

Insurance software manager, programmer get commission posts

By MARY SCHLEY

A PAIR of residents appointed to two important commissions Tuesday could shake things up a bit, according to Carmel Mayor Dale Byrne, who along with Vice Mayor Bob Delves recommended them for the positions.

“I’m looking at them to take a look at what’s going on in our commissions — not just these two, but all of them — and make recommendations to all of us on what we might do to improve the process,” Byrne told the council Feb. 4 after observing that Mel Ahlborn and Neal Rutta are “process people.”

Byrne and Delves recommended Ahlborn for the planning commission, which Delves left when he was elected



Dale Byrne



Bob Delves

to the council in November 2024, and Rutta for the forest and beach commission, where councilman Hans Buder had a seat until he was elected last fall. They will serve until May 30, 2029, and May 30, 2028, respectively.

“The reason we ended up picking the people we did is because they are very objective,” Byrne explained.

Specialties

Ahlborn, an artist who owns Illumination Studio and has worked as a programmer and multimedia specialist, said in her application that she is “deeply invested in the future of Carmel-by-the-Sea and its unique charms,” and that she wants to “contribute to the thoughtful preservation and development of our community, balancing growth with sustainability and innovation.”

The Mission Street resident said she has worked as an engineer, consultant and programmer “in the fields of aerospace manufacturing; residential, multifamily and commercial real estate management and renovation,

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Sewage plant needs at least \$300 million upgrade

By KELLY NIX

THE BOARD that oversees the Marina wastewater treatment plant took a big step last week toward planning a major upgrade that is expected to cost hundreds of



PHOTO/COURTESY MONTEREY ONE WATER

Monterey One Water’s regional treatment plant, in the center of this photo, needs a major overhaul, but officials say it will cost a pretty penny.

Groups fight over long-vacant Flanders Mansion

By MARY SCHLEY

A PROPOSAL to transform the disused Flanders Mansion into a quasi-residence and event space is facing a counterproposal from longtime supporters of Mission Trail park and Hatton Road residents who envision a more low-key future for the historic building that has been owned by taxpayers since 1972 but has never been put to public use.

Mike Buffo and his Carmel Outlands supporters, including former Mayor Ken White, former councilmen Bobby Richards and Gerard Rose, prior council candidate David O’Neil, and preservation activist Karyl Hall, among others, have been pushing the city to support their concept of transforming the nearly century-old Tudor-style house into “a multi-use cultural hub blending public benefit with private residence functions, educational programs and small community gatherings to increase public engagement.”

‘Weedies’ say no

Their pitches, however, have prompted push-back from the Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve — informally known as the Weedies for their organized efforts to remove non-native invasive plants from the park — and residents in the historic mansion’s Hatton Road neighborhood.

Former city councilwoman Karen Ferlito and former assistant city administrator Greg D’Ambrosio, along with more than a dozen other devotees who make up the Friends, said Buffo’s



PHOTO/MIKE BUFFO

Who should be able to enjoy this room and the rest of Flanders Mansion? A nonprofit wants it for a quasi-residence and cultural space, while another group wants it to be a private home.

Boomtown Marina attracts buyers young and old

By CAITLIN CONRAD

MARINA MAY not have gold or silver, but it has water, which can be even more valuable. The precious resource has made the city a boomtown by coastal California standards, with more than 3,000 people moving in over the last 10 years. Which raises the question: Who is moving to Marina?

Real estate agent Kevin Cesario said he’s seen a great diversity in clients looking to buy there, including first-time purchasers, young families, and retirees wanting to downsize.

“I think Marina is going to turn into probably the biggest of all the cities in the area,” said Cesario.

New communities

He may be right. The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments forecasts Marina will have a population of more than 34,000 by 2050, which would make it the county’s biggest city along the coast and its second largest overall.

The growth has been fueled in large part by the private development of three communities, East Garrison, Sea Haven and The Dunes.

Over the last 10 years, the developer behind The Dunes, Shea Homes, has built and sold 551 homes. The company reports 50 percent of its clients are Monterey County residents, and most are first-time buyers, including young professionals and families with small children, like Rebecca Seldin and her husband, who bought in 2022.

The couple checks all of those boxes. They have two kids under 5 and both work as attorneys, he in Monterey and she in Salinas. Marina was the perfect midpoint for their separate commutes, and The Dunes offered brand-new construction.

“It was more affordable than other areas, and we were getting a house that we knew we wouldn’t have to continue to fix up,” said Seldin.

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RESIDENTS: BATTERY FIRE CAUSED HEALTH PROBLEMS

■ Draws attention from lawyers, activist

By KELLY NIX

PEOPLE WHO live near and far from the fire-damaged Vistra battery plant in Moss Landing have reported symptoms ranging from headaches and eye, nose and throat irritation, to nausea, asthma, congestion and nosebleeds. Their concerns are now being heard by consumer activist and media personality Erin Brockovich.

The Jan. 16 blaze at the Moss Landing facility caused a plume of smoke that carried particulate matter — including heavy metals used in lithium-ion batteries — according to San Jose State researchers who detected the material in soil samples near the plant.

Coughing and nausea

Dozens of people are blaming the fire and smoke for myriad health issues, and they’re sharing their stories on a Facebook page called Moss Landing Power Plant/Vistra Fire Symptoms. The group has nearly 3,500 members.

“I feel like my throat has a bad sunburn,” a female resident and member of the group reported this week. “I’m coughing, short of breath, have nausea and digestion issues. My body feels off. My husband has sore throat, coughing, congested, tired. My son is congested.”

The Prunedale resident dismissed the possibility that a virus might be responsible for the symptoms, suggesting that the fire was to blame. “This is different,” she said.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

A dog’s day

While terriers can be aggressive, alert and eager for a “spirited argument,” the schnauzer, although technically a terrier, tends to be curious, playful and loyal to his people and each other. Casper and Boris are their family’s fifth and sixth schnauzers.

“The terrier traits make schnauzers kind of feisty, smart as all get out and also affectionate,” said their person, “which creates really good companion dogs.”

Having lost one of their dogs the couple, who live near the Carmel Mission, were poring through Penny-Saver ads when they noticed one for a breeder who had a litter.

“One of the pups was white, and we said, ‘that’s our dog and we’re going to call him Casper, after the friendly ghost,’” their person said. “And after our other schnauzer passed away, we were so used to having a pair, we sought out another and found Boris at a breeder in Tacoma, Wash.”

The two pups met and seemed to get along fine, so the family felt full.

Three years ago, the couple, who had toggled be-



tween Seattle and the City-by-the-Sea for some 20 years, moved fulltime to Carmel, where their schnauzers are living their best lives.

A “day in the life” begins with breakfast. Then the boys go to the beach, where they can run, leash free, and sniff. Then they come home and relax for the rest of the morning, preferably in a place in the sun where they can snooze. This is followed by an afternoon walk in the neighborhood to Carmel Point or around town.

“By late afternoon, they harass us for their dinner,” said their person, “and then settle in for the night. If re-incarnation is real, I want to come back as one of our dogs.”

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Invasive human plants self in yard

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, JANUARY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted with eviction of a dog from a residence on Monte Verde south of Fifth. Owner also requested that all occupants be warned about trespassing at the residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check on Junipero south of 10th. Forwarded to Adult Protective Services.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 32-year-old male resident was arrested on Lincoln south of Ocean for public intoxication and probation violation.

Pacific Grove: Subject stopped on Prescott was found to have an active out-of-county misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear in court. The 40-year-old male was issued a notice to appear and released.

Pacific Grove: During a call for service at Seaview and Stuart a 48-year-old male was cited and released for possession of illegal narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana over an ounce and probation violation.

Pacific Grove: Report of damage to a vehicle's tire.

Carmel area: Businesses on Rio Road reported a male was yelling at customers causing a disturbance. The male was located and warned to stay away from the business.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated theft from a tip jar at Ocean and Mission. A 48-year-old male Carmel resident was later arrested, cited and released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grand theft from a vehicle on Junipero north of 10th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at San Antonio and Seventh led to the arrest of a 39-year-old Monterey male resident for possession of hard drugs. Male lodged at Monterey County Jail for felony possession with two or more priors, and the vehicle was stored.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury vehicle vs. parked vehicle on San Carlos Street.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a vehicle on Hillcrest.

Pacific Grove: Intoxicated subject released to a parent.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Junipero, with no injuries.

Pacific Grove: A 48-year-old male was arrested at Monterey and Central for drug charges and probation violation.

Carmel Valley: A person was reported missing at Del Mesa Carmel.

Pacific Grove: Theft of personal property on Sinex.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle tampering on Hillside Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle tampering on Ransford Court.

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The gavel falls

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

Jan. 10 — Judge Rafael Vazquez sentenced Kevin James Powell to 76 years to life in state prison for first-degree murder and first-degree attempted murder. On Sept. 14, 2022, the deceased victim and his brother were in town for work staying at a Motel 6 in King City. That night, after returning from dinner at their sister's house, they stood outside their room talking. Meanwhile, Powell parked his car nearby. The victims paid no attention as Powell — a stranger to the victims — stepped out, rummaged in the rear passenger seat of his car, and then suddenly produced a three-foot axe and attacked them with it. One victim ran and escaped with minor injuries. The other tripped, suffered serious injuries from the assault, and later died at the hospital.

On Dec. 11, 2024, a jury convicted Pow-

ell of first-degree murder and first-degree attempted murder. Furthermore, the jury found Powell used a deadly weapon, and that the crimes involved great violence, great bodily harm, or a high degree of cruelty, viciousness or callousness. Finally, the court found Powell had a prior strike conviction for street terrorism.

This case was investigated by former King City Police Dept. detective Juan Rodriguez and district attorney investigator Dominique Hohmann.

Jan. 10 — Rodrigo Bravo, 31 and a resident of Salinas, pleaded no contest to the second-degree murder of his girlfriend and the mother of his children, Eleni Tavua, in June 2023. Bravo also admitted that he personally

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‘HISTORIC’ DEAL MADE

By CHRIS COUNTS

SIGNING WHAT both parties described as a “historic” deal, California State Parks and the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County announced an agreement to share stewardship duties at 18 local state parks.

The partnership was made official Friday during a ceremony at the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific

Grove.

So what does “stewardship” at 18 local state parks entail?

“It establishes meaningful consultation with the Esselen in a wide variety of activities that have an impact on the tribe,” state parks cultural resource manager Matt Bischoff told The Pine Cone. “The tribe is not taking over responsibility for any park unit. We are more formally establishing our relationship. In consultation, we are trying to seek, discuss and consider the views of the tribe in a mutually respectful manner. The goal is for a collaborative approach

in future management, preservation and interpretation.”

The tribe, which includes members who ancestors lived here thousands of years ago, celebrated the news.

“Today the Esselen tribe and California State Parks celebrated entering into a historic agreement to share the stewardship of 18 state parks within the Monterey District,” it announced Jan. 31. “The tribe is already actively engaged with California State Parks on numerous projects, initiatives, and issues within the tribe’s ancestral lands, and this stewardship agreement will extend to natural and cultural resources protection, interpretation, trails stewardship, environmental issues and much more. And most importantly, the tribe has partnered with California State Parks on caring for these lands we all love so much — and secured more rights for tribal citizens to access and enjoy their ancestral lands.”

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‘Big Ass Fans’ agrees to pay for false claims

By KELLY NIX

A COMPANY that sold products during the Covid pandemic it said would kill the virus in the air within 60 minutes and could reduce the risk of infection — but which state prosecutors maintained were false and misleading claims — has agreed to pay nearly a half-million dollars in restitution.

Starting in June 2020, months after the Covid-pandemic began, Kentucky-based Big Ass Fans marketed and sold ultraviolet germicidal irradiation lamps and ionization technology, both of which attach to ceiling fans, that purported to kill pathogens in the air and on surfaces.

But Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, along with district attorneys in 10 other California counties, accused Big Ass Fans of making misleading statements about its products.

“In marketing these products, prosecutors allege that Big Ass Fans misrepresented its products’ ability to kill pathogens in the air and on surfaces and to protect humans from infectious disease,” the Monterey County DA’s office’s Jan. 13 lawsuit against the company says.

Restitution

For example, the company advertised that its “clean air system pairs scientifically proven air purifying technologies with powerful airflow solutions,” which it claimed resulted in a system “that kills 99.9 percent of pathogens to keep your people protected and your business booming.”

The DA’s office, though, said it found “insufficient support for the company’s claims and that its advertised efficacy rates were not achievable in real world scenarios.”

It is unknown how many Monterey County residents purchased one of the fans or relied on the company’s promises when they did.

The settlement with the counties resolves the allegations of false and misleading advertising relating to the company’s clean air products, the DA’s office said. As part of that, the Kentucky company agreed to pay \$450,000 in restitution, costs, and civil penalties to resolve the matter.

California customers who purchased certain clean air products from Big Ass Fans on or before April 24, 2021, will receive a combined total of \$220,301.25 in restitution, while customers who purchased the same type of products from the company from April 24, 2021, through the date of judgment will receive a combined total of \$102,250 in restitution, the DA’s office said. Big Ass Fans will pay restitution directly to consumers.

The company is also required to comply with a court order prohibiting it from making untruthful, deceptive or misleading marketing claims.

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FIREARMS AND valuables were stolen from house on the southeast corner of Dolores and First sometime in the past couple of weeks, the homeowner reported after returning last Monday from 10 days away. And according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Gerald Maldonado, leads on the culprits are thin.

“When they arrived, they noticed there was forced entry at the front door and items thrown around inside of the residence,” he said. The owner reported jewelry, clothing, heirlooms and guns were taken in the break-in, but it’s unknown when it occurred.

“Officers are following up on any investigative leads,” Maldonado said. “If anyone has seen any suspicious activity during that time, please call the police department. Any information, even minor details can help solve this case. You can remain anonymous.”

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Council to get better audio and video

By MARY SCHLEY

MUFFLED SOUND, fuzzy video and other irritations are the products of decade-old audio-visual tech in Carmel City Hall, but with the city council’s signing off Monday night on \$110,543 in upgrades, they should soon be a thing of the past.

The project calls for “modernizing the AV technology to enhance the functionality, accessibility and overall experience of the council chambers during public meetings,” assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson said at the Feb. 3 meeting.

‘Doesn’t meet needs’

“As we know, the chambers are integral to our public meetings, and the whole world changed when Covid hit and we started going online and doing remote meetings and using these chambers in a much different way,” he said. “Frankly, we all know the technology we are using doesn’t meet our current needs.”

While the budget initially allocated \$80,000 for the project, in determining its scope and “wanting to do the project the right way” to ensure the technology will hold up for another 10 to 15 years, he said, the proposal came in a little more than \$30,000 higher.

The overhaul, proposed by Conti LLC for \$103,333, will include enhanced sound processing and audio quality in the chambers, overhead microphone arrays to amplify discussion from the chamber floor, better hearing-assistance devices, a height-adjustable podium mic, and two-way communications between chambers and the production desk in the basement, according to Swanson. It also calls for new camera systems “so we can see your beautiful faces much better online,” a high-definition laser projector for presentations that will be easier to see and won’t require dimming the lights, improved video and audio

transmission — including in the city hall lobby — and upgraded touch panels.

Conti is the right company for the job because it handled the initial installation 10 years ago “and knows where all the rabbit holes are,” he said. The Carmel Municipal Code allows sole-source procurement, rather than putting a project out to bid, when “it is in the city’s best interest to negotiate with and select a vendor that is



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The Carmel City Council’s chambers during Covid, when online meetings became common.

best qualified and that offers the best value to the city,” he pointed out, and the city’s IT staff reviewed the proposal to ensure “this is the best bang for our buck.”

Clerk’s new spot

In addition, Swanson recommended paying Outta The Woods woodworking, which has collaborated with Mayor Dale Byrne on several Carmel Cares projects, \$7,210 to upgrade the dais to accommodate flush-mounted monitors for council members and construct a new workstation off the dais for the city clerk.

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Stabbing suspect’s case delayed

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MENTAL health of the man accused of trying to stab his mother to death in their Del Mesa Carmel home Jan. 25 is in question, and at a hearing Wednesday, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler concluded there’s doubt as to whether he’s competent to stand trial.

The mid-morning attack, after which the victim reportedly ran outside screaming and covered in blood and was immediately helped by neighbors, prompted an hours-long lockdown of the senior community as Monterey County Sheriff’s deputies searched for the suspect, 34-year-old William Darpinian.

