to work through this, but we think we have something absolutely spectacular for the coast of California, and we’re all proud of it.”

Ficker encouraged them to visit Rocky Point. “It has one of the most unrivaled vistas on the Big Sur coast,” he said.

Hart called Moddemog’s report and the plan “inspiring,” and Laura Walsh, policy manager for Surfrider California, described it as “an awesome outcome for the public.”

“This package is also appropriate, given the severity of the violations,” she said.

Walsh was the only member of the public to comment on the proposal, which coastal staff acknowledged contains more improvements and remediation than the state agency could have required.

“What a beautiful thing — I can’t wait to go there,” commissioner Linda Escalante commented, and commissioner Justin Cummings asked if there was any financial remuneration Pastor could seek from the prior owners,

given that they were the ones responsible for the violations and the fixes will be very expensive, but Moddemog speculated they were taken into consideration when the real estate deal was made.

“Thank you again for your cooperation, and let us know when you’re open so we can come support your business,” Cummings told Ficker, who appeared at the meeting on behalf of Pastor.

Hart asked Ficker to thank his client “for this visionary plan to provide the public access to an area that they deserve and have a right to have access to but have been prohibited.”

“From the coastal commission’s perspective, for me, that’s one of the most important things that we do,” she said. “It’s such a fantastic outcome.”

The nine commissioners in attendance all voted in favor of the plan.

Better than expected

Soon after he bought Rocky Point, Pastor reopened it to the public and addressed some other immediate concerns.

“We said, ‘We know this property is in trouble, and we will do our best and we will resolve all these problems,’” Pastor said this week. “Immediately we put good people around the table, and we worked closely together — it was a really good process and really professional.”

Pastor described the resulting plan as “positive for the community, positive for the tourists, and perfectly in line with our target.”

“We’re going to invest a lot of money, but I think the place deserves it, first of all, and there’s no reason not to do a beautiful project,” he said.

While he’s planning to reopen the restaurant, that’s fairly far down the road, considering the work that must take place there first and the county and coastal planning processes that will follow. The agreement approved Friday requires Pastor and his team to submit and execute separate plans for restoration, erosion control, removal of all of the unpermitted additions, invasive plant control, revegetation, and environmental mitigation and monitoring.

“Some items are quite straightforward,” while others will require working with consultants and experts, he said, but it’s worth the time to ensure the plan provides all of the protections it should.

And he said he’s learning to be patient.

“It’s tough to do a lot of things here. Now I understand that in your country, and especially in this place, you need time for everything. I’m fully aware now,” he said. “If you’re a normal developer, it can be really tough and quite impossible to manage, but if you’re working on a long-term strategy, it’s OK. You just have to understand it.”

Maria Teresa de Souza Canavarro

Maria Teresa de Souza Canavarro transitioned home to be with her mother and father and brother Nick on June 7, 2024. She was born in New York on August 25th, 1942, to Mildred and Kim de Souza Canavarro, and passed away peacefully at her home overlooking the village of Carmel Valley with her family at her side. She is survived by three brothers and a sister, Dominic, Antonio, Gregory and Lisa; as well as three children, Mark, Mike, Maria and grandson, Nick.



She grew up in Pebble Beach and Carmel, attending Santa Catalina, Dominican College of San Rafael and Boston University.

From a very early age Maria began her lifelong journey as a giver of care helping to raise her five siblings alongside her mother. She then went on to foster children in Germany all while raising three children of her own. While living in Germany she got her master’s in counseling and human services from Boston College and went on to use her degree to provide social services in rural Virginia.

She was an avid reader of mysteries as well as a prolific writer and photographer, writing several books, including “The Reluctant Contessa” and “My Macedonian Odyssey — A Journey of the Heart.” She had a wonderful way with words, providing comfort and wisdom through personalized cards. And her photographs spoke volumes through her ability to capture the true souls of people and the world around her.

Maria traveled the world as the wife of a diplomat and a true gypsy at heart, living in Yugoslavia and Germany and then Macedonia for 20 years. Returning to the Monterey Peninsula in the ’80s she was executive director of the Suicide Prevention Center and went on to be a Gold Key concierge at the Lodge at Pebble Beach.

In her later years she went back to Macedonia, a country and people she loved, to work on a book and PBS documentary to help the cultural preservation of Macedonia. In addition, she took a group of 40 young Macedonian folk dancers and singers all over the world to perform and helped start an emerging democracy upon the dissolution of Yugoslavia. She had dreams of restoring a monastery in Macedonia all while preserving its cultural heritage and dress and was always looking at ways to get closer to God

After her final return home, she moved to L’Hermitage up on the mountain overlooking the village of Carmel Valley and worked as a caregiver and Hospice volunteer.

Maria’s faith was strong, and she lived a life in the service of others. Her care, concern and compassion for everyone came out in her deeds and actions.

Her positive words of encouragement, and unconditional love will be deeply missed.

Her creative and compassionate Spirit brought peace and joy to so many shining her light around the world. A true humanitarian and giver of dignity and connection to all who knew her truly “Celebrating Life.”

Thankful, grateful and blessed are we who knew her!

Dance, sing, praise and rejoice, my love!

There will be a service at 10 a.m. on July 5th at:
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Contributions in her memory can be made to the Suicide Prevention Center of the Central Coast.

Highway 1 at Paul’s Slide set to reopen Sunday

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE MOTHER of all Big Sur slides — which has blocked Highway 1 just south of Lucia since Jan. 14, 2023 — has finally been cleared, and the highway is set to reopen Sunday.

“Owing to favorable site conditions and recent construction progress, Caltrans will reopen Highway 1 at

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air tankers and five helicopters, as well as an assortment of fire engines and ground water tenders,” the fire brigade reported. “The aggressive air show stopped the fire’s forward progress at 15 acres.”

One firefighter was injured and had to be airlifted to a burn center in San Jose with second-degree burns, officials said.

Even though the fire doesn’t pose much of a threat now, it’s still burning. As a result, U.S. Forest Service crews will remain on scene until it is extinguished.

“Smoke will be visible as interior island and hotspots within the burn perimeter are extinguished and could take multiple days due to the difficult steep terrain and heavy fuels both dead from the Soberanes Fire and regrowth over the last eight years,” the report continued.

Mid-Coast Fire urged residents driving along Palo Colorado Road to be mindful of firefighters and their vehicles. “Please slow down in the canyon and consider leaving earlier rather than driving faster,” the fire brigade suggested. “Fire equipment and personnel safety is of the utmost importance.”

‘It may be too late’

Residents were also urged to be aware of limited fire-fighting resources due to numerous fires throughout the state.

“During the Soberanes Fire in 2017, we had unlimited resources available as it was the only fire of consequence burning,” the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade said. “With multiple fires burning in California as summer progresses and fire frequency increases, we may not be so lucky. Please get you clearance done now and don’t wait until we have another major fire burning in the community.”

The Coast Fire comes on the heels of an unnamed wild-fire that broke out near Bottchers Gap on private land April 30. The fire, which was caused by a backyard burn that escaped during high winds, was stopped at 2 acres.

Paul’s Slide on Sunday,” Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans said Wednesday.

The effort to clear the slide and repair the road has cost taxpayers \$60 million.

The announcement is good news for travelers from San Luis Obispo County seeking access to part of Big Sur, but because one other slide is still in the way, it isn’t much help for anybody hoping to drive the iconic route from Carmel all the way to Cambria.

To clear the pavement, more than 500,000 cubic yards of rock, dirt and debris had to be moved. The effort was complicated by unstable conditions. “The challenge at Paul’s Slide has always been to repair Highway 1 while movement continues within the slide location,” Caltrans Director Tony Tavares explained.

Tavares suggested the reopening of the highway at

Paul’s Slide “will restore some normalcy” for at least some residents and businesses in Big Sur.

“We thank the local community for their patience and support,” he said. “We also want to express appreciation for the persistence, ingenuity, and resolve demonstrated by Caltrans personnel and contracted crews throughout this process.”

Just one slide left

Now, only one slide stands in the way of reopening Highway 1 between Carmel and Cambria — Regent’s Slide. Located just over 3 miles south of Esalen Institute, the slide that has blocked the pavement since Feb. 9.

“With the reopening of Paul’s Slide, a 6.8-mile segment of Highway 1 will continue to remain closed due to ongoing repairs at Regent’s Slide,” Caltrans said.

Caltrans estimates it will complete repairs at Regent’s Slide in late fall, which will open Highway 1 to direct travel along the entire run of the Big Sur coast.



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RICHARD P. BLAHA, SR.

October 4, 1944 – June 9, 2024

Richard P. Blaha Sr. peacefully went home to his Lord and Savior on June 9, 2024, at the age of 79, surrounded by his four children and many of his grandchildren. Richard “Rich” was born Richard V. Aydelotte on October 4, 1944, to Richard V. Aydelotte and Ardis Mae Griffin in Oakland, CA. He was raised and loved by his mother, Ardis, and his stepfather, Albert Blaha. Upon his 18th birthday Rich proudly made the decision to become legally a Blaha, a name he carried the rest of his life with great joy.