“She had sustained multiple stab wounds to the upper portion of her body,” a sheriff’s commander said, but she was conscious and able to name her son as the person who attacked her inside their home and said she believed he was still inside.

Psych eval

While an ambulance took the 60-year-old woman to the trauma center at Natividad Medical Center for treatment, deputies surrounded the unit and called to Darpinian to come out, but got no answer. They later determined he was not there, nor was he inside another unit that appeared to have been forcibly entered, and they searched the grounds of the community off Carmel Valley Road well into the afternoon.

They failed to find him and lifted their shelter-in-place order around 5:30 p.m. Early the next morning, wearing only shorts and a T-shirt despite the frigid weather, Darpinian turned himself in.

He has been in Monterey County Jail since then, and in court Jan. 27, he pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted murder and an enhancement for committing the

violent crime with a knife.

In court again Feb. 5, when a preliminary hearing on his case was supposed to be scheduled, Monterey County deputy public defender Rebecca Seldin told the judge she doubts his ability to stand trial.

Butler agreed and referred Darpinian to “a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist or other expert for examination,” as permitted under the California Penal Code, with a report due back to the court on the results of the evaluation Feb. 19.

She then suspended the criminal proceedings and ordered that Darpinian remain in custody with no bail allowed.

The defendant
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Similar story

Darpinian’s case is reminiscent of a November 2018 attack in which then-23-year-old Jacob Lee stabbed his parents and 80-year-old grandmother at a Quail Meadows home, critically

wounding his mother and injuring the others.

Lee was found an hour later hiding in a bush on the property after a Monterey County Sheriff’s K-9 discovered him and took him down.

Lee has yet to stand trial because his mental competency was doubted. Years of incarceration and treatment have followed, during which he repeatedly refused to leave his Monterey County Jail cell or speak with his attorney, according to court records.

Lee had been held in a state mental hospital and in the county jail’s behavioral unit but was later relocated to Santa Cruz County, since he’s a resident of that county.

As of the last status report on his case in court just shy of a year ago, he was being treated in the inpatient Santa Cruz Telecare Psychiatric Health Facility. Another review hearing is set for Feb. 18, and the criminal case against him remains in limbo.

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P.G. schools facing teacher layoffs

By KELLY NIX

FACING A nearly \$3 million deficit, the Pacific Grove Unified School District is proposing to lay off numerous employees including several teachers and mental health therapists.

The PGUSD school board was expected to hear a staff report Thursday recommending the layoffs due to a \$2,936,323 deficit.

“Both 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 projected revenues are not sufficient to reduce this deficit, and therefore, the district must consider an ongoing reduction in expenditures for Pacific Grove Unified School District,” according to the report to board, which was not expected to take any action Thursday.

The district’s projected revenue is \$46.5 million, \$39.6 million of which comes from property taxes, according to a presentation from Josh Jorn, assistant superintendent of business services, at a Jan. 16 PGUSD board meeting.

Mental health plan

The jobs at the city’s two elementary schools that could be on the chopping block include four classroom teachers, which would save \$511,904, a Spanish teacher for a \$139,907 savings, and a mental health therapist, which would save the district \$178,626. Other possible cuts include the loss of two mental health therapists at the middle and high schools for a combined savings of \$363,443, and a technology support position for a savings of \$148,305.

Asked how the district would fill the void for student mental health services if the therapist positions are eliminated, Superintendent Linda Adamson said a “proposed mental health support plan” would be revealed at Thursday’s meeting.

The district, which is experiencing declining enrollment, is also recommending is a 3 percent reduction of all materials and supplies, professional consulting services, and other cuts for a \$131,847 savings.

Adamson said some of the deficit can be blamed on Covid-era federal funds that the district will no longer receive.



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Kids at Robert Down Elementary School play outside during a break in the rain Thursday afternoon.

“PGUSD, like many districts across our state, is facing the sunset of one-time federal funding that was provided for post-pandemic learning recovery and mental health support,” she said. “While this funding allowed us to implement valuable programs and hire additional staff, it was never intended as a permanent funding source.”

Jorn noted at the Jan. 16 meeting that about 88 percent of the P.G. school district’s overall expenditures are tied to salaries and benefits for its employees, which is about 7 percent higher than the state average. “Most districts carry around 79 to 81 percent of their total expenditures in health and welfare and salary and benefits” for employees, he said, adding that Carmel Unified School District’s is also lower than PGUSD’s.

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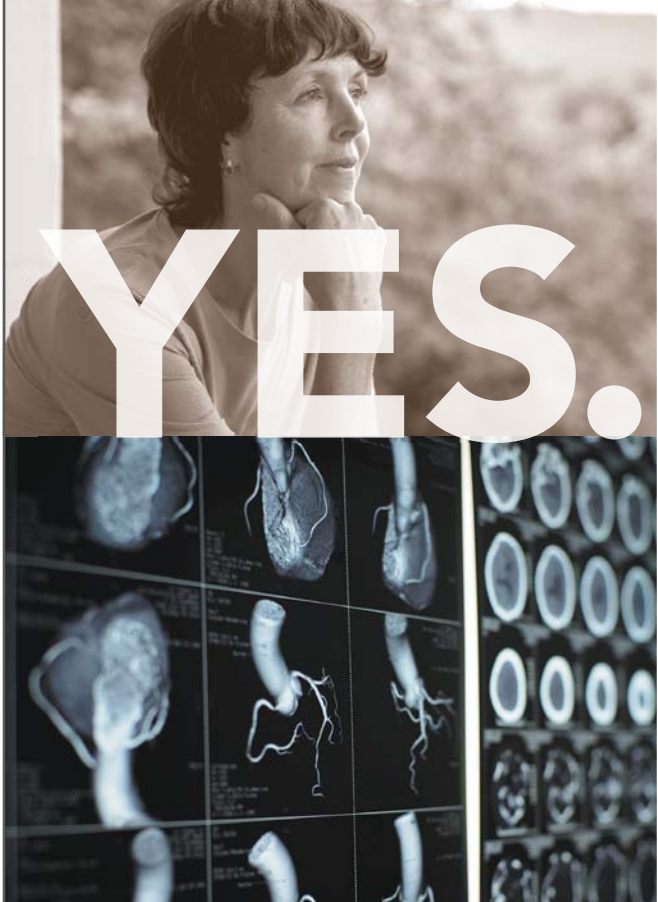
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Dems OK bills to ‘Trump-proof’ state

By CAITLIN CONRAD

CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS have done the Governor’s bidding, sending legislation to Trump-proof California to his desk this week.

On Monday, the state Assembly passed two bills designed to take on the new federal administration. The first, SBX 1-1, gives the California Department of Justice an additional \$25 million to take on legal fights with the Trump administration. The second, SBX 1-2 provides \$25 million in grants for nonprofits offering legal services for immigrants.

‘Out of control’

“Right now, Californians are being threatened from an out-of-control administration in Washington. It is our duty to rise to the moment,” said Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas addressing the chamber Monday.

The state Senate passed the two bills late last month, but there were some holdups in the Assembly last week when Republican lawmakers questioned if the \$25 million for immigrant legal services could be used to protect criminals from deportation.

SBX 1-2 says it is intended to fund nonprofits helping immigrants with legal

services related to wage theft, eviction and domestic violence. However, the California Department of Finance could not guarantee the money would not be spent helping convicted criminals who are in the country illegally.

Assisting criminals?

During a Jan. 27 hearing, Republicans pressed staffers with the California State Assembly Committee on Budget for answers on how nonprofits could use funds.

“Would they use our tax dollars to defend illegal immigrants from deportation proceedings? Is that part of what they do?” asked Bill Essayli, a Riverside Republican.

Consultants with the Committee on Budget could not guarantee that they wouldn’t.

“Hopefully, they’re not already assisting people with criminal records, is there a check and balance of that already?” asked Joe Patterson, a Rocklin Republican.

Consultant Erika Li with the committee took the question.

“I would have to get back to you on the exact checks and balances that are required through these contracts,” Li responded.

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Supervisors loosen ADU rules

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN AN effort to create more affordable housing, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0 Tuesday to approve a series of measures to make it easier for homeowners in the unincorporated parts of the county to build and rent out accessory dwelling units.

The rules make a distinction between standalone accessory dwelling units and “junior accessory dwelling units,” which are attached to other structures and often share utilities.

Smaller units in Big Sur

To encourage property owners to host long-term renters, the supervisors amended the Big Sur Land Use Plan to require that accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units be rented out for at least 90 days at a time. They also limited the size of such units to 1,000 square feet “due to the resource constraints unique to the Big Sur Land Use Plan area.” In other planning areas within the county, units as large as 1,200 square feet can be built.

The Carmel Land Use Plan was updated to “encourage junior accessory dwelling units as a means of providing affordable housing,” and a minimum lot size for the

construction of an accessory dwelling units will be removed.

The North County Land Use Plan was also amended to encourage building accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units to create more affordable housing, including not counting the units toward “buildout limitations established in the North County Plan area.”

According to county planner Edgar Sanchez, the goal of the measures is to “reduce obstacles” to building affordable units.

Among those who spoke in favor of approving the measures was Adam Pinterits of the Monterey County Association of Realtors.

Inventory is needed

“I’m here to urge you to do everything you can for housing, and to make ADUs a feasible part of the housing solution,” Pinterits said. “I know all of you care about housing and housing affordability, and as you know, the No. 1 contributing factor to the affordability problem is the lack of inventory. We see the picture very clearly that we have a long way to go before we have anything near adequate housing for

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Steelhead group celebrates turning 50

By CHRIS COUNTS

THIS MONTH, the Carmel River Steelhead Association celebrates two milestones — one is a successful first year of tagging steelhead along Cachagua Creek, and the other is a celebration of its 50th anniversary, which is set for Feb. 22 at



PHOTO/FRANK EMERSON

This antenna along Cachagua Creek helps steelhead advocates track the movement of fish.

Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

In an effort to prove the value of Cachagua Creek as a steelhead spawning and rearing habitat and to show that fish rescues are beneficial, the group has in the past year tagged nearly 1,000 fish with tiny “passive integrated transponders,” which are implanted and can be read remotely.

A tag reader, which includes an antenna, was set up along lower Cachagua Creek last year to gather information whenever a tagged fish swims past it. According to the steelhead group, the readings give researchers a better idea of how far and when the fish travel up the Carmel River and its tributaries. The organization has been focusing its efforts along Cachagua Creek because its members contend it provides more valuable spawning habitat than previously believed.

Questions answered

The tagging has been going on for seven years, with staff from the National Marine Fisheries and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District implanting tags in steelhead. The Carmel River

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You’ll may also want to

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photograph the damage done to your home if that’s possible. And go through your financial and insurance documents to see what you have and what you’re entitled to. You should be able to find these materials online.

Finally, you may need to review your longer-term financial strategies, which might involve reallocating your investment dollars or setting new financial goals.

Surviving a wildfire or other natural disaster is emotionally draining. But by making the right moves, and getting the help you need, you can get you back on the path toward rebuilding your life.

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undertaking will cost and how much Monterey One Water customer rates will go up. While Thompson said the price range it has discussed internally is \$300 million to \$400 million, Monterey One general manager Paul Sciuto suggested it could be a lot more.

“Union Sanitary District is just finishing up” an upgrade of its treatment facility, Sciuto explained. Its East Bay treatment plant is “close to ours in size, and I think they are at \$700 million.”

A larger one in Sacramento, he added, cost that wastewater district a whopping \$1.25 billion to upgrade.

Also unknown is when Monterey One will secure financing for the project, though Thompson said the process would take “many years.” In any event, he said the upgrade would “likely be the largest project in our agency’s history.”

Will improve efficiency

Some aspects of the facility, which was originally designed to treat only municipal wastewater but now processes a variety of wastewater types, are not very energy efficient. An upgrade would address that, Thompson said.

“With the rising cost and reduced reliability of electrical power, we need to improve electrical efficiency,” he explained. “We also should improve the quality of water produced by the regional treatment plant and thus improve efficiency and productivity of our water recycling operations.”

A redo could also help address “evolving” wastewater treatment regulations, such as a possible mandate by state regulators that wastewater facilities remove nutrients, including phosphorus, from wastewater.

Monterey One’s board of directors is made up of representatives from each of the 11 jurisdictions it serves, including Pacific Grove, Monterey and Salinas.

Officials did not specify whether the upgrade would affect Pure Water Monterey, a facility on the same property that accepts four different source waters, including wastewater, and treats it to drinking water standards. The facility went online in 2020 and is being expanded to produce more potable water for the Peninsula. The expansion is expected to be completed this fall.

Alternatives offered

Board chair Thomas Moore, who represents Marina Coast Water District, said he could envision a future Monterey One Water board of directors taking issue with the cost of the project, whether it’s “\$750 million or \$1.6 billion” or another amount, and asked whether Black & Veatch would offer lower-cost options.

Thompson said that the agency would ask the consultant to “evaluate at least four major alternatives, which will likely have a range of capital costs and range of operational and maintenance costs. So, we will essentially have a choice to make.”

Sciuto said that his staff would compel the engineering firm to come up with a project that “the board and the community need and want.”

“No one wants to say, ‘We need to come up with \$700 million tomorrow,’” he said.

About 95 percent of Monterey One’s revenue is rate based, and Salinas is its biggest municipal customer.

“If we are looking at a rate increase, no matter what it is, whether it’s a penny per month more or something much more substantial, approximately 50 percent of the revenue does come from Salinas,” Sciuto said.

The master plan by Black & Veatch is expected to be completed in January 2026, officials said.

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On a regulatory level, Ahlborn said she has extensive experience working with the City of Los Angeles’ housing and community development department and would, as a member of the Carmel Planning Commission, “support initiatives that explore how best to streamline the city’s nine-step process for development” to save the city and residents time and money.

She volunteers for Byrne’s nonprofit, Carmel Cares, and provided professional services to his mayoral campaign. She also volunteers at the Carmelite Monastery.

Byrne said Rutta, who spent the last 12 years as a senior manager and software architect for CSAA Insurance Group, impressed him by his equal levels of passion for the forest and the beach and his strong background in technology and management.

In his application, Rutta said he is eager to “be part of the conversation” regarding long-term issues facing the city’s forest, beaches and parks.

And while working in insurance “doesn’t have direct relevance to issues pertaining to the forest and beach commission,” he said, he has “developed skills in working with others and considering different opinions, managing teams of people in different capacities, and managing budgets related to people and projects while working toward specific goals.”

Other volunteers

Ahlborn and Rutta prevailed over 10 other applicants, including former city council candidate David O’Neil, who

applied for both posts, cultural commissioner Donna Jett, and David Refuerzo, who served on the forest and beach commission from 2011 to 2019 and sought to regain a seat.

Artist and building designer Gail Lehman, who studied government at Cornell and was member of the planning commission from 2016 to 2022, also hoped to reup.

Other applicants included Joseph DiNucci, owner of siliconvalleypress.net and Surviving Success professional coaching, research scientist Kevin Ruess, city hall regular Melanie Billig, and Peter Yengst, who applied for the forest and beach commission and said he “has more than two decades of market research involving construction, forestry and agriculture” and a “strong economic and financial background.” Yengst was also the treasurer for Byrne’s mayoral campaign.

‘Difficult job’

Prior council candidate and bar owner Parker Logan, who applied for both commissions, said he wanted “to be more involved in the direction Carmel will drive in the future” and cited his qualifications “as a fourth-generation Carmelite with a broad range of experience across an intricate web of people from all walks of life.”

Planning commission candidate Phil Mitchell said he is a licensed civil engineer with specialization in water and wastewater treatment and worked for IBM from 1981 to 2010. He’s also an angel investor, mentored student-led startups at UC Davis, and has a business consulting firm.

Byrne said he and Delves had a tough time choosing from the group.

“This was a very difficult job. Bob and I did some pretty extensive interviews,” he said. “We took this very seriously.”

He also said he promised every candidate who didn’t get a post that the city would “find some other position for them at some point soon, because they all want to volunteer.”

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MARINA

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Seldin grew up on the Peninsula and her parents still live in Pacific Grove. The couple bought their Dunes home as a starter house with plans to buy on the Peninsula in a few years. But Marina is growing on them.

“We are watching major communities being built in six to 12 months, and they are all walkable and have a ton of parks, and are family friendly, and it is all accessible and safe. Those are the things that are keeping us there,” said Seldin.