Rich lived on the peninsula for more than 60 years, making Marina his home for the last 27 years. He attended Monterey High School and graduated in 1964. He married Judith A. Sweet on December 17, 1965 and had four beautiful children. After 10 years of marriage, they divorced but remained friends until his passing. Rich made a career in offset printing for 40 years as an excellent press operator. He started his career at Rapid Blue Print Printers, was a manager of operations at KP Graphics in Salinas, and worked at other print shops in San Diego and the Monterey Peninsula. He was also a reserve police officer for the City of Seaside in the 1970s. He had the pleasure of working there with his brother-in-law, Marv Dike, where they made many arrests and had several successful sting operations. This time in his life gave him great pride and memories he would share for years to come. In 1994, he realized his dream of owning his own printing business and opened Monterey Bay Printing in Marina until 2004 when he then retired. Rich was always a hard worker and even in retirement he could not stand idle. He was a driver at Hertz Rental Car for eight years and then for Lyft and Uber, where he proudly had more than 15,000 total trips and gave himself the nick names of “Super Uber” and “Swiftly Lyft.” His “regulars” loved him.

His greatest joy in life and the reason for life was his four children, 18 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Given the opportunity he would tell anyone and everyone about all of them, and if you had enough time, he would show you pictures of them on his phone.

Rich was diagnosed with tongue cancer in January 2023, and since that time he did what he could to be here with his children and grandchildren. His main goal was to make it to his granddaughter Vanessa’s wedding this last May 24th. He not only made the wedding but was one of the last revelers there. The pure happiness was evident with all those that stopped by to shake his hand and to tell him what a beautiful family he created. He left the wedding that evening incredibly happy and fulfilled.

Rich is survived by his daughter, Diana Locicero; son, Paul (Kim) Blaha; daughter, Amy (Craig) Furman; and daughter, Julie (Carl) Freese. His grandchildren, Mathew (Nancy), Brianna (Daniel), Jessica (Travis), Rebekah (David), Cody, Amanda, Taylor (Brandon), Vanessa (Travis), Savannah, Hannah, Isabella (German), Logan, Anthony, Nicholas, Colby, Gina, Melanie and Aidan and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his five siblings, Judy Kuehn, Patty Hoffman, Jim Blaha, John Blaha and Peter Blaha. He is predeceased by his parents, Ardis and Al Blaha.

A celebration of life will take place 1 to 4 p.m. on June 23, 2024, at Soper Field Clubhouse, 220 Coe Ave., Seaside. Family and friends are invited to come celebrate his life and share memories. Lunch will be served. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you plant daisies in Rich’s honor. It was one of his favorite flowers and he said he hoped Jesus would let him have a mountain of them when he reached heaven.

Editorial

Three good candidates

THE LONGSTANDING split in Carmel politics between residents and businesses is now over, at least judging by the trio of candidates who have announced for mayor in the upcoming election.

Time was, you could cut the tension at city council and planning commission meetings with a chainsaw, so contentious were some of the issues that presented themselves. And the fight was always over the same thing: Whether Carmel was being ruined by greedy developers, or environmentalists had such a stranglehold over the permit process it was impossible for anybody to make a buck.

The dispute goes back almost to the beginning of the town — remember “don’t pave Main Street”? — but in recent times it dates to the political ascendancy of the environmental movement, which in its big-city versions sought to stop the spread of urban sprawl, but which also gained a lot of power in small towns warning of apocalyptic scenarios unless the building of homes and commercial centers was strictly limited, if not halted. Otherwise, the enviros warned, the precious natural environment would be destroyed, and so would the historic charm and small-town solitude of places like Carmel.

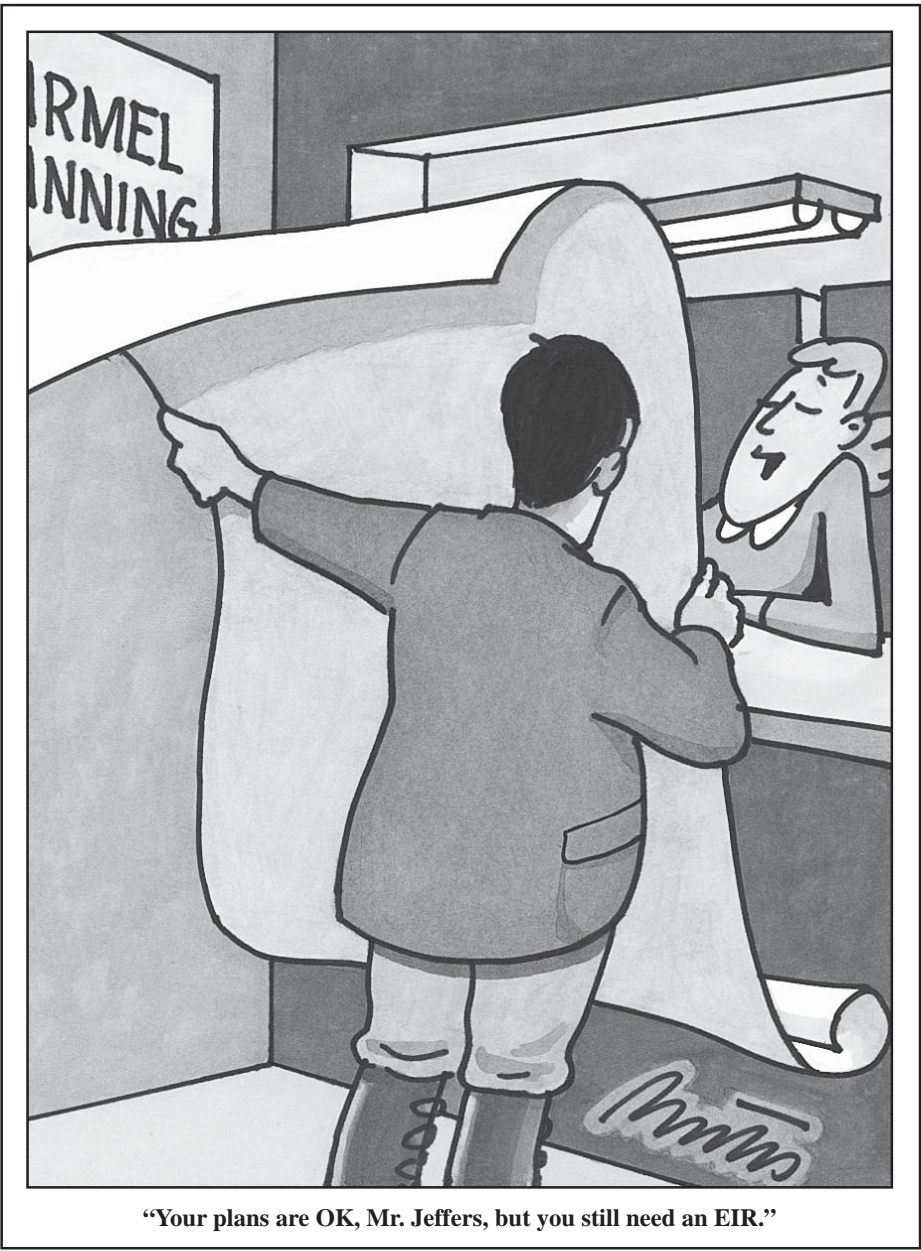
The environmental crusade in California picked up steam in the 1970s and had pretty much taken charge throughout the state by the mid-1980s, when laws like CEQA and the California Coastal Act were firmly planted on the books. But the Carmel business community had a brief period of ascendancy against what they saw as overregulation in planning and zoning when Clint Eastwood was elected mayor in 1986. As a counterweight to his influence, the anti-development crowd established the Carmel Residents Association, and that launched a back and forth between the two opposing camps that lasted through the mayoral reigns of Jean Grace (1988-1992), Ken White (1992-2000), Sue McCloud (2000-2012) and Steve Dallas (2018-2020).

The dispute started to calm down with the election of Dave Potter four years ago, thanks to his evenhanded approach to both factions. But things really changed when the progressives in the Democratic Party realized that the no-growth policies at the center of their legislative agenda for 50 years had created a dire housing shortage. Faster than you could say quick-dry cement, they reversed course and became pro-housing with a fervor that had them pushing not only CEQA and the Coastal Act out of the way, but also the tens of thousands of local no-growth ordinances around the state that were their progeny.

Almost instantly, people in Monterey County who had spent their whole lives fighting a take-no-prisoners battle against development — including housing — became devout adherents of the new pro-building agenda, and when they converted, the central 50-year dispute of Carmel politics disappeared. Everybody is in favor of needed development now, with even some former diehard no-growthers calling the state’s new housing mandates “an opportunity” and a “moral obligation.”

Three qualified candidates — incumbent Dave Potter, councilmember Jeff Baron, and volunteer par excellence Dale Byrne — have declared their intentions to run for mayor. But missing from their policy statements so far is any major dispute about what Carmel’s future should be, not even its future when it comes to planning and building. And that is something to celebrate.

BEST of BATES



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Trees, trees, trees

Dear Editor,

When I think of Carmel, I think of a beautiful, charming village in the forest by the sea. Our forest gives Carmel a magical quality that other seaside towns lack. Monterey and Pacific Grove are pretty, but Carmel is stunning. The trees in Carmel form an enchanting green arch that beckons you into our village. Our forest is one of our most significant defining features. Without our forest, Carmel would look rather ordinary. If we replaced our trees with average, suburban, non-native trees, the magic of Carmel would be lost.

Protecting our urbanized forest, mainly the Monterey cypress, Monterey pines, coast live oaks and redwoods, is essential. I have ocean views and understand people’s concern about protecting them. I also understand fears about unhealthy, dead or heavily leaning trees. We all want to feel safe in our homes. I think that proper tree

maintenance and care are critical. I find ocean views are enhanced with cypress trees. Many professional photographers who photograph Carmel capture images with cypress trees and the ocean because they are more visually pleasing.

I think most people who choose to live here were attracted to the unique beauty of Carmel, and we must preserve that beauty for future generations. Let’s work together to protect our trees and the animals they are home to.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, trees help fight climate change. Trees absorb CO2 and other pollutant particulates through the natural process of photosynthesis, then store the carbon and emit pure oxygen. Trees also remove air pollution by the interception of particulate matter on plant surfaces and the absorption of gaseous pollutants through the leaf stomata.

Trees improve our health and mental well-being and are essential in supporting a healthy environment. Trees can also help protect you from radiation. In particular, trees can reduce radio waves, such as from cell phone towers. Trees can also help to block the electric fields originating from overhead powerlines. Quite simply, trees make our lives better. It benefits us all to preserve and protect Carmel’s urbanized forest.

Christy Hollenbeck, Carmel

Desal must meet conditions

Dear Editor,

Claiming that Cal Am has approval

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Yoko Ono called and he went to court to testify for John Lennon

ON A Saturday during a 1975 vacation in Pacific Grove, Sam Trust answered the telephone to hear the wispy voice of Yoko Ono, who asked him to be a witness at the final hearing on John Lennon’s application for a green card. Trust was CEO of ATV Music and Lennon’s publisher, and the hearing was part of the federal govern-

Great Lives

By CARLIN JARDINE

ment’s years-long effort have the ex-Beatle denied permanent residency in the U.S. and deported.

The case purported to be about a 1968 marijuana conviction in the U.K., but probably had more to do with Lennon’s outspoken criticism of President Richard Nixon, and his very vocal opposition to the Vietnam War.

Two days after Ono’s call, Trust was in New York, where a judge asked, “Why should we grant John Lennon a green card?”

Trust answered, “The music industry is

was playing a passable version of “Taps.” He moved to the cornet, then to principal trumpet in his high school orchestra.

“I often came to school in my Boy Scout uniform with my cornet. The Pittsburgh American Legion Post took me to the cemetery — even in the snow — to play ‘Taps’ for the returning war dead. Those graveside services about tore your heart out. I’ll never forget,” offered Trust.

After graduating from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in 1955, he joined the Navy and played lead trumpet with the 7th Fleet band. He became the duty bugler, playing calls from the bridges of four aircraft carriers during his Southeast Asia tour of duty. “Those carriers had wonderful libraries. When not on watch or bugle duty, I sat on the catwalk of the forward bow and read. It was the greatest education of my life,” he said.

‘Just solid’

After the Navy, Trust took a job in the New York Music Public Library for \$28 a week. Joan Van Genderen, a music theory and piano student, was a coworker. They began dating, and within two years, they were married. “Her taste in music and my taste in music were just solid,” said Trust — so much so, they still listen together with the same passion and intensity as they did 65 years ago.

He went to audition for a \$90-a-week second-chair spot with the Buffalo Symphony, but a musician who tried out before him nearly brought him to tears, and Trust decided another path to a music career might be more successful. Not longer after, he saw an ad in the New York Times. It read, “Wanted — music clerk. Must have knowledge of classical and pop music. Some library experience necessary.”

“It had my name on it,” said Trust.

He started as a file clerk with BMI, a business that collects and distributes performance royalties for publishers and composers. Trust’s work was noticed, and he was quickly made director of logging — tracking how often songs were played on radio and TV so that royalties could be calculated. From there, he became executive director of publishing, working with the world’s leading music publishers. “One made me a job offer I couldn’t refuse,” he said. “After 10 years with BMI, we moved to Los Angeles in 1968, and I became head of publishing for Capitol Records.”

After major successes over his two-and-a-half years, like Anne Murray’s most

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DON’T HOLD YOUR BREATH. ON THE OTHER HAND, MAYBE YOU SHOULD.

ALTHOUGH HE shares his home with his 3-year-old granddaughter — who presumably isn’t shy about expressing herself when she wants something — Ryuijie Douglas also appreciates tranquility.

The 73-year-old Pacific Grove fine art photographer rides his bike twice a day, walks frequently and spends an abundance of his time underwater, diving in Monterey Bay in pursuit of sea life images.

“The underwater world is a place of silence, allowing for personal meditation and the opportunity to get very close to the subjects we photograph — especially as we dive without scuba equipment,” he wrote on his website.

Douglas and frequent partner Chuck Davis, another well-known underwater

“These days, if I do one minute at a depth of 25 or 30 feet, that’s a good dive for me,” Douglas said. “The deepest I’ve ever gone on one breath is about 80 feet, but I was in my 20s then, in the Navy, stationed in Guam.”

Born to a Japanese mom and an American military dad who was a drill instructor at Fort Ord, Douglas lived as a youth in Hawaii, Washington state, Texas, New Hampshire, and a couple of times in Japan where he was born. He graduated from Pacific Grove High in 1969.

Snorkeling at 12

“I started snorkeling inside the reefs in Hawaii when I was about 12 years old, and I’ve always been around water,” said Douglas, whose grandfather was a Japanese fisherman. “But I didn’t seriously get into photography until after I got out of the military.”

An offset printer by trade, Douglas spent more

than four decades in that industry, managing Heidelberg’s print shop in Monterey for many years.

“That shop was on Calle Principal in those days, and I’d spend my lunch breaks at the Monterey museum,” he said. “One day, I saw an exhibition of Jerry Uelsmann’s black-and-white photos there, and was really impressed with the details, the tones and all that.

“That was my black-and-white introduction, I guess, and it really got me going. I remember thinking, ‘Oh, man, I’d love to make prints like that!’”

48 years of photography

Uelsmann’s inspiration put Douglas on an artistic journey that has spanned 48 years (so far), characterized by his own experimentation and innovation.

His work has been showcased in multiple magazines, including View Camera, Photovision, Camera and Darkroom, Black & White, Lenswork, and Focus.

In 1990, he published his first portfolio, “Ryuijie: Ten Photographs,” and in 2002 he came out with his second, “Ryuijie: Platinum/Palladium.”

His photos are part of the collections at Monterey Museum of Art, the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles and the Center for Creative Photography in Tucson.

Befriending Josephus Daniels

Douglas’ job as a printer led to a friendship with Joe Daniels (1927-2013), namesake of Carmel’s Josephus Daniels Gallery.

“I was printing stationery, business cards, and all that kind of stuff for Joe and his wife, Minnie, when they first opened that gallery,” he said. “I’d only been doing my own photography for about a year,

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

photography specialist, prefer freediving — no oxygen tanks, just “breath holds” — as they mingle with Central Coast’s vast array of sea creatures as inconspicuously as they can.

A meditative experience

“I love it. I rarely go down there with a tank, because it’s much more meditative to do it on a breath hold,” he said. “When I’m freediving, I actually can stay out there for much longer periods of time — about an hour-and-a-half, even longer if conditions are nice. With a tank of air, I’m lucky to get 35-40 minutes.”

Douglas and Davis, who also lives in Pacific Grove, are collaborating on a two-man exhibit of their underwater images for the Monterey Museum of Art in a show that will debut the last week of August, with an artist reception in mid-September.



PHOTO/CHUCK DAVIS

Pacific Grove fine-art photographer Ryuijie Douglas, 73, dives regularly in Monterey Bay to capture the underwater images that have become his specialty.



PHOTO/COURTESY SAM TRUST

Music publisher Sam Trust is shown with a photo of his last client, Doris Day, who hired him to manage her catalog of songs.

currently in the doldrums. A writer/artist like John Lennon has the ability to turn it around with a hit record. Would you rather have the worldwide revenue from such a hit sent to London or New York?”

The judge paused, then responded, “I see no reason to not grant John Lennon a green card.” The packed courtroom erupted in applause as Lennon hurried to Trust’s side. “I owe you Sam. What can I get you?”

Trust replied, “When you finish your next album, write a note on one for my daughter, Jenny, and one for my son, Ben.”

Mournful sounds

Trust’s own musical career began with a plastic bugle. “At 9 years old, I wanted that bugle so bad, I slept with it when my father gave it to me,” he said. Within a week he

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Painter celebrates opening of gallery in Su Vecino Court

SHORTLY AFTER painter Joaquin Turner moved out of his longtime gallery in Su Vecino Court for a larger space nearby, another painter, Nicole Cromwell, took over the space. Cromwell will celebrate the grand opening of her gallery Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. The Carmel Chamber of Commerce will be on hand to do a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the public is invited.

Cromwell, whose parents once owned the Fifth Avenue Deli just a short stroll away, was working full-time as a nurse a decade ago when she began painting. “I retired from the bedside last year to do my art full time,” she told The Pine Cone.

As an artist, Cromwell mostly uses acrylics and embraces a contemporary abstract style. She described her work as

“calming and soothing.”
“My goal is to take all that healing I did as a nurse and put that out into the world through my artwork,” she explained.
Besides exploring her own creative impulses, Cromwell wants to teach art to

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

nurses.
“There are so many health benefits from painting,” she said. “I know how healing painting was for me while I was a nurse, and I want to share that with other nurses.”