Commercial development

The mother of two said the new Trader Joe’s helps, too. The almost 10,000-square-foot store opened in November 2024 to great fanfare and is one of several newly built storefronts at the nearby Dunes Promenade in south Marina. The mixed-use development will include homes and businesses once fully built out. Craft beer bar The Brass Tap opened just before Trader Joe’s, and newly minted Sea Haven resident Tracey Hoefer said community gathering spots like the bar were a draw for her and her husband.

“We are really excited about Trader Joe’s, we’ve already been to the Brass Tap — really like that place — we are really excited about all the development happening



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A road-widening project runs past newly built homes in the boom-town of Marina.

here,” said Hoefer.

Hoefer is a member of the other demographic making the move to Marina — retirees and pre-retirees. Shea Homes reports 40 percent of clients buying its homes, which range in price from \$1 million to \$2.2 million, are folks from the San Francisco Bay area looking to retire in Monterey County.

Hoefer and her husband have done just that. The couple moved from San Jose late last year after their Sea Haven home was completed in November.

“We wanted to have a brand-new home, and Sea Haven in Marina is absolutely beautiful,” said Hoefer.

The couple worked with Trumark Homes, the developer from start to finish. They picked everything down to doorknob finishes.

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HOMES

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“We originally looked in the Carmel area, but there weren’t too many newer places and it was a little higher priced, so we decided to go for a new development,” said Hoefer.

Expensive new construction in places like Carmel and Pacific Grove has been practically non-existent for decades.

“I think there are a lot of people these days who are interested in purchasing new homes just because they come with less maintenance,” said Toby Fernie, a realtor with eXp Realty.

Fernie said his clients have been pleased with speedier inspections and easy closings. He experienced the biggest boom in people moving to Marina during the pandemic, with lots of San Francisco Bay area families looking for more room and to get out of cities.

Since then, Fernie has watched prices climb for new construction in Marina and homes in the city’s older neighborhoods.

“If I had a time machine, I definitely would go back in time and purchase some of those houses in Marina, because when you were first getting into those developments like East Garrison, you could find houses in the \$500,000 range, and it’s pretty difficult to find anything for less than \$1 million these days,” he said.

More homes in the pipeline

East Garrison Partners broke ground in 2006, and the subdivision there has since been built out. Trumark and Shea Homes still have significant numbers of homes in the pipeline.

Shea Homes alone reports it plans to build another 365 single-family houses and 84 condo units. As part of the developer’s original approval from the city to construct 1,250 homes, Shea also built three affordable apartment complexes with a total of 250 rental units. According to Marina’s city manager, the city expects to add 3,300 homes over the next seven years.

Cesario, who is the principal broker at real estate

agency The C Group and a lifelong Monterey County resident, said people’s opinion of Marina is changing.

“A lot of us come in with this opinion that the Peninsula is more desirable, but if you look at Marina through the eyes of someone who doesn’t have that preconceived notion, it is a beautiful area,” said Cesario.

Seldin said as Marina continues to grow, she hopes to see more mom-and-pop shops open in the commercial

spaces.

“I think it would be nice to have more of those community-centered businesses that are run by locals and for Marina to form its own unique identity,” said Seldin.

The young mom said she’s been happy to see neighborhoods fill up and to meet other parents at parks, but she’d like to see downtown areas that can bring people from Marina’s older and newer neighborhoods together.

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COMPASS

FLANDERS

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the appointed executive director and his family may reside, manage a commercial enterprise, and operate the property as a ‘museum,’ misleadingly asserting that this use would involve no ‘personal gain,’” the Friends of Mission Trail Nature said at the Feb. 4 Carmel City Council meeting and in a letter to the editor in The Pine Cone last week.

“To protect one of the most inviting and historic properties in the Carmel region — loved by neighbors, dog enthusiasts, birders and local tourists — our group has partnered with concerned neighbors who strongly oppose this proposal,” the group’s statement continued.

To counter Buffo’s group’s plan — which has yet to gain traction with the city — the Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve pledged to “oversee the restoration

of Flanders Mansion to provide housing for a ‘resident ranger’ and fellows for a set term.

“This genuinely ‘low-impact’ solution respects the neighbors’ needs and leaves the preserve as intended: a place of tranquility and beauty.”

Several residents spoke during the open public comment period at Tuesday’s council meeting to advocate against Buffo’s proposal, and 15 sent emails opposing it.

“We heard recently there’s a commercial use proposed for Flanders,” said one resident who identified himself as Robert. “We oppose that. We think the best solution was the one voted on, Measure I, in November 2009, where 63 percent of Carmel residents voted to sell Flanders Mansion.”

He predicted another effort to sell or lease the mansion as a single-family home would be successful and would leave the rest of Mission Trail park free for the public to enjoy, with no impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

“That would divest Carmel of the expensive liability

that’s been very contentious over so many years,” he said, adding that more than 80 other families in the neighborhood signed letters supporting similar positions.

“Turning a residential property into a commercial property in a very quiet, tranquil neighborhood has nothing but disaster written all over it,” commented another resident who didn’t give his name but said that at the age of 73, Tuesday marked the first time he’d participated in a city council meeting.

Former planning commissioner Ian Martin described Flanders Mansion as “the third rail of Carmel politics” and said the Friends group “would be excellent stewards” of the property.

Other residents similarly protested the idea of public events at Flanders and favored selling or leasing it to a family — even though the city’s efforts to do so years ago fell into the quagmire of legal battles and environmental issues.

‘Mischaracterization’

On Wednesday, Buffo countered the Friends’ comments. “At last night’s city council meeting, there was significant mischaracterization of our proposal. Many of the public comments reflected projections from past failed proposals rather than the reality of what we are working toward,” he said. “The way this issue was framed made it seem as though Mission Trail’s plan is the only viable solution, when in fact, our plan is inclusive, community-driven, and based on a structured nonprofit model.”

He said representatives of the Friends of Mission Trail “have been reluctant to engage with us in a meaningful conversation,” even though he and his supporters want to collaborate rather than compete regarding their plans for Flanders Mansion.

Buffo described key differences between the two entities’ proposals and visions. While the Friends group would preserve the mansion as a single-family residence with limited community access and emphasis on conservation and quiet integration with the park, the Carmel Outlands “aims to transform Flanders Mansion into a multi-use cultural hub, blending public benefit with private residence functions, educational programs and small community gatherings to increase public engagement.”

The Mission Trail organization envisions two or three small, private gatherings on the grounds each year, while Buffo’s is pitching “broader public benefit with a mixed-use space that supports small private functions, educational gatherings and hybrid in-person/virtual programming to maximize community engagement without overburdening

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FIRE

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Another woman said she felt winded and was short of breath even during very little activity and that a metallic taste that other residents near the fire site reported having, “is definitely back.”

A man said he and his wife came down with influenza after having “a week of burning lung symptoms,” and have had high fevers, bloody noses, “and the most terrible cough.”

Some of them contacted Brockovich, who acknowledged their concerns.

“My inbox started to stack up this weekend with at least a hundred emails from local residents,” Brockovich said in an article on her website, The Brockovich Report. “The biggest question that continues to plague communities is: Who holds these companies accountable after disaster?” Brockovich said in the piece, which summarizes the Moss Landing fire and health issues some have reported.

Lawsuits?

And in a sure sign that some who claim to have been affected by the fire will take Vistra to court, injury attorney firm Singleton Schreiber announced on its website that the firm and Brockovich will host a virtual townhall Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 5 p.m. to allow residents “to ask key questions and have your concerns on the 2025 Moss Landing Fire addressed by experienced fire attorneys.” The law firm said it would also be discussing “the next steps in litigation.”

Some people, however, said they’ve not experienced any issues from the fire.

“There are a lot of people who have not had symptoms,” a woman reported. “I haven’t and neither has anyone I’m close with.”

One resident who said she lives five

minutes from the battery plant also reported having no symptoms. She expressed skepticism of some of the health claims.

“I can’t help to wonder if people are looking for payouts,” she said, adding that some people might “already have medical issues” and are “blaming the fire.”

Meanwhile, Monterey County Health Department spokeswoman Karen Smith told The Pine Cone Wednesday that it had “received 27 reports from people concerned about their health and the Vistra power storage facility fire. This includes reports from individuals who reside both within and outside of Monterey County.”

Smith said that health department staff record information from those who report problems and “offer the callers information on available health and support service resources, when requested.”

During a briefing with news reporters Wednesday, Vistra spokesman Brad Watson discussed an assistance program Vistra set up for businesses inside and outside the evacuation zone that had declines in sales during the emergency.

“All of them, ultimately, have to show that the losses they have are directly tied to the event,” Watson said.

The energy company, he added, is also giving residents who live near the fire \$750 gift cards (one per household). Many of the cards have already been distributed, but Watson said this week that more will be offered later this month.

Regarding safety at the site, Vistra hired its own fire brigade to monitor the burned-out battery facility. Watson said that firefighters did not detect any adverse effects from this week’s rain on the batteries, some of which still hold charges.

Monterey County supervisor Glenn Church told The Pine Cone Thursday that all of the Moss Landing battery storage facilities, including ones owned by PG&E and Tesla, which were powered off after the Vistra fire, are still off.

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the reserve.”

No changes to parking would be made under the Friends’ plan, but Carmel Outlands would seek “phased construction and sustainable parking solutions,” and while the Friends of Mission Trail would rely solely on fundraising, Buffo and his

cohorts have developed a “diverse income strategy” that includes ticket sales, grants, and funds generated by artist-in-residence programs, a history center and small meetings.

“Both proposals offer distinct visions for Flanders Mansion’s future,” Buffo observed, but he pitched his as the one “with sustainable revenue streams and cultural enrichment, aiming to foster community involvement and long-term organizational financial stability.”



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ROOFS

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my house is actually suffering physical damage,” including leaks and rodents living in the attic.

She was referring to Nate Smith, whose request for a metal roof on his wood-sided home down the street received the commission’s approval last month — but not in the nearly black color he requested, because it would be too “high contrast” in relation to the white paint of his house — another unwritten design policy adopted by the commission in recent years. He was directed to work with planning staff to find an acceptable color, a condition to which he readily agreed.

But he’s not out of the woods, either, since lighter tones are too shiny.

“As I told the staff, when the colors get lighter, the SRI goes up,” Smith explained, referring to the solar reflectance

index, which the planning commission has informally set at a maximum of 25.

“White reflects light, whereas black absorbs light,” he said. “My suspicion is that they picked an SRI that is very low and also say they don’t like black so that they can continue to deny metal roofs.”

Smith reiterated that he doesn’t care what color his roof is, and he submitted five options, but all of them have solar reflectance indexes greater than 25. City planner Katherine Wallace responded that he will have to go before the planning commission again to get one of those colors approved. Alternatively, she said, if he wants to stick with a darker roof, he could paint his house a different color so it wouldn’t contrast as much.

‘Incomprehensible’

The appeal filed by the Jensens argues that “none of the alternative materials (other than metal) are suitable on the roof structure” of their contemporary home. “The planning commission did not discuss the merits of the project, and we would like to have the opportunity to present them thoroughly.”

Their proposal had garnered support from a number of neighbors.

A third application for a metal roof at the Jan. 15 planning commission meeting that was also denied was not appealed.

Owner Russell Barretta had requested a standing-seam roof on his wood house in the canyon at Junipero and 10th to replace decaying wood shingles. The architect who designed the house, Mary Ann Schicketanz, said during a Feb. 3 city council presentation on fire preparedness and prevention that the owner should have been allowed to install the roof he wanted.

“Metal and concrete roofs are one part of fireproofing a home. This not only should be permitted, it should be encouraged,” she said. “And as an architect, for example, for the original Barretta residence, it is incomprehensible to me that a metal roof was denied on this particular building.”

Sitting in a gully surrounded by tall trees, in the case of a wildfire, she said, “it will have burning embers and tree branches raining down on that house. That house should have a metal roof.”

It’s unknown when the council will consider Faia’s and the Jensens’ appeals, but the planning commission is set to discuss the matter in general again at its Feb. 11 meeting, according to Wallace.

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STEELHEAD

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Steelhead Association began tagging fish last year. The group’s Frank Emerson told The Pine Cone that the experiment is already showing both adults which have been to sea and juveniles from other parts of the watershed are making it up Cachagua Creek as part of their life cycle.

“It will take a few years of data to have a good idea of how many fish are tagged,” he explained. “But the tagging is expanding our understanding of the steelhead’s habitat and behavior — and it’s increasing our ability to assist with their recovery. The ultimate goal is to bring back a healthy population.”

Moving forward, the group is setting up a second tag reader along Cachagua Creek, and they hope to soon add a third one for better coverage.



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The tagging has been made possible by the generosity of donors. More than \$15,000 has been spent, which Emerson called a good investment. “It’s a real-time project that is greatly increasing understanding of the watershed, which informs us where we should focus our energy,” he said.

According to the Carmel River Steelhead Association’s president, Steve Park, the group’s volunteers started rescuing steelhead in 1977 and have rescued hundreds of thousands since then.

He reported that they rescued 13,000 fish last year. “It’s amazing that a group like us has been together for 50 years, and even more amazing what we’ve accomplished,” he added.

The group’s 50th anniversary celebration at Hidden Valley (104 W. Carmel Valley Road) is set for Feb. 22 at 6 p.m., and includes dinner, live music, dancing and a silent auction. Tickets are \$100. For more details, visit carmel-steelhead.org.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 042440179DMB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the seller(s) are: GINA GIAMMACO, 585 LIGHT-

HOUSE AVE & 2440 FREMONT ST #103, MONTEREY, CA 93940

Doing business as: SAHARA SUN

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The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: BARRY G PETERSON AND STEPHEN S HEAD, 4103 PINE MEADOW WAY, PEBBLE BEACH, CA 93953

The assets being sold are generally described as: FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY AND ALL BUSINESS ASSETS and are located at: 585 LIGHTHOUSE AVE & 2440 FREMONT ST #103, MONTEREY, CA 93940

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: BAY AREA ESCROW SERVICES and the anticipated sale date is FEBRUARY 26, 2025

The bulk sale IS subject to California Uniform Commercial Code(s) sections set forth above.

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: BAY AREA ESCROW SERVICES, 2817 CROW CANYON RD, STE 102, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be date on which the notice is the Business day before the sale date specified above.

Buyer(s): BARRY G PETERSON AND STEPHEN S HEAD

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Painters talk about color, Pacific Grove welcomes a First Friday

PAINTER LUCAS Blok and photographer Jeffrey Becom share stories and insights about their work Saturday, 2 p.m., at the Monterey Museum of Art.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

“Through their vibrant and distinctive works, the artists will explore the significance of color as a central force in art and life, reflecting on their creative journeys and the personal stories that have shaped them,” according to the museum.

Blok and Becom are the subject of a show, “The Persistence of Color II,” that is on display at the museum through April 27. The exhibit comes 25 years after the artists teamed up to present “The Persistence of Color I” at the same venue.

Through “simple compositions and

experimental color interactions,” Blok’s paintings are “grounded in the elemental use of color, but lack a visual narrative,” according to the artist. Becom, meanwhile, who studied anthropology and architecture, seeks to showcase subjects with stories behind them.

The talk is \$5 for museum members and \$20 for non-members. The musuem is located at 559 Pacific St. montereyart.org

■ Bringing back ‘Souvenirs’

A plein air painter with a love for travel, Murray Wagon presents his latest work in the show, “Souvenirs,” which is on display at Venture Gallery in Monterey through February.

“Travel can inspire and delight and provide a great opportunity to see, reflect and respond to other cultures and settings,” the

gallery’s Edi Matsumoto said. “Murray shares his impressions of these experiences in scenes he painted on the spot in his travels in Spain and France.”

The paintings — which capture sunlight on ancient buildings, boats in harbors, bucolic countryside and hilltop villages — began on site and were completed in the studio. “Wagon’s small travel sketches provided the basis for studio paintings done upon his return,” Matsumoto added.

As a young man, Wagon met the artist Jean Varda, who was living on a houseboat in Sausalito. The encounter helped inspire Wagon’s own journey. “While watching Varda’s creative process, I was struck by the feeling that this was the most natural way for a man to live,” he recalls on his website.

The gallery, which is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, is located next to Portola Hotel at 260 Alvarado St. venturegallery.com

■ First Friday set for Feb. 7

The monthly First Friday celebration returns to downtown Pacific Grove Feb. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. The free gathering showcases a dozen local shops and galleries — along with the town’s thriving music and art scene. Participants include Artisana Gallery, which puts on the event and hosts a reception, along with the Pacific Grove Art Center — where five shows are on display — and the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, which is hosting an interactive show about fungi.



This winter scene in France by painter Murray Wagon is included in a new show that’s on display at Venture Gallery in Monterey.



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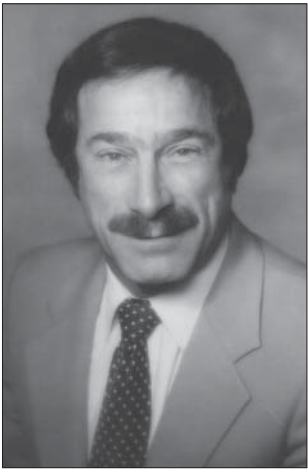
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WINSTON MCKAY JENSEN

Winston McKay Jensen passed away at the age of 89 on Jan. 21st, 2025. Winston was the devoted father of his sons, Steven and Jeffrey, and grandfather of Haley, Emmett, Jessica and Kirsten.



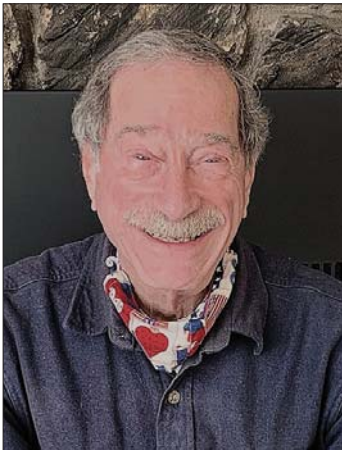
The youngest son of Ruth and Doyle Jensen, he was born in Utah, raised on a farm in Idaho, and lived six decades on the Monterey Peninsula. He served in both the LDS mission field and the United States Marine Corps. In 1962, after receiving a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, he moved to California and worked primarily for Merrill Pharmaceuticals before becoming a State Farm agent.

Winston's life was defined by his forthright style of interaction, disciplined adherence to personal responsibility, hard work, and a strong belief in family values. He will be

remembered for his generosity, his wry sense of humor and his honest, affable demeanor. In his prime, he enjoyed playing tennis, flying his plane and watching his sons play baseball and football. In his retirement years, he returned many times to the farm of his childhood in Emmett, Idaho to help family members in the fall harvest. He was lovingly known as "Uncle Bill" by many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Monte, Garth Paul and Richard; sisters, Iris, Jean, Laurel, Janice and LaPreal; and grandson, Emmett.

His generosity to many, humbly and without acclaim, will be part of his continuing legacy remembered by all who knew him. He lived his life well, and will be greatly missed.



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LORRIE STILES

1950-2025
Monterey, CA

Lorrie Kilbuck Stiles was born on Sept. 13th, 1950, to John Henry Kilbuck and Carol Bernice Kilbuck. She had three siblings, her older sister, Linda; and her two brothers, Steve (Carroll) and Jan (Sue). She passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 18th, 2025.



Lorrie met her husband, Jeffrey Martin Stiles — known as Jeff, Dad, Grandpa and "The Tall Guy," at a high school dance that he and his buddies snuck into. She was 15 and he was 16. They were married four years later and lived side-by-side for the next 54 years.

Lorrie will be remembered by her husband, Jeff; her two sons, Adam (Nancy) and Nate, both of whom inherited the height; and her five grandchildren, Lauren, Luke, Cole, Claire and Jac. She also had a particular fondness for strays, whether they came on two legs or four. Over the years the family included a dog, a boatload of cats, two snakes, a bunny, a milk cow and a calf.

Lorrie was diagnosed with cancer five and a half years ago. We would like to especially thank Dr. Koontz, her oncologist, for playing a major role during the entire journey. He was a compassionate and thoughtful presence during this difficult time and walked alongside Lorrie and the family until the very end.

We'd also like to thank the friends who were always there to supply laughter and board games when the road got bumpy.

Lorrie was a strong believer in giving back to her community. She taught for 34 years at All Saints Day School in Carmel Valley and volunteered at a number of nonprofits: Immigration Task Force, Nancy's Project, Pass the Word Ministry, Yellow Brick Road, Monterey County Food Bank, and went to Haiti multiple times working with missionary groups, to name a few.

In lieu of flowers, we'd greatly appreciate donations in Lorrie's name to Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop (yellowbrickroadbenefitshop.org). Yellow Brick Road is an organization after Lorrie's own heart. Their proceeds fund scholarships and grants that support physical, social and other basic needs in Monterey County communities.

Her celebration of life will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15th at All Saints Day School, 8060 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel.
Please dress casually and wear your colors!

Lorrie was a vibrant and proudly quirky presence with a penchant for picket lines. She was a national-record-setting swimmer and had an incredible instinct for fairness. She loved freely and openly and was loved in return. We know that right now she is biking, hiking and tending to her beautiful garden in heaven. To say she will be missed is an understatement.



County-operated park trails closed

ALL BICYCLE and equestrian trails at Monterey County parks, including on Fort Ord, were closed Thursday due to weather and will likely stay closed through February 8, the county said.

The closures are for trails only, and

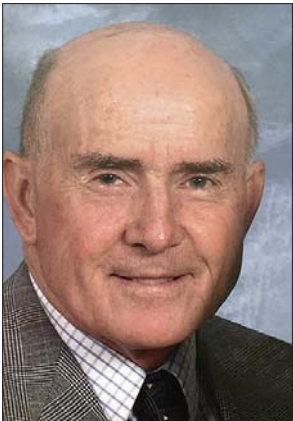
county parks will remain open for general use. The county anticipates the trails will be reopened Sunday, Feb. 9.

Monterey County officials will assess any damage in the parks and on the trails to ensure it is safe prior to reopening.

REGINALD H. JONES

May 7, 1935 – Jan. 16, 2025

Reggie was born in the small village of Beulah, Wales, the sixth in a family of nine children (five girls and four boys) born to Hansard and Dorothy Jones. He was the devoted husband of Anne, loving father of Jennifer, Megan, Grace and David (predeceased) and loving Papa to grandchildren, Emma, Sophie and Bryce. He is also survived by many relatives in Wales and England with whom he kept in touch with great frequency.



In his teen years, Reggie's family moved from Wales to Dorset in southern England and thus, as Reggie described it, he was destined to spend his remaining years in foreign lands. In 1958 he emigrated to southern California to work in the aerospace industry under the sponsorship of an American GI whom he had met while the soldier, who served in Patton's Third Army, was involved in pre-D-day training in Wales during World War II.

Reggie earned a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering from Bristol University, and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from UCLA. The majority of his 32-year career was spent at Hughes Aircraft Company in Los Angeles. Among many other notable ventures, he was involved in designing the landing gear for the Surveyor Spacecraft which soft-landed on the moon's surface and successfully sent back hundreds of pictures of the moon's previously unknown terrain. As those who worked on Surveyor describe it, "First there was Surveyor and then there was the rest." He also supported Martin Marietta in the landing dynamics analysis of the Viking Mars Lander and spent some years as a consultant for the COMSAT Corporation at Hughes, Lockheed, Space Systems/Loral and various European space companies.

In 1961 Reggie met his wife, Anne, also an immigrant, when she was living in Santa Monica seeking adventure as an airline hostess with TWA. They and their four children lived in Pacific Palisades for 38 years. In 1970 a life-changing experience resulted in his joining Calvary Church where he taught Sunday school at all levels and served for many years as an elder. He became an avid runner and participated in many 10Ks and marathons. In typical fashion he kept meticulous notes of his mileage and timing in a large notebook and was very pleased when he realized that he had enough mileage to have run at least once around the world. Reggie had an impressive library of books, mainly consisting of theology and history and in particular World War II. He was always ready to pass on his books to friends with the knowledge that he would then have space for different ones. Enjoying God's creation, Reggie loved to travel and organized the family's yearly visits to Yosemite along with other camping trips throughout the western U.S. Family singing as he drove was imperative. Throughout the years there were visits to beloved family members in the UK as well as travels to many other countries and continents.

In 1999 Reggie retired to Carmel Valley where he continued to run and hike in the beauty of the local mountains. He was thankful to find his church home at Covenant Presbyterian Church where he worshiped with fellow believers and served five years as president of the board of trustees. Desiring to serve his community, he became involved in a number of volunteer activities which enriched his life and led to many friendships. He was president of Carmel Valley Historical Society and chairman of the building committee and also served as board member and president of the Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop where, due to his love of reading, he took great pleasure in volunteering in the book department. Throughout his life Reggie continued to value his Welsh heritage and enjoyed getting together with fellow Welshmen at meetings of the Monterey Bay Welsh Society. Always cheerful, and a lover of music, he could be heard breaking into song in his beautiful Welsh tenor voice as he went about his day.

Reggie was an ever faithful friend, keeping in touch with many from his school days in Dorset in addition to others over the years. All will miss him and are greatly saddened by his passing. Although, in recent years, he was debilitated by Parkinson's Disease and eyesight problems, he never complained and continued to be thankful for all God's blessings. On Jan. 16, at home with family, Reggie peacefully passed away into God's loving embrace.

We extend many thanks to Power Over Parkinson's for their programs and the attentive and kind care of nurses and caregivers from Hospice and VNA. Special thanks to Christina, our long time caregiver.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Feb. 22 at Sanctuary Bible Church, 8340 Carmel Valley Road, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Reggie's memory to Mercy Ships or your favorite charity.

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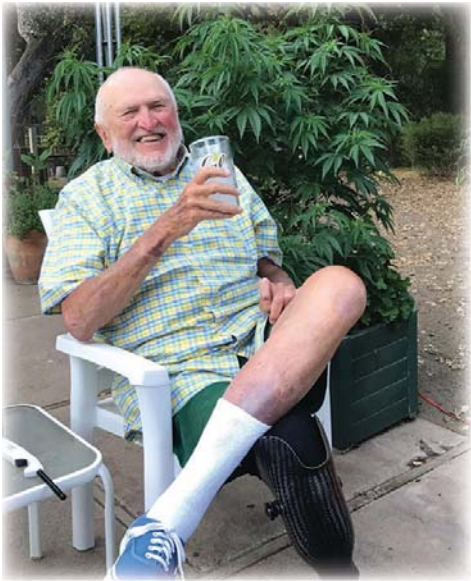
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the needs of the working families of Monterey County. We really can't afford to leave anything off the table."

Third District Supervisor Chris Lopez told his colleagues that building an accessory dwelling unit on his property has made a big difference for his family.

"It's something I've lived," Lopez said. "I built one, and my in-laws live in it. It's the best thing that's ever

Homer Bosserman

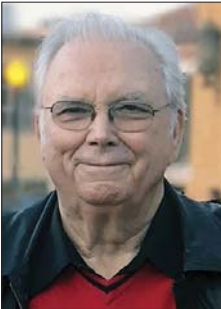


Celebration of Life 4:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at the MPC Student Center

ROBERT E. LEE

Robert "Bob" E. Lee of Sparks, Nev, formerly of Pacific Grove, went peacefully to his heavenly home on Feb. 11, 2024. Bob was born on Dec. 7, 1940, in Benton, IL and was raised in Redlands, CA. Bob led a full life with many adventures and was never tied down by one career.

Bob proudly served in the US Marine Corps as a seagoing Marine aboard the USS Los Angeles. After being honorably discharged, Bob served as a motor officer for the Los Angeles Police Department. During this time he met his future wife and mother of his children, Sharlene. With a move to Red Bluff, Bob became a pilot and general manager for the Red Bluff Airport. After moving to Fresno, Bob started Robert E. Lee Originals, Inc. where he created and sold his own artistic creations in his store in Clovis. During his time in Fresno, his daughter Micki was born. Bob moved to Pacific Grove in the '70s when Sharlene took a nursing position with Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Bob shifted careers and began growing and selling sprouts to local markets and restaurants. Upon arriving in Pacific Grove, his son, Robbie was born. Bob



moved beyond selling sprouts and enjoyed owning and operating Peninsula Produce with stores in Monterey and Pacific Grove. After Peninsula Produce, Bob decided to return to law enforcement and public safety and became director of security for Pebble Beach Company. Wanting a return to entrepreneurship, Bob

obtained his private investigator's license and worked as a private investigator until his retirement.

Bob was an avid golfer in his younger years, enjoyed working on cars, family vacations, and spending time with family and friends. Bob had a great knack of assigning nicknames to nearly everyone he met. Bob went through life with a welcoming personality and ability to engage with many different people and a laugh that could fill a room.

Bob enjoyed serving his community from different committees in Pacific Grove, serving on the Pacific Grove Unified School District Board, as a marshall for the Bing Crosby Pro-Am, a proud member of the PGHS chain gang, and many other capacities.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Michelle Amsler (Greg); granddaughter, Gabi, of Pacific Grove; son, Rob Lee (Cate), and grandchildren Rory and Megan of Pebble Beach.

Internment will take place at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

happened in my life to have that childcare and familial support on the property with us. It's incredible to watch my kids, who are 5 and 2, grow up with their grandparents. It's experiences I would not have if not for the ability to build that ADU on our property and bring the family together in this way."

District 4 Supervisor Wendy Askew also spoke in favor of the measures. "This is one step to help us increase our housing supply," Askew said. "We already have infrastructure and roads in place. I acknowledge there are resource

constraints that have to be balanced — and that we have to walk that line carefully — but we've got to build more housing. This is exactly what we've been saying we need, and it's where we need it."

Second District Supervisor Glenn Church made the motion to pass the measures, and the vote was unanimous, though 5th District Supervisor Kate Daniels was absent. Church also urged his colleagues and county staff to seek ways to lower the fees for building an accessory dwelling unit.

VONDA MARIE JACKSON TIBBITTS

91 years

"Farm Girl," "Blue Eyes," "Honda" and "Witchy Poo" were some of the playful names Vonda was given throughout her life. She accepted and embraced them all with her characteristic humor and lightheartedness as was her nature.

Vonda was born in New Sweden, ID, just outside of Idaho Falls, on May 7th, 1933, the youngest of five siblings. The family lived on the "District Ranch" where her father managed water use for local farms. Although the Great Depression had brought difficult times on the farm, there was always food which Vonda remembered being graciously shared by her mother when others showed up hungry. That time instilled a lifelong frugality and generosity that Vonda was known for.

During her high school years, she did her best to help out on the farm, even being featured in the local paper driving a tractor though she later recounted that her brothers "fired her" as she was never able to master plowing straight rows.

Vonda went on to the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, where she met her future husband, J. Daniel "Dan" Tibbitts on her first college date. They didn't date again until their senior year as they both participated in an active Greek social life in the intervening years. Vonda always liked to joke that Dan was her first and last date in college.

After earning her degree in laboratory technology, she moved to San Francisco, a place she had visited and fell in love with. Her first professional job was in the lab at Letterman Army Hospital in the Presidio of San Francisco. She lived in an apartment on Lombard Street with a few roommates, their only furniture a bar made by her father at her request.

The bustling and exciting city was a perfect place for her to develop her love of jazz — in particular, Ella Fitzgerald, Chris Conner and Chet Baker.



off the cap, and toss it back, declaring it quite the questionable liquid was actually diluted lemonade.)

Vonda was also an avid skier. First on the hill and last off, stuffing her pockets with granola bars so she wouldn't have to stop for lunch. Once, while "exploring" a new run with her dear friend, Charlene Hengesh, they went off trail, got lost, and ultimately found themselves at the edge of a frozen lake. They decided to traverse across the lake to a road they saw on the other side, hoping the ice was thick enough to support their weight and that they would be able to get a ride back to the ski hill. Unlike most lost skier stories, it was the kids in the ski patrol office at the end of the day frantically looking for their mothers. The moms eventually got a ride back to the ski hill. Given nothing tragic happened, Vonda's comment was that they'd had a "great adventure!"

Vonda instilled in Kristen and Geof her deep love for and intense connection to nature. She introduced them to backpacking, long hikes and tidepooling. She climbed the back of Half Dome twice, the second time at 62 with her daughter, Kristen, who says she wouldn't have made it down if she hadn't told herself that her mother had already climbed it once and was right behind her! Vonda was a daily fixture on the trails of the Flanders/Mission Trail Nature Preserve, her beloved "forest", until her death. As an original "ecologist," Vonda embraced the credo of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" to the extent she dried paper towels to reuse.