At Monday’s grand opening, pianist Wendi Kirby will play music, while the Fifth Avenue Deli will serve appetizers, and VIN wine bar will pour wine.

Su Vecino Court is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. nicolecromwellart.com

Sunday’s ‘Cherry Jam’

To raise money for its exhibits, shows and programs — and honor a pair of gold-star volunteers — the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts has scheduled what it is calling a Cherry Jam in the Garden. “Join us Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. as we honor neighbors Denny and Nance Hoeft, who have worked tirelessly to transform the Cherry grounds,” the downtown art center suggested. “The event will feature live music by Bob Phillips and friends, wine poured by Scheid Vineyards, beer, light fare and good friendship.”

Tickets are \$50. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. For tickets, call (831) 624-7491 or visit carlcherrycenter.org.



Painter Nicole Cromwell has a new downtown gallery, and it hosts a reception Monday evening.

Who’s to blame for P.O. inertia?

By MARY SCHLEY

DESPITE ALL the reporting to the contrary, some residents believe it’s the city, not the postal service or the property manager, that’s holding up repairs at the Fifth Avenue post office. The main entrance has been closed since a car ran into the building April 26, badly damaging it and shutting down the area where most postal business takes place, and the building owner has yet to apply for a building permit to fix it.

This week, after receiving a call from U.S. Rep Jimmy Panetta’s office asking what could be done to get the city to approve the repair work as soon as possible, assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson laid out the facts for the Carmel City Council and anyone else who might listen.

“Long story short: The city is not holding this process up, we are waiting for an application,” he wrote in the June 19 email

in which he also asked council members to spread the word.

In his “short story long” version of events, Swanson said the city’s building department has made multiple attempts to assist with submission of an application since the accident occurred.

Checklist

After emergency bracing was installed to make the building safe and the Fifth Avenue entrance was blocked off, the building department “created a tailored application checklist, which detailed the bare minimum needed to approve a project, so that the owner knew exactly what materials to produce,” Swanson said. Chief among the requirements is “input from an engineer to make sure the building was not compromised from being hit by a 4,000-pound car.”

Building official Jermel Laurie sent the

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LETTERS

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from the California Coastal Commission to build its desal, and asserting construction is to start by 2025, is premature, as stated in the June 7 issue of The Pine Cone. Cal Am spokesman Josh Stratton states there is a false narrative that the desal is not an approved project. What he fails to mention is the fact that approval will not go forward until the very first coastal commission condition is met. As stated in the coastal commission staff report: “Ultimately, the CPUC will determine the longer-term

supply and demand estimates after extensive testimony and evidence on this issue, which bears on whether the CPUC would approve the project. Furthermore, without CPUC approval, the project cannot proceed. Thus, the commission’s approval is conditioned on final CPUC approval for construction of the project based on CPUC’s findings of supply and demand.” This matter is currently before a CPUC judge and then will go to the full commission and most likely be decided later this year. Cal Am’s extreme overestimates for water demand and underestimates of supply in testimony don’t add up. It has triple-counted demand numbers and failed to include significant stored water supplies.

POST OFFICE

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checklist to the contractor, Cal Con Construction, twice in May but received no response, so he sent it to Manco Abbott, the property manager, on May 30. The company acknowledged receipt but did nothing else. “Once an application comes in, we will drop everything and process it right away,” Swanson said. “The main issue at hand is that the post office building is owned privately, leased to the federal government and managed by a third-party property manager who is dealing with an insurance claim, so there are a lot of players involved.” Shortly before writing the email, Swanson said he spoke with Ingrid Abbott from Manco Abbott Wednesday morning and learned that the company told the contractor to stop working on the plans until the insurance company confirms it will cover the repair costs. “In other words, Manco Abbott will not authorize the contractor to proceed with an application until they know how much money the insurance company will pay,” Swanson said.



“I informed Ingrid that the city is standing by to process the application ASAP and that our residents are getting frustrated with the time this is taking,” he added. Swanson said he also learned that the property manager had offered to set up temporary walls inside the post office so that portions of the lobby could be open and accessible from Fifth Avenue but that the postmaster, Jorge Gonzalez, had declined the offer. Making it safe Swanson and other city officials met Gonzalez Thursday afternoon and developed a plan to reopen part of the Fifth Avenue side of the building so patrons will finally be able to use USPS services again while a permanent plan is developed. “He said the reason he declined initially was because there would be a few operational challenges with what was proposed for a temporary fix,” he said, and that he hadn’t known how long the repairs would take. “I made the decision to break from typical protocol and insert the city into this matter given the importance of the post office to the community and the amount of time it was taking,” Swanson added. “Typically the city does not get involved in landlord/tenant issues.”

This has been pointed out by other parties in the evidence presented during the proceedings. Therefore, there is not yet certainty this project will go forward. To state it otherwise, by focusing on other tasks of the 20-plus conditions they must meet, is simply dissembling. Let’s see what is decided by the CPUC before accepting Cal Am’s narrative. Susan Schiavone, Seaside The best goodbyes Dear Editor, That was an awful and totally unacceptable story doggie owner Maureen Moody

told about her experience at the veterinary office. Our animal buddies are our best friends for as long as we are honored to have them in our lives. We are blessed from start to finish and they all deserve to be cuddled in our arms when they are returned to the universe, waiting for us to join them. Please plan ahead and find out exact procedures and make it as gentle as possible. If our buddies were in charge of our leaving, they would insist (barking of course) on the best procedure possible. Judy Kubicek, Carmel Valley

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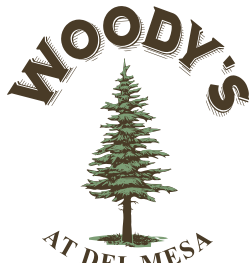


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VIN

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“I am confident that Vin Kitchen will provide a much-needed boost to our courtyard, street and the city at large,” she wrote. “Vin Kitchen, with its concept of pairing wine and light bites and tapas, will fill a unique niche in our city’s dining scene.”

She predicted the venture “will create a vibrant and inviting atmosphere that complements the charm of Carmel-by-the-Sea” and said the Andersons’ success at the Crossroads “demonstrates their dedication, hard work and proven track record in running a thriving business.”

As he has with past applications for new restaurants, Flaherty’s operator Ken Spilfogel objected, saying the city already has enough dining establishments and that the industry in general is facing a lot of challenges.

“We literally have more restaurants per capita than any other place in the United States,” he said, adding that if the proposed business “were a better concept,” he could maybe support it.

Lots of leeway

Commissioner Stephanie Locke supported the Andersons’ application and said they should be allowed to have the hours they requested.

“There are many restaurants that can stay open until 10,” she observed. Locke also said they should be given their 13 outdoor seats.

“I feel the same, and I think in the past what we’ve



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done is allowed them to configure the outside space the way that works,” agreed commissioner Erin Allen.

Commissioner Stefan Karapetkov said forcing them to close at 8 p.m. “is probably too early,” and that he had no problem with another restaurant opening in town.

“I want to give you as much leeway as you need to operate your business,” chair Michael LePage told Anderson. “There are a lot of restaurants in town, but this is a nice place for one — I think it’s a great use.”

Regarding Wallace’s recommended 8 p.m. closing time, he added, “We obviously don’t have that law applied consistently across the restaurant industry, so I don’t think we can place that restriction here.”

He moved approval of the application as submitted by the Andersons, and the rest of the commission agreed.

REIMBURSE

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Washington D.C. and their home districts, while “critics argue that its reliance on the honor system and lack of transparent record-keeping makes it ripe for abuse,” The Post said.

The new rules have also allowed members of the House of Representatives to put more money in their pockets without having to vote to raise their pay.

“The program’s administrators decided not to require receipts because they feared that making them publicly available could reveal where lawmakers stay while in Washington, and because it would put an administrative burden on House officials,” The Post reported, citing a document given to members explaining the program.

That’s because more staffing would have been necessary to process receipts, and Congress would have had to vote to appropriate the money to hire employees, the Committee on House Administration found.

HEALTHY

Lifestyles

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DRONE

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Apple added the Emergency SOS feature to its phones in late 2022. Since then, the company said the innovation “has helped save lives around the world.”

“From a man who was rescued after his car plummeted over a 400-foot cliff in Los Angeles, to lost hikers found in the Apennine Mountains in Italy, we continue to hear stories of our customers being able to connect with emergency responders when they otherwise wouldn’t have been able to,” Apple said.

Sending an SOS call by satellite is different from sending a regular text message, the company said. On newer model iPhones, first press and hold the side button and one of the volume buttons until the Emergency SOS slider appears. Next, drag the Emergency Call slider to call emergency services.

“If you continue to hold down the side button and volume button, instead of dragging the slider, a countdown begins and an alert sounds,” instructions say. “If you release the buttons after the countdown, your iPhone automatically calls emergency services.”

Some Android phones also offer emergency SOS capabilities. “Press the power button quickly five or more times,” read the instructions to Google’s Pixel phone.

MILITARY

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equipment” Tomasi provided this week.

“I’m doing this to increase transparency about the police department and the equipment we do use that could be considered military equipment,” he said.

When councilwoman Alissandra Dramov asked if he could foresee purchasing any in the future, Tomasi responded, “We’re a small city. I don’t expect to.”