In all, Vonda embraced life with unparalleled kindness, generosity and humor. She enjoyed every experience as if it was the first and lived her adopted motto, "There are No Big Deals." However, to her immediate and extended family and her many, many friends, Vonda was truly a very "Big Deal." She will be profoundly missed.

Vonda leaves behind her husband of 67 years, Dan; her two children, Kristen (Baldo) and Geof (Molly); four grandchildren: Jackson, Cole, Niko and Viggo; her "Little Dog," Fuzzy, as well as loving caregivers, Umesh, Vanessa and Zouhair.



Editorial

We object

CARMEL MAY not be part of the ultra-sophisticated Bay Area, and we admit that the people who live here are nowhere near as enlightened as the residents of Potrero Hill or Haight-Ashbury. We also confess that, while San Francisco preferred Kamala Harris over Donald Trump by an 80 percent to 15 percent margin, here in Carmel-by-the-Sea, she only won by 70 percent to 30 percent.

But in many ways, Carmel is deeply tied to its more glamorous neighbor to the north — so much so that the entire Monterey Peninsula is not only a favorite spot for San Franciscans to take a quick vacation, it’s a place quite a few people from The City decided to relocate during Covid. Or, as an executive from Apple once told us, “Everybody has a second home down here.”

Which makes us wonder why the San Francisco Chronicle hates Carmel so much. And we’re not just talking about a looking-down-their noses type of animosity. The way they cover this city and its neighboring communities, it’s more like a “we want to see you all die” type of loathing.

First, it was the newspaper’s series of hit pieces on Patrice Pastor, who was depicted as a rapacious invader whose greedy schemes had been rubber-stamped by a gullible city council and planning commission. The reality, of course, is that Pastor hasn’t done anything wrong and has been put through the planning wringer as much as anybody.

The Chronicle’s billionaire-from-Monaco obsession seems to have died down, at least for now, but in just the last week, they came up with a couple of new ones.

The first was a Jan. 30 story, just as the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am was getting started, that greeted the arrival of the big golf event with this headline: “The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am is dead.”

As we all know, Bill Murray and Kevin Costner are no longer gracing the Pebble Beach fairways and greens with their irresistible cleverness and good looks. And we certainly understand if reporter Andrew Pridgen is “mourning” the changes at Pebble Beach and “what the tournament used to mean to his dad.” But *dead*?

Last we checked, the tournament is not only still alive, it remains one of the biggest events on the PGA Tour’s calendar, with the game’s top players competing for huge prize money. The iconic golf course, itself, is still the biggest star of the winter event, shining through the television screens of millions of viewers around the country and inspiring them to wish they could live here. And need we mention that the AT&T Pro-Am is a charity event, raising millions of essential dollars for local institutions like Meals on Wheels and the Boys and Girls Clubs? But the Chronicle hates us so much, they told the world the tournament is dead.

To add idiocy to ignorance, just a few days later, the formerly great newspaper declared that another local icon, the Lone Cypress, “should be allowed to die.”

In an article that’s part travelogue and part introduction to Marxism, Andrew Chamings takes us along as he grudgingly pays \$12 to tour 17 Mile Drive, only to feel a sense of revulsion as he sees what the Pebble Beach Company has done to keep “the world’s most photographed tree” from toppling into the sea by protecting it with a “vulgar appendage at the base — cement, stones and half-hidden wires.”

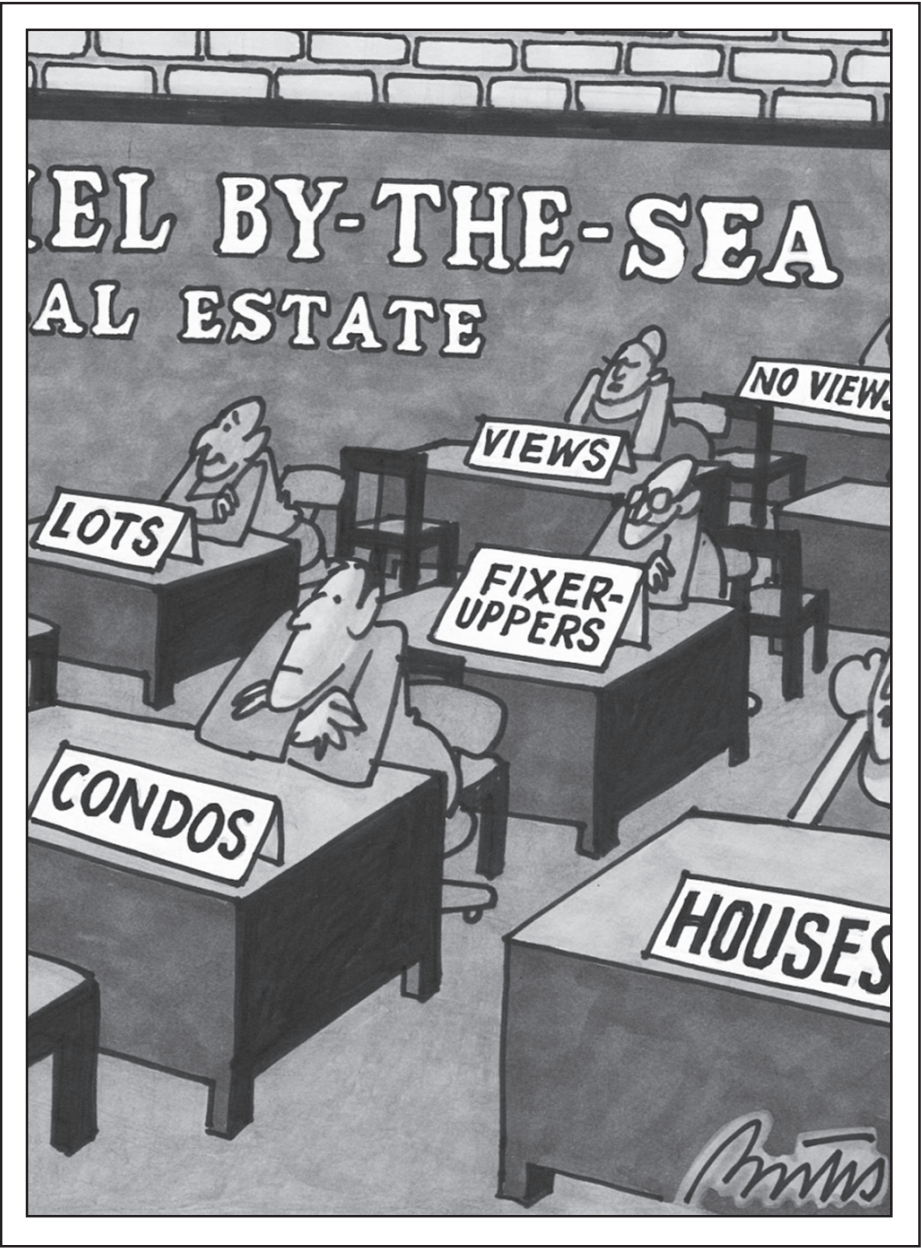
And why does the company go to such lengths to protect the Lone Cypress? Not because it’s the “world’s most photographed tree,” as the newspaper admits, but because of corporate greed. The tree, you see, is the Pebble Beach Co.’s corporate logo.

“Those who haven’t been lucky enough to stand before the Lone Cypress will recognize its likeness, its silhouette, on expensive golf merchandise, the ESPN ticker, maybe on the header of an email confirming a \$1,000-a-night stay. A symbol of stoic resilience on the very edge of America, but also of the moneyed elite,” Chamings says.

Speaking of the “moneyed elite,” it’s probably appropriate to mention here that the Chronicle is a subsidiary of Hearst Communications, a media conglomerate owned by the descendants of William Randolph Hearst — leading us once again to wonder how some companies, even the ones owned by wealthy families, can get away with using “we are against capitalism” as their strategy to maximize profits.

Normally, we wouldn’t even take notice of such foolishness, but when they try to hurt Carmel, we object.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

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

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More CEQA follies

Dear Editor,

Your editorial last week was great. I would like to add the following to your list of ideas impacted by well-meaning environmental laws: Highway 68 widening has been struck down over the years due to environmental regulations and lawsuits. As a result, the workers of Carmel, Monterey and P.G. are forced to burn \$6 per gallon of gas in standstill rush-hour traffic nearly every day.

Victoria, B.C., is a beautiful example of a sustainable future. They fit Monterey Peninsula’s entire population (~100,000) into a land area that’s a little smaller than Seaside. To quote your editorial, “California is finally acting with common sense when it comes to balancing environmental concerns with human needs.” Is there hope this common sense of relaxing regulations will last beyond the limited scope of the Pacific Palisades rebuild and

housing mandates?

We can find water, attract business, and increase housing density by building up. We want our children to live here. One solution is to hope they happen to have a burning passion and talent for thoracic surgery. A more pragmatic solution is permanent regulatory reform.

Paul Weyant, Pacific Grove

‘Empathy, safety and efficiency’ Dear Editor,

Immigration policy is, at its core, about our own humanity and how we treat one another.

The mass deportation of immigrant workers, consumers, and business owners would cut GDP by as much as 7.4 percent and drive prices 9.1 percent higher by 2028, according to the Peterson Institute for International Economics. Many people will lose their jobs, their businesses, their homes.

Billions of dollars spent for unchecked immigration enforcement is at the expense of our country’s everyday needs for housing, healthcare, food for children and low-income families.

More than 5 million U.S. citizen children would face devastating separation from an undocumented family member (American Immigration Council).

The United States needs a migration system that centers on empathy, safety, and efficiency. That starts with honoring the light in every individual. Please urge our local, state and national leaders to work

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He sees the Peninsula for the trees

YOU HAVE your root rots, rust galls, bark beetles and dwarf mistletoes, but nothing pesters quite like the tree bug. Local tree expert Brian Jacobson caught it one summer day in 1973, working in the Carmel woods with his uncle, Hugh Smith. Since 1984, Jacobson has tended the parcel of forest behind the Unitarian Uni-

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

versalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula off Aguajito Road, where we walked along a terrace of Monterey pines. “I’ve had the opportunity to see things change over this period of 40 years, which in a geologic time span is really brief,” Jacobson said. “I hope I can introduce you to some things that most people don’t notice.”

Bad bugs, good bugs
Consider pitch canker fungus, *Fusarium circinatum*, whose 1986 arrival was hard to miss, especially for tree folks like Jacobson. Many “perfectly good, healthy” trees died, and the infection rate skyrocketed to 85 percent. Rumor spread of a Monterey pine apocalypse. In 1988, Jacobson was first in the Monterey Peninsula area to earn an arborist cer-



Risky business: Brian Jacobson inspects a coast live oak for parasitic insects.

tification from the International Society of Arboriculture. A student of geology, Jacobson was viewing the problem from a wider perspective than most — after all, the species did endure 15 million years’ worth of fire and pestilence before pitch canker came to town. Jacobson pointed out an afflicted tree here, some vigorous saplings there, painting a picture of yet another “evolutionary bottleneck” Monterey pines will have to endure to survive. “Biological materials have been moving faster than at any other time in the planet’s history. And each time a new pest arrives, it presses a reset button on an ecosystem,” he said.

The “tree bug,” on the other hand, is unusually beneficent. Let it run its course, and you may end up the next forester-mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Which is exactly what happened to Jacobson’s grandfather, Everett Smith. Born in Sacramento in 1891 — the year the Forest Reserve Act authorized the designation of public land for national forests — Smith returned from World War I and joined the U.S. Forest Rangers, assigned to patrol the coast on horseback. He moved to Carmel-by-the-Sea and worked for Del Monte Property Company before founding Smith Tree Service in 1928. Mayor from 1936-1938, Smith also served as a councilmember and forester. Legend has it those stone-encrusted medians down Ocean Avenue were Smith’s idea, meant to prevent cars from parking on pine roots. Smith’s son, Hugh, went on shaping the forests of Carmel. A World War II fighter pilot, he earned his forestry degree from the University of Washington before taking over Smith Tree Service in 1955. Jacobson described his uncle as something of an anomaly, a scholarly guy in a “lumberjacky” trade. But extra credits proved useful when, as a member of the Carmel Forest Commission, Smith helped to codify the city’s first forest management plan in 1971. Many of his recommendations formed the blueprint for Carmel’s future plans and those of urbanized forests across the country.

The long way back
In 1973, Smith offered his nephew a summer job. Jacobson was 16 and the Smith Tree Service crew were “manly men with manly stories,” he laughed. He returned the next summer, promising Smith he would get a degree in forestry and come right back to work. Instead, his uncle advised patience and curiosity, something his sister, Dorothy, also encouraged in her son. “My mother always said, ‘There’s time enough in life to be interested in everything.’” During World War II, Jacobson’s mother commuted between Monterey and UC Berkeley via the Del Monte Express to complete her microbiology degree. She soon met a civil engineer, who was, at heart, “a farm boy from eastern South Dakota.” The couple decamped for Rapid City, S.D., where Brian Jacobson was born in 1956, fourth of six siblings. Jacobson was only 8 when his father died. His mother moved her family back to California and took a job with Santa Barbara County in the early 1970s, where teenage Brian couldn’t have been happier to land. “It was like living in a Pepsi

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‘FAIRLY SANE PERSON’ WITH CHAINSAW FINDS BEAUTY IN STUMPS AND CHUNKS

RICK SMITH has little inclination to keep his “inner child” inside his body. The 67-year-old Salinas resident — who self-identifies as a “fairly sane person” — frequently rides California’s highways and wilderness trails on a big, street-legal dirt bike. He hangs over the dunes bordering Monterey Bay or floats above the desert under a specialized parachute with a motor

stains and finishes and a small pressure pot that often has a mind of its own. **‘It’s part of the art’** Pieces that go into his pressure pot can unpredictably crack, split or warp into a different shape during the process. Sometimes, the mutation enhances the piece. “It’s not frustrating when it happens — it’s part of the art,” Smith said. The trickiest part, he said, is monitoring the moisture content of the wood until it drops to an ideal percentage. “This is very addictive for me. I just like making stuff,” said Smith, who spent the biggest part of his childhood in the garage workshops of his grandfather, a cabinet- and window-maker, and father, who was an engineer for the phone company. “I was the kind of kid who liked to take things apart then try to figure out how to put them back together again. I got in lots of trouble for that,” he confessed. “My dad, Gene Smith, wasn’t very happy when he came home and found our lawnmower in a hundred pieces.”



Rick Smith creates stunning bowls, vases and other decorative pieces that can be seen at the Carmel Valley Art Association.

strapped to his back — a sport called paragliding. He once stole a full-sized fiberglass cow that was rotting atop the old Blue Ribbon Dairy in Salinas, where he grew up. And he lived on a sailboat for a few years as a young adult, when Smith and his brother, Kim, sold boats and made parts for them at the marine shop they co-owned.

Relaxing with wood
Between his high-speed, high-altitude hijinks and adventures, Smith is a creative woodworker who happily hides for hours at a time in his crowded garage, crafting posh-looking bowls, vases and vessels for the Carmel Valley Art Association. “I love the process,” said Smith, who wanders through forests in search of fallen trees, random stumps and gnarly chunks

A Salinas High graduate (Class of 1974), Smith and his brother operated their marine shop for 15 years. Kim typically handled most of the business side while Rick tinkered and muscled the boats around in the shop. “When something breaks on a boat, you don’t just go to the auto parts store and buy a replacement part. You make a new one, which involves welding and fiberglassing, and that’s what I did.” Their boat business was “feast or famine,” he said, depending on the year, and the Smith brothers sold it to a client in the mid-1980s.

Bing’s former home
A family man by then, Smith was hired by a contractor who was renovating and rebuilding Bing Crosby’s former home, which was under new ownership. “He said, ‘I have carpenters, but I need somebody who can just make things,’” Smith recalled. “So for a few years, I just made parts for that house.”

He moved on to work for Stocker & Allaire, a high-end Monterey construction company noted for restoring some of the Peninsula’s most expensive vintage homes. “Stocker & Allaire also built a lot of the exhibits at the Monterey Aquarium for years and years, and I became their guy on those projects,” he said. “I built the little exhibit walls, I’d work with the guys who

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

that he can wrestle and drag to his getaway vehicle. “I found this piece while I was hiking in Toro Park,” he said of a manzanita burl he added to the mound of wood he keeps under a tarp next to his driveway. “I ran into the ranger as I was rolling it down a hill and asked if I could take it out. And he said, ‘Yeah, as long as I don’t see you.’” That’s typically the beginning of a lengthy process that involves a chainsaw, a lathe, hand tools, epoxy, luminescent dyes,

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commercial,” where beach days and long weekend backpacking trips seemed a lot more important than attendance records, though Jacobson and his friends were good students, college-bound.

He ended up at Carleton College in Minnesota, where he met some geology students who seemed to have it all figured out. They took field trips, drank beer and skipped organic chemistry for time’s sake — as in, the study of time, stratum by stratum.

Jacobson’s first geology gig involved “poking holes in the sides of young volcanoes.” “Young,” for a geologist, is a couple million years old, and what Jacobson was really doing was searching for geothermal steam vents to power turbines designed to generate electricity. His job was to determine rock types at various depths and use that information to 3D-map the Geysers-Clear Lake area.

But the job proved more technical than tactile. Jacobson said he was “desperately needing” to work with his

hands. He tried carpentry, pipe-welding, then tile setting — “I was on my fifth shower stall,” he groaned — when his uncle asked him over for dinner. There was a family business to discuss.

Mars exploration

Several months later, Jacobson moved to Monterey with his wife, Ann. He bought Smith Tree Service from his uncle in 1984 and saw it through its 95th year of operation in 2023, until he retired and closed it. And after 40 years on the business end of trees, Jacobson has seen how a scraggly old pine can get in the way of the big picture.

“Many neighborhood squabbles are about trees, but they’re not really about trees. They’re about personalities,” he smiles. “One of the important things you can do in your life is to cultivate good relationships with your neighbors.”

Retirement is, thankfully, free of tree reports, testimonies and neighborhood squabbles. If not exploring Huckleberry Hill above Veteran’s Memorial Park — “a valuable spot in terms of local plant communities and geologic history” — you may find Jacobson presenting his independent research to students of all ages. He’s talked

trees, Earth science and Mars exploration with an estimated 2,000 schoolkids and adults, one classroom at a time. Jacobson first got interested in Mars in 1997, while keeping tabs on NASA’s Pathfinder mission. Becoming a docent for the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy was pretty inspiring, too.

At 68, Jacobson said he has to laugh: “One of my problems is that I’m interested in too many things.”

GAVEL

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used a knife in the commission of Tavua’s killing.

On June 23, 2023, Tavua and her two children, ages 1 and 2, were at their residence in Salinas. Despite a domestic violence restraining order in place prohibiting Bravo from contacting Tavua, Bravo was also at the residence. While there, Bravo and Tavua engaged in an argument. During their argument, Bravo pulled out a knife and stabbed Tavua at least five times, puncturing her aorta. Bravo immediately fled the residence, leaving their two children with Tavua as she bled to death.

Bravo will be sentenced on March 5, 2025, by the Hon. Andrew G. Liu. He will receive a sentence of 16 years to life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Detective Pete Gomez and Monterey County District Attorney investigator Rachel Maldonado.

BILLS

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Gov. Gavin Newsom also pushed for clarification that the money will not be spent protecting felons convicted of violent crimes from deportation. Rather than writing it into the law, the bill’s authors, Democrats Scott Wiener and Jesse Gabriel, submitted a letter clarifying their intent.

Despite the absence of rules on how the funds could be spent, the Assembly passed SBX 1-2 along party lines Monday. The bill now awaits the governor’s signature, along with SBX 1-1.

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ARTIST

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put in the tanks, I'd create a lot of the goofy little things you'd see in their exhibits, including fish, a boat — I made a whale tail once — all kinds of odd stuff.”

He was married for 29 years to Debra Smith, who died Dec. 6, 2009 of pancreatic cancer. They raised a son, Tom, who, like his dad, grew up with an adventurous spirit.

Adventurous and brilliant

Tom mounted his first dirt bike as a child and still rides motorcycles today in Canada, where he lives. He's a backcountry skier and an ice climber — he climbed a frozen waterfall last week. And he shares his dad's love for assemblage.

“He went to a summer science camp as a sixth grader, got interested in robotics and never stopped,” Smith said of his son, who studied engineering and underwater robotics at Memorial University in Newfoundland and Labrador.

“Tom does research and development today, making things for Kraken Robotics. He's very hands-on in their shop. He goes out on the boats, and he writes ‘how to fix it’ books for them.”

Tom also has a security clearance to work on under-water robotic mining systems for all the NATO countries.

Two years after Debra passed, Rick Smith “met” Cheryl Jenkins. Now his wife, she had the same kindergarten teacher a year later than he did, and they attended the same elementary school for three years.

“We literally grew up five blocks apart but never noticed each other,” said Cheryl, who graduated from North Salinas High in 1975, the year after Smith got out of Salinas High.

He and his dad knew Cheryl's father, Wes, owner of Jenkins Lumber. The Smith family frequented Roy's Drive-In, where Cheryl worked throughout her high school years.

“If we ever met as kids, it was probably at Roy's, but neither of us remembers the other from those days,” she said.

Cow rustlers

They were still strangers when 22-year-old Smith swiped that gigantic, deteriorating cow off the roof of the old dairy building, and Cheryl conspired with a group of merry pranksters, including mutual friends with Smith, who decided to steal it away from him.

“One of our friends alerted Rick to our plan,” Cheryl

recounted of their daring, broad-daylight caper. “So Rick and his friend, Bob, were across the street, filming us, when the four of us stole the cow from his garage.”

The pranksters opened Smith's garage door and began wrestling the heavy heifer away from the back wall, toward their getaway truck in the driveway.

Meanwhile, Smith playfully frustrated them, using his remote control to repeatedly lower the garage door from across the street.

He ultimately allowed the thieves to steal the cow, which Cheryl kept in her home for several years. But the two still hadn't met.

“I was in an elevator and realized Cheryl was in there with me. I still didn't know her, but I knew who she was and knew she'd been part of the prank,” he said.

As the doors opened, he turned to the familiar stranger. “You rustle cows, don't you?” he asked, rhetorically.

Then he stepped off the elevator and coolly strode away.

In subsequent years, they occasionally acknowledged each other on hiking or biking trails but didn't become acquainted until their paths crossed in the coffee shop of a local hospital. Cheryl was visiting her dying mom. Smith was chatting with a mutual friend who worked there.

“We finally talked and found out that we had a whole bunch in common, all the way back to when we were little kids,” said Cheryl, who lost her husband to a heart attack in 2008 on the same date that Smith lost his wife to cancer in 2009.

They began dating in 2011 and were married in 2022.

“We're so fortunate to have found each other,” she said. “It doesn't always work out that way.”

A wide selection of Smith's art can be seen at Carmel Valley Art Association, 8 Del Fino Place, Carmel Valley Village.

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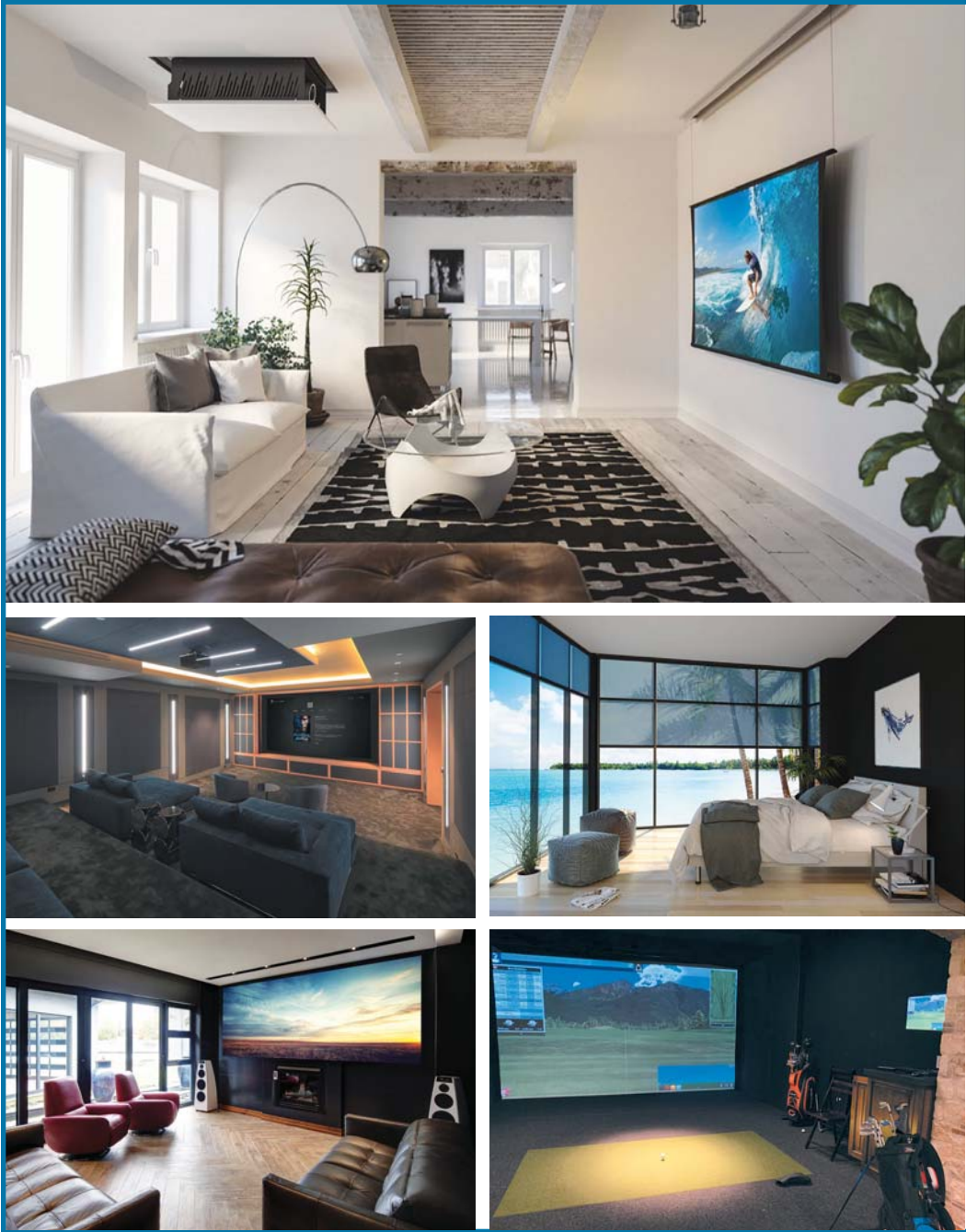
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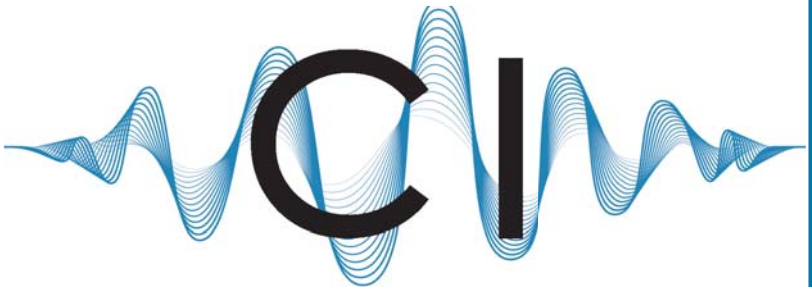
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LETTERS

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towards common sense, humane border policies and legal pathways to citizenship.

Lauren Keenan,
*Unitarian Universalist Church
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Save Los Padres dam

Dear Editor,

There is a plan moving forward for the removal of Los Padres Dam. However, looking at the extent of the devastation with the recent fires in the Los Angeles area, I am now wondering if this is a good idea.

As we are finding out, wildfires can happen anywhere, at any time. They have come close to Carmel Valley Village in recent years. A portion of the old Carmel Valley airport has been reserved as a staging area for firefighting helicopters. But where will they refill their buckets?

Los Padres Reservoir is a large source of water. Because of its size, more than one helicopter can refill its bucket safely and quickly. Other water sources in the area like swimming pools or ranch ponds would only allow one helicopter at a time, and the helicopter would have to proceed slowly for a safe approach, depending on the terrain and surrounding structures and power lines.

In recent years, there have been a number of fires in the vicinity of Los Padres Reservoir. The firefighting helicopters used Los Padres to attack fires.

The helicopters could fly to the ocean. However, it would be a substantially longer distance to travel out and back. In Malibu, the fire went right to the ocean, but there were concerns of using sea water to fight those fires.

There is also the issue of insurance. Removal of the dam would mean a reduction in firefighting resources. This would place our properties at additional risk and

could result in increased insurance premiums or possible cancellations.

I trust the fire safety issues for the Carmel River area will be considered in light of recent events in L.A. We need the Los Padres reservoir.

Hans Haselbach, *Robles Firewise
Board Member, Carmel Valley*

Big Sur housing units

Dear Editor,

In 1980, the draft of the Big Sur Land Use Plan was completed. Recognizing the limitations and carrying capacity of two-lane Highway 1, the plan limited residential and commercial development in order for the public to enjoy a scenic recreational drive through Big Sur, the primary purpose of the road.

In 1980, there were 170 hotel rooms in Big Sur and the plan allowed for 300 more visitor-serving units which would mean there should never have been more than 470 rooms. We at Keep Big Sur Wild have shown the county evidence that we have exceeded the cap count since then and have at least 491 rooms currently. We asked for a moratorium to stop more rooms being built while the county gets an accurate count and that they can better define a VSU.

The addition of glamping and park model units on historically affordable campsites, some charging up to \$1,200 a night, are not being counted as hotel rooms by the county. The new owners of the Big Sur Campgrounds and Cabins just applied for a permit to convert 71 of their 82 “RV campsites” to “park model” units where families have camped with tents and motorhomes for over half a century.

The county believes there can still be close to 190 more rooms built in Big Sur. A luxury hotel here has 40 rooms and over 200 employees. So if these rooms were to be built it wouldn’t just be the 190 more visitor cars on an already congested highway, but potentially up to 1,200 more cars a day with the added employees.

At the planning commission hearing regarding a possible moratorium, some of

the inns and resorts opposed it. Many of them struggling to provide enough housing even for their current staff. Wouldn’t building more hotel rooms make that situation much worse? If any of you have driven to Big Sur lately you know this would push the scenic highway to the breaking point, if we haven’t gotten there already.

Marcus Foster, *Keep Big Sur Wild*

Wildfire insurance

Dear Editor,

In 1996, then Gov. Pete Wilson worked with the California legislature to create the California Earthquake Authority.

Back then, the governor and the Legislature had quite a bit more business savvy than what we have in the state today.

The primary purpose of the CEA is to prefund insurable losses due to major earthquakes. It was created after California experienced several catastrophic earthquakes between 1989 and 1995.

Today, according to AM Best, the CEA holds \$19 billion in claims paying ability and collects about \$900 million per year in premium income, and has an AM best rating of B++.

After the devastating wildfires in Northern California a few years ago, Newsom and the Legislature had an opportunity to do something about the wildfire issues and provide solutions for the spiraling California insurance marketplace, but did not act for one reason or another. Today our insurability on the Peninsula is in shambles — and worsening by the day.

If Newsom is calling for a special Legislative session as a result of the Palisades and other fires in Southern California, he needs to strongly consider the idea of a California Wildfire Authority. The model should be exactly as the California Earthquake Authority is set up, with modest property policy surcharges established to supply a fund which can be used for no other purpose than as a wildfire backstop, regulated and annually audited by AM Best.

California leaders have a long way to go to gain the confidence of the insurance

industry, to put it mildly. Establishment of a fund for insurable wildfire losses would be a very good first step in doing so.

Michael Der Manouel, *Carmel*

Landlords under attack

Dear Editor,

I was so disappointed to read that our beautiful City of Monterey continues to be under attack internally from petty bureaucrats and nanny-state elected officials.

Just when I think they had reached their limits of abuse toward rental property owners offering housing in the community, they come up with another list of demands furthering their vilification of landlords.

The rental registry itself is a supreme overreach with the invasion into personal information, interfering in private contracts between individuals and the ridiculous cost to create and run this “Trojan horse” for rent control. Now, no surprise, the goal posts move. These comically titled “public servants” want to expand on the information required, remove the participation exemptions from owners of small units or single-family homes and of course, in true indifferent bureaucratic style, both raise the cost and force the landlord to bear the entire burden.