Resident Christy Hollenbeck said she was glad to hear Carmel P.D. doesn’t possess military equipment.

“I want to have a friendly Andy Griffith-style police department and not a Robocop-style police department,” she said.

Three online callers who only provided their first names spoke as if the city was considering obtaining military equipment and did not comment on the ordinance itself.

“You are talking about using these weapons against members of the community,” one of them said.

“We don’t want drones monitoring the beach,” said another. “People would shoot down the drones with shotguns.”

Without any discussion, the council unanimously OK’d the new law, which will come back for final adoption at next month’s meeting.

Guest to perform Great American Songbook

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A TALENTED singer and actor who has appeared in films and on TV will sing “the great songs of swing, jazz, standards and Broadway” when he performs the Great American Songbook at The Carmel Foundation at 2:30 p.m. June 26 in Diment Hall at Eighth and Lincoln.

Luke Martin “brings you his Vegas-style show with song and dance, humor and audience participation,” foundation spokesperson Gilda Soule said.

Martin has sung in productions with Jerry Lewis, Debbie Reynolds and Billy Preston, and during his Hollywood career appeared in movies with Clint Eastwood, Christopher Plummer, Jeff Bridges and many other big names in the industry. Martin has also appeared in television productions, including soap operas and commercials.

“Broadway choreographer Dale Lefler has said Luke’s show is a must,” she said.

The nonprofit foundation serves members 55 and older by providing low-cost meals and housing, medical equipment loans, classes, entertainment and other activities, “all designed to help seniors thrive.” Martin’s June 26 performance is free and open to all.

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LIVES

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performed song of 1970, “Snowbird,” Trust left over a conflict with a new chairman. “I took chances,” said Trust. “Thank God, Joan was there to support me.” He soon discovered he was on a short list to become head of ATV Music — owner of the publishing rights to the majority of the Beatles’ catalog. The deal was accomplished with a handshake in London.

No answer

In 1977, Trust managed a surprisingly lucrative licensing deal with Broadway’s Winter Garden Theater, where the hit show, “Beatlemania,” was getting ready to open.

The Winter Garden’s legendary lawyer, Eddie Colton, balked at the fees Trust was seeking for ATV, saying, “Sam, what you’re asking is outrageous, nobody gets paid that kind of money.” Trust replied, “Eddie, you go all the way back to Al Jolson. In all those years have you ever opened a show where every song has sold over a million records?” Colton had no response.

Publishers are rarely recognized for their efforts, but during a concert in Edmonton, Canada, when Dan Hill’s hit single, “Sometimes When We Touch,” was performed by co-writer Barry Mann, Hill pointed up to the balcony as the applause subsided and said, “There’s a man up there responsible for my success with this song — Sam Trust, my publisher.”

Trust negotiated a licensing agreement in 1982 for a Beatles concert honoring the Prince Philip Trust, and the producers reserved a balcony box for him at the Royal Albert Hall. As the house went dark, the empty box next to his was bathed in a spotlight that spilled onto Trust’s box. Queen Elizabeth II entered on the arm of the Lord Mayor of London, followed by Prince Philip. “The prince reached across the barrier, shook my hand and commented amiably on the performances. Elizabeth

smiled and gently waved. I called Joan and said, “You’re not going to believe this,” he said.

In August 1985, ATV Music was sold to Michael Jackson, and Trust was unemployed. The following year, he became head of Lorimar Productions’ music publishing division, but by late 1988, that company was in trouble. On Jan. 1, 1989, Warner Communications acquired Lorimar.

The next year, Trust created a new venture — Killer Tracks. Its premier offering was a 30-CD library of background music for television and film production companies. As sales increased and the enterprise expanded, so did expenses. To accommodate its needs, Killer Tracks took on the publishing arm of BMG as a partner, with a five-year buyout option.

Trust’s son, Ben, revamped and modernized the accounting system, while daughter Jenny was instrumental in developing the company and stayed on as head of production when Trust retired. Killer Tracks was successful when BMG exercised its buyout option in 1997 and offered to keep Trust on as the company’s boss, but he chose retirement and a home in Carmel Woods.

Legendary artist

He joined the Carmel Music Society and became a board member of the Monterey Symphony, then received a telephone call that greatly curtailed his volunteer time. He was asked to appraise a catalog of songs owned by Doris Day — including hits like “Que Sera Sera” and “Teacher’s Pet”— which she was considering selling. He said it was worth twice the amount she was seeking, and Day decided not to sell her company but have Trust run it, which he continues to do, even at the age of 92, on behalf of the singer’s heirs.

He was delighted to get the job, and in his 2018 memoir, “Would You Trust This Man with Your Songs?” he wrote, “After 50 years in the business, what a joy it was for me to represent a legendary artist who has sensitively recorded some of the most wonderful songs ever created.”



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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

For these aquatic athletes, it’s always time to sync and swim

AN ANNIVERSARY party for the Monterey Peninsula’s iconic Cypress Swim Club — now in its 60th year — resuscitated a decades-old earworm Sunday for many of its celebrants, who immediately perked up when they

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

heard the dramatic first notes of “Hernando’s Hideaway.” That 1954 Broadway tune was the cue for several alumni — all well into their adult years — to convene in the middle of the pool at Seaside’s Pattullo Swim Center and perform a synchronized swimming routine they had learned as children.

“It was basically an initiation when you joined the team — we all learned to swim the ‘Hernando’s’ routine

in our very first year,” remembered Stephanie DeSousa, who teamed up Sunday to perform the artistic water dance with her childhood bestie, Frances Atkins, alongside Vicki Jones, Linda Francis Wallace and Kathryn Blevins (all former CSC members), and Michael Davis, a 71-year-old CHOMP physician (and current CSC masters swimmer) who dutifully drove his two daughters to club practices back in the day.

The “Hernando’s” routine was created by Donn Squire and Del Neel, who co-founded Cypress Swim Club in 1964 and coached generations of kids for the next four decades, until Squire died in 2004, and Neel passed in 2010.

“That song was played so many times in 40 years that it stuck in everybody’s brain. It was the first routine every Cypress swimmer learned,” said Patricia Jones, who got involved with CSC in 1994, when her 10-year-old, Vicki, was swimming for Squire and Neel. “I retired the ‘Hernando’s’ routine when I took over as head coach 20 years ago, after Don died.”

Pioneers of the sport

Squire was the first U.S. Men’s National AAU Solo Champion in synchronized swimming, now called artistic swimming, and performed in exhibitions of the sport at the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

Neel developed the national training and rating program for synchro swim judges and was chosen

by the Olympic International Committee to judge the first World Aquatic Championships in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in 1973. In September 2001, he was inducted into the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Hall of Fame.

They were experts in a sport that entails several levels of discipline — choreographed dance moves in the water and on the pool deck, plus rigorous conditioning, strength training and the development of lung capacity. Routines are performed underwater much of the time, and elite swimmers are typically capable of holding their breath for at least four minutes at a stretch.

“I was a freshman at Monterey Peninsula College when I met Donn,” said Gloria Elber, a well-known Peninsula dance instructor and choreographer for numerous musicals on the local theater scene through the years.

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Cypress Swim Club masters swimmer Dr. Michael Davis, whose two daughters were part of the club, performed an alumni swim Sunday alongside former Cypress swimmers Linda Francis Wallace, Kathryn Blevins Freer, Frances Atkins, Stephanie DeSousa and Vicki Jones.



PHOTO/ CYPRESS SWIM CLUB

The most accomplished alum in the 60-year history of Carmel Valley’s Cypress Swim Club, 1996 Olympic gold medalist Heather Pease Olson, is third from the left in this early-’90s photo.

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“We did a show at their pool — just a beginner sort of thing — then started Donn’s swimmers on ballet classes. I taught them to point their feet, get their knees straight and stand tall,” she said. “That turned into choreographing their routines on the pool deck, and in the water.”

That was a beginning for Elber, who wound up choreographing Team USA’s synchronized swimmers for the Olympics.

She also spent 12 years as a dance instructor at Stevenson School, and still works with kids at River School.

At 79, Elber continues to teach dance and choreograph for the Cypress Swim Club.

“I keep telling myself I’m going phase out, and they keep calling me back,” she said. “I absolutely love it. The kids are great, and it’s very rewarding for me.”

Learning life skills

Kristen and Douglas Atkins (parents of Frances and Katherine) credit Squire and Neel for instilling some of the work ethic that helped both of their daughters become engineers.

“It’s a sport that’s meant for your brain,” said Douglas, a former gymnast. “We never heard any whining from our daughters — they just toughened up and met the moment. They also learned to gracefully accept their own limitations and the limitations of others.”

Squire was a notorious taskmaster — a necessary approach to achieving success with limited resources, said Kristen.

“We’d carpool from Carmel Valley to Seaside early in the morning, trying to get the kids to the pool on time, and sometimes the traffic would be bad,” she said. “The girls would be saying, ‘Mom, we’re late!

We’ve got to change into our swimsuits in the car! Donn’s going to yell at us if we’re not in the pool by 7!”

Katherine, the younger sister, swam for Guatemala’s junior national team as a high school junior, when both parents were teaching there at an American school. She returned to Carmel and CSC the following year as part of a team that won a gold medal at the U.S. Open in Las Vegas.