Property owners in California suffer extraordinarily high property taxes, prohibitive repairs, costly changes in regulations, exorbitant utilities, and of course, home insurance which is sure to skyrocket even more after the devastating fires. Let’s not forget the extreme difficulty and cost of removing problem tenants in this state.

I would like to think that those pushing this severe agenda just do not comprehend the expenditures required of landlords, especially in over-regulated California, however, I am quite sure they understand perfectly and just do not care. There appears to be a true malevolence toward the very people providing rental housing in our city that I do not understand. The disrespect directed at those that furnish a necessary service is shameful and will

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ultimately result in fewer and fewer rental units as many, like I did, realize that being a landlord in the City of Monterey is not worth the maltreatment and invasiveness.

Lauren Cohen, Monterey

Why not prevent fires?

Dear Editor,

The Los Angeles fires have been a human and environmental disaster for Southern California. Air quality was dangerous, hundreds of square miles are covered with ash containing chemicals from fire suppression, runoff into the ocean is toxic and destruction of vegetation is resulting in mudslides and more misery.

In 2023, Pacific Grove residents walked the George Washington Park neighborhood and knocked on more than 50 doors, listening to citizens' concerns about fire in the park. The overwhelming response was that

the P.G. City Council was derelict in its duty to protect residents from fire, and the council should act immediately.

Following the resident survey, the council met in September 2023 and heard specific concerns by many of the same neighbors of the park, including the sister of a former P.G. mayor. Instead of a plan to mitigate fire danger in the park, the council ordered yet another study, leaving the fire danger to only grow worse.

The city council recently approved a contract with a local firm called Blue Strike for nearly \$100,000 for a "Climate Action Plan." Nowhere in the proposed plan is any mention of protecting P.G. residents from fire, or the environmental calamity of a fire in our city. Blue Strike says it will complete the climate action plan, "while promoting sustainable development, resilience, adaptation and equity among communities."

Imposing "equity" through climate action sounds like DEI. Why not spend the money on removing dead brush and trees from George Washington Park? Wildfires do not respect "equity among communities." Fire is an equal opportunity destroyer.

Anonymous, Pacific Grove

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

PADRES SOCCER TEAMS PREPARE FOR PLAYOFFS AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE

CARMEL’S BOYS and girls soccer teams won high-pressure games Monday, hoisting themselves into second place in their respective divisions — exactly where they need to be to stay in contention for possible Central Coast Section playoff berths. Second-place teams can qualify for CCS by winning a postseason play-in game. Stevenson’s girls also hold second-place standing in their division — and remain in title contention — while the boys, in fourth place, will need help to reach the post-season as the regular season enters its final week.

Points determine standings

Soccer standings can seem complicated in a sport that tolerates ties, because teams are ranked on a points system. A victory earns 3 points, a tie counts 1 point, and a loss is worth 0. The Pine Cone went to press this week without the results of two Stevenson boys games against Salinas and King City, both on the road, and Wednesday’s girls games, including Seaside at Stevenson and Pajaro Valley at Carmel.

In short, almost anything remains possible as the season enters its final week. See our Jan. 31 edition to read profiles of Stevenson’s teams. Here’s a glimpse of Carmel’s 2025 girls and boys: Through Monday, Carmel girls held a 4-1-3 record, worth 15 points, in Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Mission Division, where Pajaro (8-0-1, 25 points) appears to

cruising toward the title. The Padres dramatically beat North County 2-1 on Monday, and played the frontrunners Wednesday. That result that won’t impact a second-place finish if Carmel wins its final three — 5:45 p.m. Friday at Alisal, 5:45 p.m.



Tuesday at Monte Vista Christian, and 3:30 p.m. Thursday at home vs. Pacific Collegiate. If that happens, North County (4-2-3) will finish third and be eliminated from CCS contention, even if the Condors win at Pacific Collegiate and beat North Salinas and Monte Vista Christian next week.



Senior goalkeeper Adi Clark (left) has 99 saves this year as Carmel fights for a playoff spot. Above, tireless midfielder Bodhi Melton is “the engine of our team,” said Coach Scott Hirschfield of his fittest player.

Offensively, the Padres, 5-5-5 overall, have leaned heavily on sophomore striker Eva Sedillos, a second-year varsity player who has scored 10 of the team’s 18 goals, junior forward/wing Ava Staehle (three goals, two assists), and junior attacking midfielder Ryan Lott (one goal, five assists). “Ryan Lott is a third-year varsity player and really crucial to connecting our defensive ballhandling through the midfield, all the way up to our striker,” the coach said. Also key have been talented freshmen Samantha Enea (defender and middle), Ashley Graham, and Storey Smith (both middies or wings). Note that all six of those players, plus 13 others, figure to return next year to what should be an exceptional Padres

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In Kathryn Greenwald’s most recent artwork, created for Ocean Windows, she was highly inspired by The Deep Sea exhibit at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and her experiences with the vibrant world seen snorkeling and walking our nearby shores. Spatial dimensions—physical, subjective, and unknown—are expressed with color, geometry and the flow of melted beeswax with pigment in her pieces.

Boardwork

Boardwork is a curated exhibition showcasing the 2025 Carmel Art Association Board of Directors. Featuring paintings, weavings, and sculptures by Ann Artz, Jeffrey Becom, Jessica Bover, Kathleen Crocetti, Kathryn Greenwald, Sarah Healey, Craig Lauterbach, Melissa Lofton, Gerard Martin, Kate Martin, Dennis Peak, Lilli-Anne Price, Chris Sawyer, Robin Sawyer, and Joaquin Turner.

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squad.

Protecting the other end of the pitch are goalkeepers Adi Clark (99 saves), a senior, and 6-foot-2 sophomore Maddie Wiloughby (nine saves). The center defenders are senior Ella Gallagher, a fourth-year varsity player, sophomore Siena Shillinger, and outside defenders are junior Leah Sibley and senior Julia Jackson, a three-year starter.

The defensive midfielders are junior



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Sophomore Eva Sedillos, a second-year varsity player, has scored 10 of her team's 18 goals this season at Carmel High.

Zana Balaban, a third-year letter-winner, Josie Hansen, who also plays attacking wing, and Anna Rasmussen, both sophomores.

Talented wings, both freshmen, include Eda Karavelioglu and Alissa Abma, both offseason club players with high soccer IQs.

Other versatile players include senior Charlotte Mayer, and juniors Claire Profeta and Sydney Beverly.

"Our future looks exciting. A lot of young players are getting significant experience this season, including six freshmen who have been playing really crucial roles for us, either as starters or as subs for our veteran players," Russell said.

Carmel's boys (8-5-1 overall, 6-3 league) trailed likely champ Gonzales (7-1) in the Cypress Division's title race through Monday but held a narrow 18-15 points edge at press time over third-place Soledad (4-2-3) in the quest for a CCS play-in game.

A talent-laden team is built around a defense that has surrendered just nine goals in 14 games — a 0.64 goals-against average — thanks to brick-wall consistency from senior co-captain Tyler Hendricks, the goalie, and four exceptional defenders. The Padres have shut out eight opponents in 2025 and limited four other foes to a single goal.

"Tyler started playing goalie for the first time last year, and he's only played about 20 games between the posts in his whole life," said Padres coach Scott Hirschfield. "But he has tremendous talent, incredible athleticism, and he's made some amazing saves for us this season."

Exceptional back line

Hendricks' workload has been eased by the presence of two talented center backs — senior Toby Schoone, a co-captain, and junior Liam Rodriguez, who has European soccer experience. Both are also club players.

They are flanked by the third captain, Bennett Foreman, the team's fastest player, and physical, high-flying Ollie Johnston — "best header on the team," said his coach — on the wings.

Valuable back-row subs have included senior Edgar Cabrera ("a clear understand-

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Beatles tribute band takes on ‘Revolver,’ ‘White Album’ at Golden State

PERFORMING TWO of The Beatles’ most ground-breaking records, **The White Album Ensemble** plays Saturday, 8 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

“We’re playing ‘Revolver’ and ‘White Album’ with strings and horns,” singer and guitarist **Drew Harrison** announced on Facebook.



Singer and guitarist Alex Lucero plays Sunday, 3 p.m., in the De Tierra Vineyards tasting room at Mission and Fifth.

“Revolver,” which came out in 1966 and embraced psychedelic rock, marked a big leap forward for The Beatles, and hinted at what was to come next, the landmark LP, “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.” The “White Album,” meanwhile, marked another dramatic turn for the band, with a stripped-down sound that heralded the rise of the singer-songwriter era in pop music.

A little help from friends

The Santa-Cruz-based White Album Ensemble draws from a deep pool of local musical talent — dozens of local notables have shared the stage with the band over the years, including members of the Monterey and Santa Cruz symphonies.

“The group has a core of longtime friends who’ve played together for decades in different configurations, including former members of the Doobie Brothers, Quicksilver, Snail, the Little River Band and many more,” according to the group’s website. “Additionally, there is often a string quartet added for songs like ‘Eleanor Rigby,’ with George Martin’s original charts adapted by local cellist **Barry Phillips**.”

Tickets start at \$29.50. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

■ ‘Date Night’ at the museum

For the first time, Monterey Symphony is partnering with the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, which is hosting its inaugural “Date Night with the Symphony” Thursday at 5 p.m. The program includes a performance by two of the group’s violinists, **Zlata Grekov** and **Thomas Yee**, who will play the tango.



Violinist Zlata Grekov performs Thursday, 5 p.m., at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. She’ll be joined by another violinist, Thomas Yee.

“Begin a special date night with someone you love by visiting the museum for tango music,” the museum suggested. “Sit and listen or dance — you choose how you want to spend this magical hour.”

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave.

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Doing good makes a happier heart and a sweeter Valentine’s Day

THE NONPROFIT Carmel Foundation is hosting its annual Philanthropic Foodies event, “an evening crafted to delight food and wine enthusiasts,” as they support the 55-and-over organization Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at La Playa Hotel at Camino Real and Eighth.

Soup to Nuts

The evening will begin with sparkling wine provided by award-winning Caraccioli Cellars, followed by a seated dinner showcasing a curated menu created by executive chef Boris Ilabaca paired with wines from highly regarded Chalone Vineyard.

Guests can expect a first course of roasted beet salad with citrus, chevre and winter greens served with 2021 estate

chardonnay musqué, followed by pan-seared scallops with butternut squash and beurre blanc alongside 2023 estate chenin blanc. (A vegetarian option is available for this course, too.)

Entrée choices include braised short rib with potato purée, seasonal vegetables and gremolata, or spring primavera with veggies, cream and parmesan, paired with 2022 estate pinot noir reserve.

Dessert will feature apple tart with caramel and vanilla ice cream served with 2021 estate pinot blanc.

The event is open to all, and tickets are \$200 each, with proceeds benefiting the foundation’s mission to provide social events, classes, medical equipment loans, low-cost housing and meals, and other services to adults 55 and older.

To see if space is still available, call (831) 620-8702 or email ocentis@carmel-foundation.org.

Fashion and furry friends

SNIP Bus is holding a Valentine’s Day fundraiser at the Carmel Woman’s Club at San Carlos and Ninth promising “a heartwarming afternoon filled with fashion, fun and furry friends.”

The nonprofit spay-and-neuter service is organizing a show of “adorable rescue dogs strutting their stuff on the runway, all looking for their forever homes,” accompanied by a sit-down luncheon and entertainment.

The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$135 per person. Tickets can be pur-

chased through eventbrite.com or by calling Melanie Scherer at (925) 895-8531.

Women in Wine

Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley is set to host a Women in Wine dinner series featuring female stars in the industry, and on stage next is Marcia Torres Forno of highly regarded Matanzas Creek March 7 at 6 p.m.

Born in Chile, Forno launched her career in her native country before moving to the Napa Valley to join cult winery Cardinale. She was named Matanzas’ winemaker in 2010 and has since dramatically influenced the style, character and quality of the vaunted producer’s wines. She’s deeply involved with planting, farming and harvesting fruit at Matanzas and combines traditional and modern methods in her craft.

Details about the menu are scarce, but it’s certain executive chef Christian Ojeda will create a fantastic four-course menu to pair with Matanzas’ selections. Dinner will run \$225 per person, plus tax and service.

Bernardus Lodge is located at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road and can be reached by calling (831) 658-3400 or visiting bernarduslodge.com.

Hearts for history

Built in 1843, the Casa Serrano adobe at 412 Pacific Street in Monterey has been a home, a schoolhouse and an Italian restaurant, among other things. On Saturday, Feb. 15, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., it will host its first Valentine-themed afternoon tea



Rosemary and Thyme High Teas presents traditional treats for a fancy afternoon event to raise money for historic preservation in Monterey. Guests will be treated to dainty sandwiches and bite-sized treats served on charming vintage china.

service. Reprising a successful Christmas fundraiser for the Monterey History and Art Association at the same spot in November 2024, Rosemary and Thyme High Teas will present traditional items including finger sandwiches, cranberry scones with Devonshire cream, English biscuits, petit fours, and of course, properly brewed tea.

Said Rosemary and Thyme owner Dot Findlater, “This event is truly for everyone who wants to celebrate love — whether that’s romantic love, the bond between friends, or the joy of spending time with family. It’s a perfect outing for couples, a lovely girls’ day out or simply a chance to treat yourself to an afternoon of elegance

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VALENTINE

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and indulgence.” She’ll give a short, entertaining talk about the history and traditions of English teatime.

Tickets are \$65 per person. Reservations can be made at rosemaryandthymehighteas.com.

Wait, there’s more...

The old Troupers of the Gold Coast from California’s First Theatre in Monterey might be surprised — and a bit amused — to see the temporary transformation of the spot once known for their performances into a bit of a burlesque venue for Valentine’s Day. The building was erected in 1846 and was then-owner Jack Swan’s saloon and boardinghouse. Two years later, it became a performance venue.

It was leased in 1937 by Carmel’s own Bach festival founders and impresarios, Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous, for performances of 19th century melodramas. Thus, the Troupers of the Gold Coast, a group of volunteer actors, began a tradition that lasted about six decades. Closed since 1999 for renovation, the rustic building will be the scene of “Passion & Rhythm: A Valentine’s Soirée,” hosted by Monterey County Poet Laureate Rachelle Escamilla.

Escamilla is the second person to hold that designation, which comes with a \$5,000 honorarium from the nonprofit Arts Council for Monterey County, and she teaches public speaking, creative writing and poetry at CSUMB.

Local musicians Espiritmo Latin Jazz will headline the event, sharing the stage with the Carmel Delights burlesque troupe. The folks from Monterey bar Pearl Hour will sell drinks in the venue’s original saloon. Food service isn’t planned, but there are many nearby restaurants in downtown Monterey and on Fisherman’s Wharf to get dinner beforehand.

Organizers said the two-hour show, which starts at 8 p.m., aims to “celebrate various expressions of love through music, dance and poetry.”

There are two ticket tiers for the approximately 100-seat theater: general admission at \$44 and premium “interaction zone” seating for \$65. The pricier tickets land patrons in the first few rows of the theater, where they can expect to have a more (ahem) personal experience with the burlesque troupe during the performance. Go to Eventbrite (bit.ly/4jFNlzd) to order.

The Monterey State Historic Park Association, which organized the adults-only event, said it will direct proceeds toward educational programming and the ongoing restoration of the park’s historic buildings.

Beautiful hearts at Café Carmel

Sarah Cook, chef-owner of Café Carmel on the north side of Ocean Avenue near Devendorf Park, has a bunch of great cookies for your sweetie. No sweetie? That’s OK. Cookies are enough, just like you. Cookies will never unfriend you. Cookies will never say “those jeans make you look fat.” But we digress.

Among Cook’s Valentine’s Day offerings are heart-shaped hand-decorated sugar cookies, red velvet cookies dipped in white chocolate and decorated with tiny hearts, rich, house-baked strawberry cheesecake and a checkered red velvet and strawberry cake. The friendly little cafe also serves breakfast and lunch daily. Visit cafecarmel.com to learn more or place an order.

Factory ready

The Sardine Factory at 701 Wave St. in Monterey will celebrate Valentine’s Day Feb. 14 through Feb. 16 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. with a \$115-per-person prix fixe menu. You can start with either prawn bisque or a baby gem lettuce salad with strawberries, candied walnuts and Point Reyes blue cheese. Entrees include a 50-day-aged 8-ounce filet mignon, a salmon and Dungeness crab combo, and a roast 14-ounce lobster tail. You’ll definitely want to save room for tiramisu, cherries jubilee or flourless chocolate cake. A limited a la carte menu will also be available, and, of course, you can browse the offerings of the restaurant’s extensive wine cellar.