“I was never in better shape than I was in those years, when we were doing synchro, speed swimming and playing water polo all year around,” said Frances, the big sister, who got her engineering degree from Cornell University.

Cypress Swim Club’s most accom-

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Cypress Swim Club alum Heather Pease Olson, a Stanford All-American who won a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, came to the club’s 60th anniversary celebration on Sunday at Pattullo Swim Center in Seaside. She’s mother to two boys and coaches for the Walnut Creek Aquanauts.

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Todd Rundgren visits Golden State, Sunset wraps up concert series

AFTER A three-week hiatus, live music is back at Golden State Theatre in Monterey, with shows Wednesday

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

by singer and multi-instrumentalist **Todd Rundgren** and Thursday by folk music artist **Iron & Wine**. Both concerts start at 8 p.m.

Best known for his 1972 hit single, “Hello It’s Me,”



Baroque violinist David Wilson joins the Cherry Trio Friday, 5 p.m., at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

Rundgren was a pioneer in the recording studio, where he played nearly every instrument and juggled the roles of songwriter, engineer and producer. Since his debut LP in 1970, he has recorded more than two dozen solo albums, including his most recent, “Space Force,” which came out two years ago.

Iron & Wine is the stage name for singer and guitarist **Samuel Ervin Beam**, whose 2011 album, “Kiss Each Other Clean,” received both commercial success and critical acclaim. His music has drawn comparisons to Simon & Garfunkel, Nick Drake and Elliott Smith.

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

Happy Solstice

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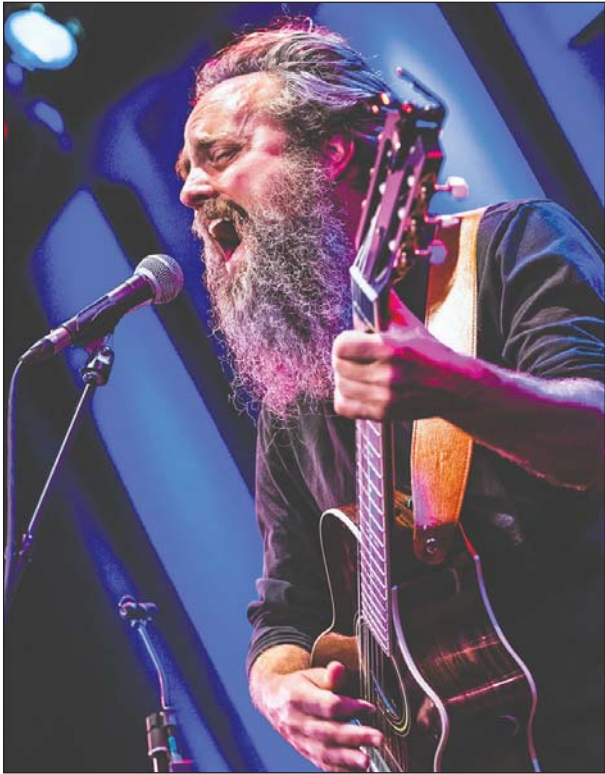
Featuring **Elizabeth Gaver** on baroque violin, **Penny Hanna** on viola da gamba and **Michael Peterson** on harpsichord, the trio will be joined by **David Wilson**, also on baroque violin. The program includes “D’Apotheose de Lully” by François Couperin, along with a “trio of sonatas by Dario Castello and Dietrich Buxtehude, a suite by Marin Marais for viola da gamba and continuo, and a harpsichord suite by Buxtehude.”

A reception follows the concert. Tickets are \$30. The Cherry Center is located at Guadalupe and Fourth. For tickets, call (831) 624-7491 or visit carlcherrycenter.org.

Terrace Hour finale

Sunset Center’s Terrace Hour series of free outside concerts wraps up Friday at 6 p.m. when Big Sur singer and guitarist **Cindy Alexander** plays.

Alexander, who will be accompanied by guitarist **Steve**



Singer and guitarist Samuel Ervin Beam, a.k.a. Iron & Wine, plays Thursday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Fekete, burst on the scene in 1998 when the Los Angeles Music Awards named her Songwriter of the Year. She has recorded a dozen LPs since, including last year’s “Messy.” Striking a balance between folk and rock, her music has

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DAWN’S DREAM Winery is hosting a fundraiser for Community Human Services on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. in its tasting room near Seventh and San Carlos, in the courtyard behind Thinker Toys.

The event is free and no reservations are required.

As an added enticement, there will be some special guest bartenders — Monterey County District 5 Supervi-

Soup to Nuts

sor Mary Adams and her successor, supervisor-elect Kate Daniels, who will take office at the end of the year.

Guests are invited to “enjoy wine tasting, light bites, and raffles of fun and local prizes,” say organizers.

According to its website, Community Human Services is “a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing high-quality mental health, substance abuse and homeless services to Monterey County residents to help them reach their full potential.” Among its many services and outreach efforts are Casa de Noche Buena in Seaside and Shuman Heart-House in Monterey, homeless shelters that accept single



With beautiful and peaceful surroundings amid hills and vineyards, Holman Ranch in Carmel Valley provides a great setting for all sorts of events. This week-end, you can do some yoga there and follow it up with a nice glass of wine.

women and families with children. It also offers temporary housing and help for young people who have run away, are homeless, or are aging out of the foster care system.

Ten percent of the proceeds from all bottled wine sold will go to the agency’s homeless programs, and direct cash and credit donations will also be accepted.

Each year, owner Dawn Galante and her team at Dawn’s Dream Winery give back to the community by selecting a nonprofit to support and feature in the tasting room. Community Human Services was selected for 2024.

“We’re so appreciative that Dawn’s Dream reached out to partner with us this year. Having their support is critical to our success. Greater awareness equals more involvement and bigger impact, which means we can help even more women and families experiencing homelessness,” said Robin McCrae, CEO of Community Human Services.

■ Get really relaxed

Holman Ranch is offering another opportunity to do yoga at its hacienda at 60 Holman Road in Carmel Valley. From 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, you can take a 60-minute outdoor yoga class and follow it up with a glass of wine. Organizers say that all experience levels are welcome, and everyone should bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle and arrive 15 minutes early. If you’ve not yet visited the ranch, which was once a favorite getaway for Hollywood stars like Charlie Chaplin and Clark Gable, you’ll need that time to take in the beautiful surroundings and pastoral views as you relax and settle in. Wine club members pay \$25 apiece and everyone else is \$40. Make reservations and purchase tickets at exploretock.com/holmanranch/event/487908/yoga-at-the-ranch.

■ It’s Carmel. We love animals.

Coldwell Banker’s Heinrich Team of realtors invites you to join their “esteemed four-legged members,” Puddin and Delta, for the third annual fundraiser to support Peace of Mind Dog Rescue at the Hofsas House on Thursday, June 27, from 5 to 7 p.m.



This Saturday’s fundraiser for Community Human Services will feature guest bartenders — 5th District Supervisor-elect Kate Daniels, along with current supervisor Mary Adams — serving customers at Dawn’s Dream Winery downtown.

The gathering will take place poolside and will feature paella by chef Brandon Miller (the mobile paella caterer), appetizer bites — people biting into food, not dogs nibbling on people — from Sweet Elena’s, cookies from Café Carmel and sips from Bernardus Winery.

Leashed dogs will also be welcomed and catered to, with Bark Bites by Carmel Dog Shop, pet photos by Richard Green Photography, and paw readings.

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Holy wieners!

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A dinner for the books

Stokes Adobe in Monterey will host a fundraiser for the Monterey Public Library Friends & Foundation on June 26 from 4 to 9 p.m. Ten percent of the evening’s sales will go to the foundation, which says it “seeks to sustain and enhance Monterey Public Library services now and for generations to come.” Make reservations at stokesadobe.com and mention the fundraiser when you do so.

While you’re on the website, peruse the menu, which features starters like yellow-tail crudo with avocado mousse, and a caviar potato “halo,” along with main dishes including halibut and N.Y. strip steak.

ASB’s grab-and-go

Alvarado Street Brewery in Monterey

recently announced it’s offering grab-and-go sandwiches for \$12 and salads for \$10 Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located at 426 Alvarado St., the restaurant and craft beer spot will be prepping pub burgers, Asian-themed fried chicken sandwiches, and pesto chicken paninis, as well as spring beet salads and Caesar salads, along with rainbow grain bowls that feature quinoa, asparagus, bell pepper, radish, cucumber, edamame (soybeans), chives, cashews and balsamic vinegar. For more info, visit asb.beer/pages/montereybrewpub.

Distinctive pinot noir at Blair

It’s easy to enjoy a wine tasting experience in Carmel-by-the-Sea, as the village boasts just under 20 tasting rooms in its 1 square mile. Carmel Plaza has three of those — Chalone, Wrath and Blair. The last one — on the southwest corner of the plaza looking out to Alvarado Street Brewery’s Carmel Bistro and just up the steps from Rise + Roam (a perfect place to enjoy coffee and a pastry) — has a pretty bar and an even nicer and more private room with a long table and floor-to-ceiling windows.

Blair grows its grapes in the Arroyo Seco American Viticultural Area in the Salinas Valley on a ranch that the Blair family acquired in the 1920s. However, it wasn’t until 2007 that Jeffrey Blair, the ranch founder’s grandson, began to plant grapes. He named the vineyard Delfina after his beloved grandmother. His first planting? Pinot noir.

Grapes with baggage?

Since then, the winery has expanded but remains manageable for the family. These days, they’re growing 5-plus acres of pinot noir, 2 acres of chardonnay and a tiny amount of muscat.

One additional and interesting note is that Blair grows a specific clone of pinot noir that is held in high esteem in the wine world. According to the winery, it came from Domaine de Romanee Conti in Bur-



Blair Vineyards has a 2018 pinot noir made with some special grape clones — a imperial bottle from the original vineyard in France may sell for as much as \$200,000 at auction.

gundy — originally a so-called “suitcase clone,” one of those rumored to have been smuggled out of France in someone’s Samsonite — from what many consider the world’s most exclusive pinot noir vineyard.

The wine made from that French vineyard is one of the most expensive in the world. A 1971 6-liter imperial bottle of Domaine de Romanée Conti La Tâche is

expected to go for as much as \$200,000 when it’s auctioned this week by Bonhams.

With that in mind, a 2018 Blair Estate Pinot Noir, including grapes cloned from the above-mentioned Domaine de Romanée Conti clone, is well worth the price at \$60. The wine is elegant with notes

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Eddy (left) and Zachary, two of the adorable dogs available for adoption from Animal Friends Rescue Project, want people to join The Heinrich Team from Coldwell Banker Real Estate for an AFRP fundraiser at Hofsas House. People are invited to enjoy paella and wine, and leashed pets are welcome.

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FOOD & WINE

ARTIST
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but he was willing to give it a look. I did a lot of work for him for close to 15 years, and printed a lot of his negatives.”

Daniels wrote the introduction for Douglas’ 1998 book, “Time and Place: A Collection of 35 Platinum Prints.”

In 2000, Douglas began experimenting with what he calls “Ice Forms” — images of botanicals he freezes in blocks of ice, a technique that creates unusual patterns in the ice and flowers.

“The ice is as important as the flowers it encases, pro-

viding an element of the unexpected and unpredictable,” he wrote on his website. “This element can be likened to the Japanese principle of wabi sabi — beauty in nature in all its imperfections.

“The ice does what it wants to do, so sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn’t,” he continued. “Sometimes it’s clear, sometimes it’s full of bubbles. Sometimes it erupts into these volcanic globs on top of the ice. Sometimes it’s all frosted and I can’t do anything with it, but it’s always pretty exciting to see it take on a life of its own.”

The Weston Gallery

That series opened a door for Douglas at Carmel’s historic Weston Gallery, where his art is featured alongside the images of other Central Coast photography luminaries and legends, including Ansel Adams, Rod Dresser, Morley Baer, Wynn Bullock, Imogen Cunningham, Jeffrey Becom, Jerry Takigawa, Chip Hooper, Carol Henry, Johan Hagemeyer and, of course, the Westons — Edward, Brett, Cole and Cara.

“Getting into that gallery definitely was a big deal for me,” he said. “When they asked me if I wanted to join, I said, ‘You bet!’”

His diving adventures have taken him to Hawaii, the Mediterranean island of Corsica, the Florida Keys, Santa

Catalina, and Tacoma, Wash., his onetime home, but Douglas said his favorite spots are in Monterey Bay.

“Tropical diving is nice with all those colorful fish, but, honestly, I like it here. I like the cold water. I love the kelp, although there’s so little of it left now,” he said. “On a clear day, Monterey Bay is a world-class dive.”

Douglas’ adult daughter, Lacey, lives in Portland. His son, Barret, daughter-in-law Kacey and granddaughter Bodhi share his P.G. home, just minutes from the bay.

“I’ve really enjoyed Bodhi grow for the past three years from a lump on the floor,” he said with a laugh.

Additional information and images of Douglas’ work can be found at ryuijie.com and westongallery.com. Contact him at info@ryuiji.com or 831-277-0045.

Visit montereyart.org for updates on his upcoming museum exhibit with Chuck Davis.

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

WINE
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of baking spices, cherry and forest floor, and you can find it at the tasting room.

■ A sudsy fall

Is it too early to plan a local Oktoberfest? Not when you can buy your tickets now for the Monterey Beer Festival. On Oct. 5 from 12:30 to 4 p.m., you can taste beer from around the world and browse a variety of food trucks to keep yourself fortified. Live music will also be part of the fun. Admission is \$60 in advance, \$25 for designated drivers. Visit montereybeerfestival.com for more information, or purchase tickets through Eventbrite at conta.cc/3VoogNX. The event benefits the Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation.

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





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MUSIC

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been featured in a number of movies and TV shows.
Food and drinks are allowed, but alcohol must be purchased on site. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

■ Live music June 21-27

- Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Lindsay Beery** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kristen Gradwohl** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.
- Asilomar Conference Grounds** in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.
- Baja Cantina** restaurant in Carmel Valley — **Mr. Lucky** (rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.
- Barmel** — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos just north of Seventh.
- Bernardus Lodge & Spa** in Carmel Valley — pianist **Joe Indence** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pia-



Singer and guitarist Cindy Alexander plays a free concert Friday, 6 p.m., at Sunset Center.

nist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.
Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew**

and singer and multi-instrumentalist **Elise Leavy** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **Paige Too** (jazz, Sunday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

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CALENDAR

- Every Friday enjoy the “Summer Music Series” at Asilomar Conference Grounds** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Each week a new artist is featured along with wine, beer and handheld food offerings perfect for a summer evening.
- 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 23 – Beth Jauregui, artist/author of “Paintings from the Edge of the Santa Lucia Mountains – Sharing Environmental Studies Through Art,”** will be at River House Books from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The individual landscape paintings in the book are a celebration of the visual beauty of the local area.
- June 25 – Classics and New Music: All Saints Episcopal Church, Carmel.** Brahms, Chopin, Hindemith and premieres by local composer Carleton Macy will be performed by John Jensen, piano and Jody Lee, soprano. Admission is a \$20 donation to the All Saints’ Episcopal Church Music Program. FFI.macy@macalester.edu
- June 27 – The Arthritis Research Coalition presents an interactive event, “Hands On: Devices to Lend a Hand Throughout the Day,”** at the Cottages of Carmel from 2 to 3 p.m. The session showcases gadgets and devices to assist those with arthritis in daily tasks. Registration is available at <https://arthritisresearchcoalition.org/program-reg>

- June 28 – “Thailand’s Polarized Politics: Entrenched Elite & Implications for U.S. Policy,”** will be addressed by **James Stent** at this luncheon meeting of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area. Registration due June 23. Event is set at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey. For details, visit www.wacmb.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!
- July 4 – Monterey County Pops! Music, Celebration, Community:** Get ready to experience an unforgettable celebration at the free public concert of pops and patriotic music presented by Monterey County Pops! Mark your calendars for July 4, 2024, and join us on the lawn at Carmel-by-the-Sea’s enchanting Devendorf Park.
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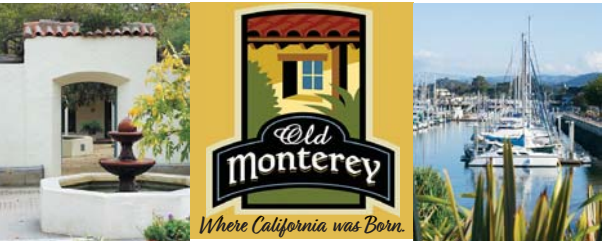
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Big Sur Vineyards tasting room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** (Saturday at 3 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place.

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Frida Vossler** (Saturday at 7 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, 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 Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, 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.

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

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **Magenta Spreen** with singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** and singer **Kristen Gradwohl** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (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.



Singer Kate Miller and singer and guitarist Tom Faia play Saturday, 3 p.m., at the Big Sur Vineyards tasting room in Carmel Valley.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, 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 — electric banjoist **Sam Wallace** (Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Zach Westfall Trio** (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 — guitarist **Javier Sanchez** (Latin,

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. seq.) Auction to be held at **12:00 pm** On **June 28th, 2024** at www.selfstorageauction.com. The property is stored at: **Coastal Storage, 575 California Ave, Sand City, CA 93955.** NAME OF TENANT: Juan Alaniz

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Publication Dates: June 21, 2024. (PC 617)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2202410002876
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Registered Owner(s): CANYON TRANSPORT LLC, 34898 GEORGE SMITH RD, SQUAW VALLEY, CA 93675
Articles of Incorporation #: 202461312988
This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 03/07/2024
S/ ANTHONY SCHROCK, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on MAY 31 2024
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241150
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241148
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FitnessDefault, 51 Los Laureless Ave Salinas, CA 93901**, County of Monterey
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV002336
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, CARISSA MALIA INFANTE, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name:

The matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: July 26, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: June 17, 2024
Publication Dates: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024. (PC 624)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV002336
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, CARISSA MALIA INFANTE, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name:

CARISSA MALIA INFANTE
Proposed name: CLARISSA MALIA INFANTE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: August 2, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: June 6, 2024
Publication Dates: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024. (PC 625)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Le Bijou Fine Jewelry, located at 5th and Delores, Carmel, CA. is now closed. Direct all correspondences to The Johnson Family Trust, P.O. Box 9998, Pacific Grove, CA. 93950-9998. For inquiries about un-claimed merchandise you must include a copy of receipt, description of item and must have a photo ID to re-claim merchandise. Correspondence must be received no later than December 31, 2024.