As usual, Café Carmel’s seasonally appropriate offerings are good-looking and delicious. Does anything say “I love you” quite like a slice of strawberry cheesecake?

Opened on Oct. 2, 1968, the Sardine Factory is still owned and operated by its founders and is a fixture of local culture, including a few appearances in Clint Eastwood’s 1971 directorial debut, “Play Misty for Me.” Visit sardinefactory.com or call (831) 373-3775 for more information and to reserve.

Ride and wine

On Saturday, Feb. 15, starting at 11 a.m., Comanche Cellars and the Marina Equestrian Center are offering a 21-and-over scenic trail ride followed by wine tasting.

If you don’t fancy horseback riding, the wine tasting is \$35 per person, while a one-hour excursion along trails through Fort Ord National Monument is \$125, which includes the tasting. There are goats and miniature horses to visit, as well.

For those who need a nosh, The Board Mama from Salinas will be on-site, creating charcuterie boards for purchase. The Marina Equestrian Center is at 2830 Fifth Ave. in Marina. To reserve or for additional info, email reservations@chaparralcorporation.com or call (408)726-8453.

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

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Live music Feb. 7-13

■ Big Sur

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

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Velvet Underpants** (tribute to Lou Reed and the Velvet Underground, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos north of

Seventh.

Chalone Vineyard tasting room — singer and guitarist **Greg Freeman** and singer **Kimb Massey** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

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

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Thursday, both at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

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

The Links Club — **Chicago Bill & the Next Blues Band** (Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Vinyl Revival** (pop and rock, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.), Songwriters Showcase (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

O’Callaghan’s Pub — **Vinyl Revival Duo** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center.

Village Corner Bistro — **The Dennis Murphy Band** (jazz, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). Dolores and Sixth.

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s**



The Velvet Underpants pay tribute to the Velvet Underground Saturday evening at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

Fault Duo (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Folktale Winery — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Jesse DeCarlo Trio** (jazz and funk, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940

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SPORTS

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ing of the game,” Hirschfield said), and freshman Brayden McIntyre, who also sees action in the midfield.

The heart of the midfield is composed of unselfish, defense-minded juniors Sebastian Blessing, another club player, tireless attacker Bodhi Melton, “the engine of the team,” and impressive freshman Miro Balaban, the team’s second-leading scorer with 6 goals.

The midfield wings are junior Rigo Carrera, “passionate, aggressive, plays the entire field,” and Georges Gueree (three goals, seven assists), a sophomore with a talent for delivering the ball from the outside to the box.

A valuable sub, Lucca Gomez, can play any position on the field and is the team’s best communicator, Hirschfield said.

Carerra, Balaban lead scoring

Carrera, the wing, also sees significant action on the forward line, where he leads the Padres in scoring with seven goals, while Balaban, a lefty kicker, has scored six times.

The center forward is Jose Mario Valdez-Paz, sophomore who has developed a strong understanding of the game as high-level club player.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior goalie Tyler Hendricks (black uniform), a captain, has led a Carmel defense that allowed 0.64 goals per game this season.

Depth for the Padres is provided by junior Ian Lome, a center back and midfielder, sophomore Cris Mendieta, typically a left wing, and junior Daniel Carrera, who is recovering from knee surgery but is expected to become an impact player next year.

The Padres, who played Wednesday at Gonzales have home games Friday against Ceiba College Prep and Tuesday against Monte Vista Christian, and travel Thursday to play Pacific Collegiate in the regular-season finale. All have 4 p.m. starts.



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Carmel Valley Road.
Massa Tasting Room — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.
Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Dan Cioper** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Peter Martin Barnes** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.) singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.
Bon Ton LeRoy's Smokehouse — Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.
Bulldog Sports Pub — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly Community Jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.
Cibo — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley**

and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.
InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.
Midici Pizza — pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.
Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — singer and pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** ("indie pop shimmer, vintage country and 1990s alt-rock," Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.), violinist **Chris Murphy** (blues and folk, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.
Pearl Hour — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.).



Singer and guitarist Doug Fearnside plays Saturday, 7 p.m., at Wendi Kirby Music in Monterey. Also performing is Magenta Spreen.

214 Lighthouse Ave.
Puma Road at Portola Plaza — **The Smoky Vegas Project** ("jazzy pop," Sunday at 4 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.
Salty Seal Pub — **The Wharf Rats** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.
The Sardine Factory — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.
Sly McFly's — **Three-Mile Smile** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Lost & Found** (rock and soul, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bazooka Jones** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bobby & Friends** (pop and rock, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.
Wendi Kirby Music — singer and guitarist **Doug Fearnside** ("Americana, heartfelt folk and a touch of alt-rock") with **Magenta Spreen** ("dreamy soundscapes, vocal harmonies, storytelling and mindful melodies," Saturday at 7 p.m.). 550 Hartnell St., wendikirbymusic.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20242278
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INFERNO-ROLL SHUTTERS, 57 Ocean Pines Lane, 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.: INFERNO-ROLL SHUTTERS, INC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: NV
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 20, 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 Horobin, C.E.O.
Date: July 20, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 13, 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: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2025. (PC 128)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250147
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PEREGRINE IR, 27300 Highway 1, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PEREGRINE IR LLC
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor 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/James H. Petray, Managing Member
Date: Jan. 21, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC 131)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250163
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. GAEL GALLAGHER TOURS 2. CARMEL WALKS 349 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): GAEL GALLAGHER, 349 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2025.
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). *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/Gael Gallagher
Date signed: Jan. 23, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days

after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 133)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250111
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FULL CIRCLE PHYSICAL THERAPY, 281 Webster St., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: FULL CIRCLE PHYSICAL THERAPY, PC
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 16, 2020.
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/Alcina Lima, CEO
Date: Dec. 24, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 15, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC 134)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250143
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CARMEL RANCHO CLEANERS, 26080 CARMEL RANCHO BLVD. STE 100, CARMEL BY THE SEA, CA 93923**
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): SAM'S CARMEL RANCHO CLEANER, INC, 26080 CARMEL RANCHO BLVD., STE 100, CARMEL BY THE SEA, CA 93923
This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
SAM'S CARMEL RANCHO CLEANER, INC
S/ HAEIL PARK, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/21/2025.
1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21/25
CNS-3890573# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Jan. 1; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC 135)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20250174
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: 02/13/2020
File No.: 20200345
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ESMERALDA DEL REY INTL CLUB, 700 Dias Ave., Sand City, CA 93955.**
Registered Owner(s): JOSE ANTONIO JIMENEZ PALACIOS, 700 Dias Ave., Sand City, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.
S/Jose Antonio Jimenez Palacios
Jan. 24, 2025
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).*
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 24, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name

Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC136)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250165
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NIDITO, 833 Padre Dr., Salinas, CA 93901.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ROSALBA TOLENTINO GUERRA.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2025.
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). *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/Rosalba Tolentino Guerra
Date signed: Jan. 23, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 137)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20242314
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: 01/18/2022
File No.: 20220118
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PASEO SAN CARLOS, San Carlos between Ocean & West side of 7th.**
Registered Owner(s): RICHARD M. CLARK, TR OF THE CLARK FAMILY TRUST OTD 1-22-88, 47 Sierra Vista Drive, Monterey, CA 93940.
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SERVICE, LP, 2000 Powell Street, Suite 1280, Emeryville, CA 94608.
This business is conducted by _____
S/Catherine J. Hughes
Nov. 7, 2024
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code 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).*
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 23, 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: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC201)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25CV000523
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ERASTO ALVARADO VARGAS, JR., filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: ERASTO ALVARADO VARGAS, JR.
Proposed name:

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

Parties: Sage Scherman
Plaintiff: Todd Spring
Defendant: March 20, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
Notice of Hearing: Order to Show Cause re
Purpose of hearing: Temporary Restraining Order
Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders
Location: Marina Courthouse Dept 21, located at 3180 Del Monte Blvd, Marina, CA
Monterey County Superior Court Case No: 24CV004867
For any additional information please contact R.S.C. Law Group at 831-275-1191 or email jonthan@rsclawgroup.com.
Publication dates: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2025 (PC129)

ERASTO VARGAS JR.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: March 25, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Agua-jito 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: Jan. 28, 2025
Publication Dates: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 202)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250197
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VOCI, 509 18th St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: I CANTORI DI CARMEL, P.O. Box 1733, Monterey, CA 93942.
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 Dec. 10, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code 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/Anthony Bartlett, Treasurer
Date: Jan. 28, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 203)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25CV000542
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, FELIPA MEDINA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: FELIPA MEDINA
Proposed name: SOCORRO FELIPA QUINONEZ
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: March 25, 2025
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200 Agua-jito 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: Jan. 28, 2025
Publication Dates: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 204)

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CNS-3893187# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Feb. 7, 2025 (PC 205)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250221
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CAMELLIA APARTMENTS, 145 Camellia Way, Modesto, CA 95354.**
County of Principal Place of Business: STANISLAUS.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BYERLY FAMILY TRUST 3101 Hacienda Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a trust.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 30, 2025.
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/Susan Aline Byerly
Date: Jan. 28, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 30, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250161
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **DMG GROUP, 286 LAS LOMAS DR, WATSONVILLE, CA 95076,** County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): DANIELLE A. SANCHEZ, 286 LAS LOMAS DR, WATSONVILLE, CA 95076
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ DANIELLE A. SANCHEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/22/2025
2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28/25
CNS-3885585# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 207)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250055
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SALINAS VALLEY SEPTIC SERVICES, 16945 El Rancho Way, Salinas, CA 93907.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): FABIAN MARTINEZ RIVERA.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 22, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Fabian Martinez Rivera
Date signed: Jan. 9, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 9, 2025.
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).
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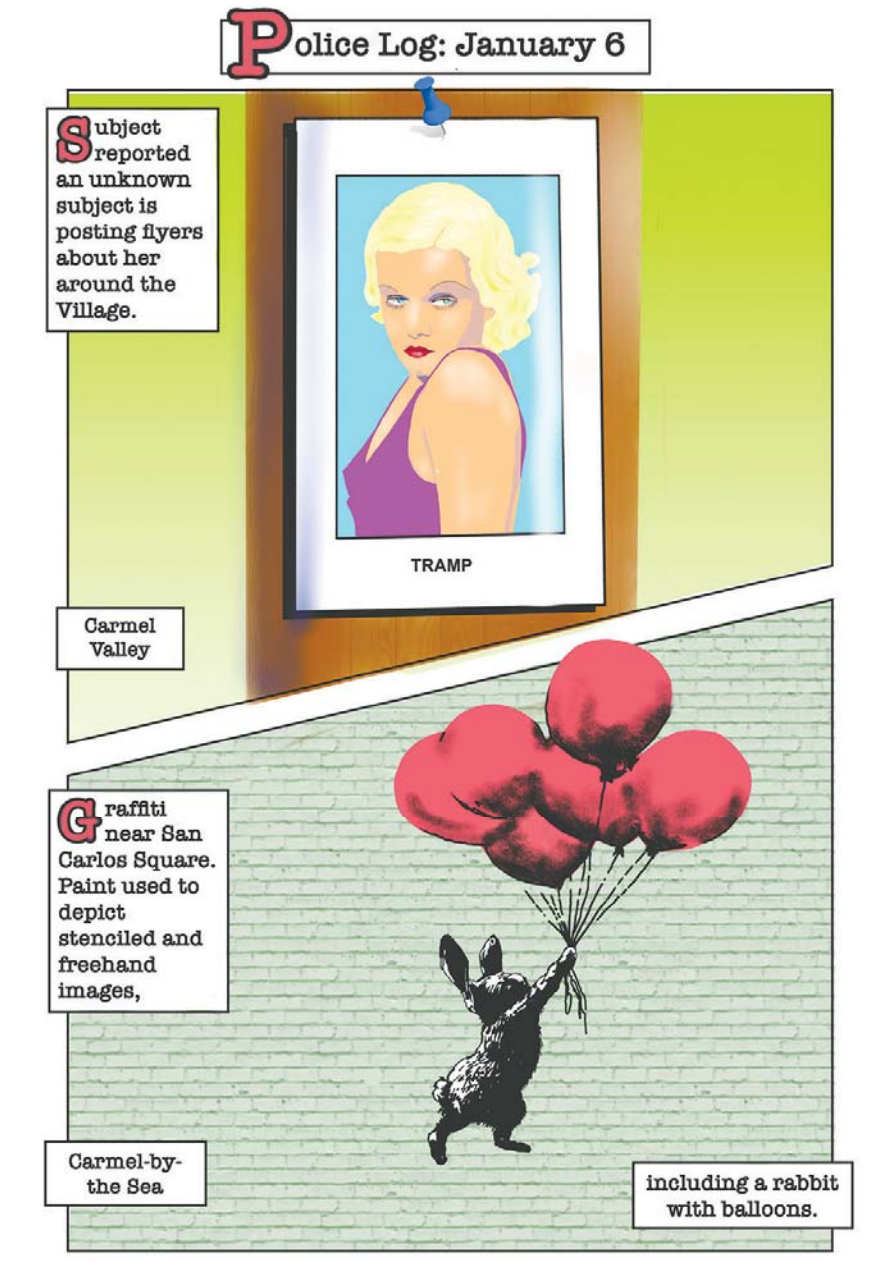
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Il Vecchio Restaurant — **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (“folky stuff mixed with surprises,” Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forrest Ave.

Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove — **The Katherine Lavin Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

PG’s Meetinghouse — **Pattie Gilbert’s Rolling Trio** (classic rock, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Steve Robertson Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.), Open Mic (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

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Feb. 13 – B4Noon Organ Recital, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean and Junipero, SE corner, every Thursday through April 24. Free. This week, Feb. 13: Music for Valentine’s Day with crooner **Ric Masten & Joe Byerly** (piano), **Eun Ha Chung** (organ).

Feb. 13 – SIR Monterey Branch monthly luncheon at Monterey Elks Lodge. Guest speaker will be **Luis Perez**, Cal Fire Education Officer, Monterey. Email AlWilliams@alw831.comcast.net for more info on luncheon and membership.

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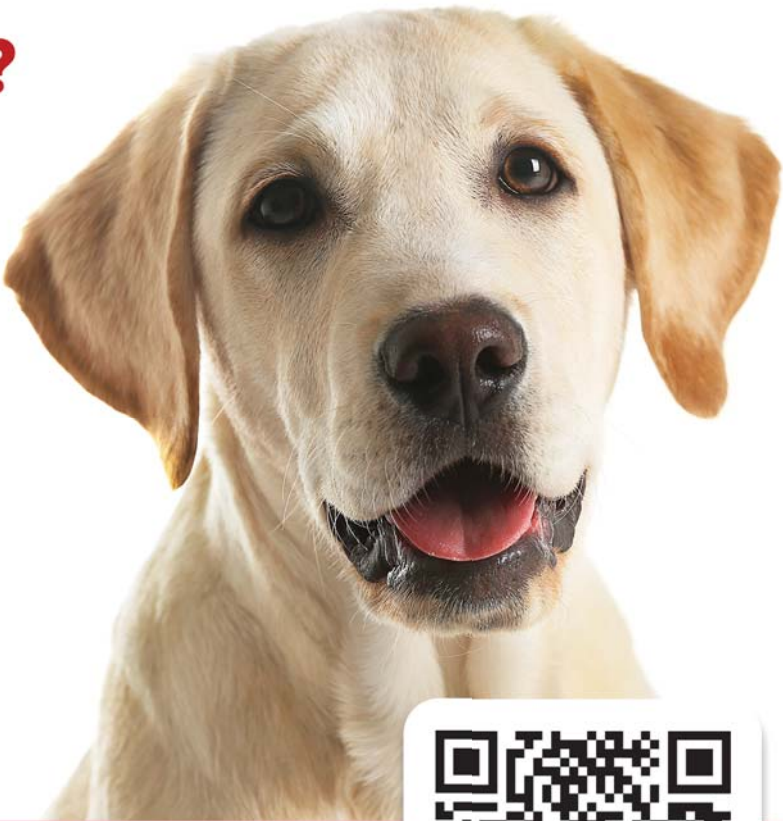
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