Publication date: June 21 & 28, 2024 (PC623)

Notice is hereby given that at the next Regular Board meeting of the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, held via teleconference webinar, on

9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 27, 2024

The Board will publicly discuss and approve the:

FY 2024/2025 Final Budget

No later than June 13, 2024 the budget document will be available on the District's website <https://www.cawd.org/2024-06-27-board-of-directors-meeting>. Any member of the public may appear at the meeting and be heard regarding any item in the recommended budget or for the inclusion of additional items.

All proposals for revisions must be submitted in writing to the District Clerk before the close of the public meeting.

To access the meeting via ZOOM please visit the June 27, 2024 website homepage at www.cawd.org

Publication dates: June 14 & 21, 2024 (PC615)

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Carmel Area Wastewater District

Notice of Nominees For Public Office

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Election to be held in the County of Monterey, Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

For a Director Position on the Carmel Area Wastewater Board of Directors:
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Robert Siegfried
Kevan Urquhart
Suzanne Cole

Contact the District at downstream@cawd.org for information or call (831) 624-1248

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Submitted for Publication: June 18, 2024

(PC620)

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Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud’s Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **Vinyl Revival** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The New Wave Band** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (pop and jazz, Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucy’s on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **Wolf Dog Walker** (rock, Friday at 2 p.m.), **Broken Shades** (blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Next Blues Band** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Marriott Hotel in Monterey — saxophonist **Stu Reynolds** (jazz, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). In Characters Bar, 350 Calle Principal.

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

Melville Tavern in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — **Janice’s Jazz Jam** with keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **Andy Weis** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (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.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Peter Corr** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** jazz, Sunday 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.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Matt Masih** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Joyce Sampson** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Transducers** (rock and funk, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Sunday at 4 p.m.), **Snake Oil Road Show** (“acoustic alt-roc,” Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

Sly McFly’s — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Mad About You** (hits from the ‘80s and

‘90s, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** (rock and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The Dave D’oh Show** (alternative, pop and soul, 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.

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

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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.**
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. 20241058
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BUILDING INTIMACY, 105 SCHOOL WAY, WATSONVILLE, CA 95076,** County of SANTA CRUZ
Registered Owner(s): **PARKLINX LLC, 2064 SEASCAPE BLVD APTOS, CA 95003; CA**
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 10/07/2020
S/ JULIE WALL, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/23/2024
6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5/24
CNS-3812844#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC 603)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241035
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **@DLDSIR 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
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CNS-3813442#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024 (PC 606)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241129
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROCKIN B LAND & CATTLE CO., 29120 Chualar Canyon Rd., Chualar, CA 93925.**

Registered Owner(s): **FRANK BALLETOS, 244 Rainbow Dr. 14493, Livingston, TX 77399.**
DARLENE SUSAN BALLESTEROS
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 3, 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/Frank Ballesteros
Date signed: June 3, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 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: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024 (PC 608)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20241114
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: March 8, 2024
File No.: 20210622
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PEDEGO ARMEL, 125 Oceanview Blvd, Ste. 122, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
Name of Corporation or as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **BIG SUR ADVENTURES INC., 142 Boyd Way, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
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/Joaquin Sullivan, President
May 21, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 31, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal,

State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC609)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV002231
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, Nichole Sue Simonsen on behalf of Colette Leigh Ponsonby, a minor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: COLETTE LEIGH PONSONBY Proposed name: COLETTE PONSONBY SIMONSEN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: August 2, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: May 31, 2024
Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC 610)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241113
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BAG O' CRAB, 1401 N. Davis Rd., SALINAS, CA 93907** County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): **SEA HOUSE SALINAS LLC, 2557 Barrington Ct, Hayward, CA 94545**
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/10/2021.
SEA HOUSE SALINAS LLC
S/ Shan B Guo, Manager,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/31/2024.
6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5/24
CNS-3816981#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC 611)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241035
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **@dlidsr 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

ness under the fictitious business name listed above on 04/19/2024
S/ Daniel Lee
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/20/2024
6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5/24
CNS-3821738#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC 612)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241115
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **IMAGES FROM MONTEREY BAY, 1026 Ocean Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **D&P TASHJIAN ENTERPRISES LP**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 30, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/David Tashjian
Date: May 28, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 31, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC 613)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241041
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ZENTHETICS, 1283 N. Main St. #105, Salinas, CA 93906.**
Registered Owner(s): **JASMINE ROMERO, 59 Muckelemti St. #119, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Jasmine Romero
Date signed: May 16, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 21, 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: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024 (PC 614)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241153
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VR PAINTING AND DECORATING, 1849 Laguna St., Apt. A, Seaside, California 93955.**
Registered Owner(s): **VICTOR ALBERTO REYNA REYES, 1849 Laguna St., Apt. A, Seaside, California 93955.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 5, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Victor Alberto Reyna Reyes
Date signed: June 5, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 5, 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: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024 (PC 616)

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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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-24-973288-CL Order No.: FIN-24000203
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/15/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Kimberly A Matthei-Briggs and, Chandler C Briggs, wife and husband Recorded: 1/4/2006 as Instrument No. 2006000552 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California; Date of Sale: 7/9/2024 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$996,655.42 The purported property address is: 25871 ELINORE PL, CARMEL, CA 93923 Assessor's Parcel No.: 169-261-017-000 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. 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SWIM

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plished alum, Carmel Valley native Heather Pease Olson, swam twice in the Olympics, winning a gold medal in the 1996 games in Atlanta and competing in 2000 in Sydney, Australia.

From 2001-2012, she was head coach at her alma mater, Stanford University, where she had been a two-time All-American and seven-time NCAA champion in four events.

“Cypress Swim Club absolutely was my foundation, and a springboard to all the hard work that went into becoming an Olympic athlete,” she said. “It was just a small club, but it gave me the passion to keep pushing, keep making small improvements toward achieving the bigger dream.”

The 48-year-old mother of two, a Stevenson School grad, remains involved, coaching the Walnut Creek Aquanets club. She brought several of her swimmers to Sunday’s anniversary event for a demonstration.

Six decades of devotion

Most remarkable, probably, is the fact that Cypress Swim Club has survived for 60 years.

“It was always about determination,” Jones said. “I can’t begin to tell you how Donn and Del managed to keep it alive for those first 40 years, but it’s definitely been a struggle for the past 20.”

Finding pools that were both available and affordable was one of those struggles for CSC, whose members swam during the earliest years at Carmel Valley’s community pool and various Peninsula high schools. They also commuted to Salinas.

“We’d practice in Salinas once or twice every week, until they quadrupled their rates and we couldn’t afford it anymore,” Jones said

Bump from the Olympics?

CSC swimmers currently get five hours each week at Pattullo Swim Center to practice using their underwater music.

“And we’re competing against teams that regularly practice 20 hours a week, so we’re more of a recreational club today,” the coach said.

This year’s roster of 16 kids (ages 6-19), plus six masters swimmers (20 and older), is one of the larger groups Jones has had in recent years. As recently as six years ago, she had just four participants.

“We’d get a bunch of new members every four years, after kids saw the Olympics on TV,” the coach said. “But the last time the U.S. sent a team to the Olympics was 2008.”

With Team USA returning to the 2024 Olympics in Paris in July, Jones is anticipating a resurgence, not only among youth swimmers, but also the older generations.

“I actually was approached Sunday by several people who expressed interest in learning synchro-

nized swimming after they watched our alumni swim,” she said. “That’s pretty exciting.”

Additional information about the club can be found online at facebook.com/cypressswim.

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Patricia Jones, left, has been head coach of the Cypress Swim Club since 2004; Gloria Elber, well-known to the local theater community, has choreographed Cypress routines since the earliest days of the club, and still does so at age 79.

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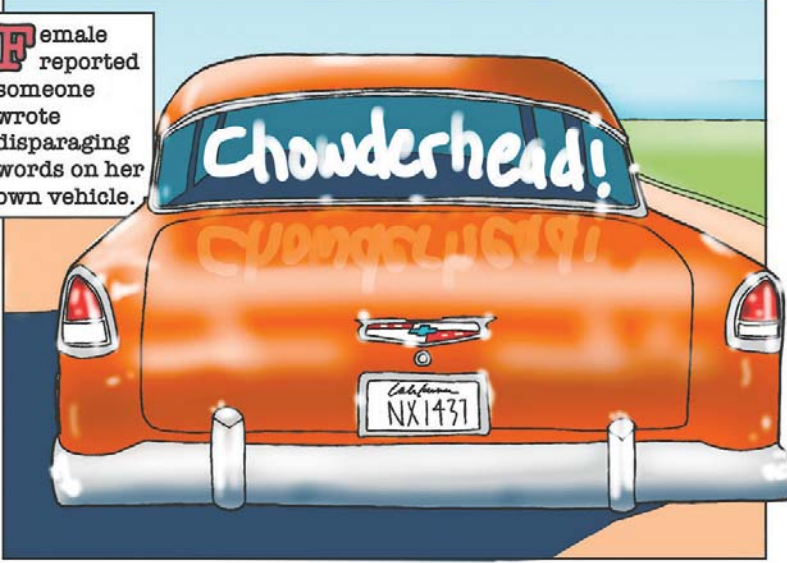
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