

Carmel Valley man dies during search for missing dog

By MARY SCHLEY

A HIKER who went in search of his lost dog at Garland Ranch Regional Park Friday was later found dead in the Carmel River, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. It's unknown exactly how the victim, 77-year-old Carmel Valley resident Steven Sherwood, died, and an autopsy was set for Wednesday.

Sherwood's wife reported him missing the morning of Feb. 14, according to sheriff's department spokesman Cmdr. Andy Rosas, after he went for a walk in the park around 9:30 a.m. and lost his dog.

"He told the family that he would be searching for his dog and was last heard from at about 10:30 a.m.," Rosas said. Around a half-hour later, hikers in the area came across the pup and returned the pet to Sherwood's

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PHOTO/MCSO

A swift-water recovery was conducted in Carmel River at Garland Park to retrieve the body of a Carmel Valley man who had gone missing a few hours earlier while looking for his dog.

County weighing guaranteed income to residents

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY supervisors this week directed county staff to explore the idea of implementing a "universal income" program, which could mean that some residents get free cash every month with no strings attached.

At its meeting in Salinas Tuesday, the panel voted 5-0 to approve the Community Impact Action Plan 2025-2030, which includes numerous "equity" initiatives that the county's civil rights office contends will benefit government employees and residents.

The plan, according to the staff report, is "a recommitment to centering racial equity, dismantling systems that have caused harm in the community, and rebuilding and re-designing policies, programs and practices to achieve a more equitable and thriving community for all residents."

Within the document — which is a continuation of the county's racial equity plan that ran from 2019 to 2024 — is a category entitled "universal income and economic justice," which calls for a study to explore the "feasibility" of such a program.

Prepaid debit card

How it would work, including who would be eligible and who would foot the bill, is unclear. But other cities and counties with income programs in California and

Payments would reflect a 'recommitment to centering racial equity'

Council back to drawing board on police station

■ Wants short-term fixes

By MARY SCHLEY

THE AGING police station is in such bad shape it should probably be red-tagged, Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi said during emotional testimony at a city council meeting Feb. 10. The council — which includes three newly elected members — pledged to do something about it, but it's unlikely a major move toward remodeling or rebuilding the station will happen anytime soon.

In the meantime, council members advocated for fixing critical health-and-safety issues, such as giving officers a safe, ventilated space to handle hazardous evidence like deadly fentanyl.

At the end of the nearly three-hour special meeting dedicated to the topic, at which consultant Indigo architects also provided conceptual plans for remodeling and expanding the station and adjacent public works to better accommodate what makes up half the city's workforce, council members also concluded they need to compile a list of Carmel P.D.'s needs and the square footage they require, consider alternative plans created by residential architect Safwat Malek, see what other local talent might be helpful and discuss ways to pay for what could be a \$30-plus million project.

"We're going to take some action," Mayor Dale

Byrne promised. "This council is ready to do something."

Eight years and counting

The problems with the station, which was built nearly 60 years ago, have been the subject of discussion since May 2017, when the then-city council allocated \$250,000

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Local architect Safwat Malek offered an alternative design for remodeling the police station and public works.

RAINWATER CAUSES LITHIUM BATTERY FIRE TO REKINDLE

By KELLY NIX

THE BATTERY storage facility in Moss Landing where a large fire occurred in January reignited Tuesday night, prompting a massive emergency response and a caution from county officials to nearby residents to close their windows. The fire was under control the next morning.

An official with the Environmental Protection Agency said this week that the agency is working with facility owner Vistra to de-link, or disconnect, the batteries to reduce the chances of another large fire.

Smoke and flames

At about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, smoke was seen coming from the Vistra Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility off Highway 1. North County Fire Protection District, Vistra personnel and others arrived on scene to assess the source, and a drone was deployed. North County Fire Protection District Chief Joel Mendoza told reporters Wednesday afternoon that when his crews arrived Tuesday night, a light plume of smoke was emitting from the building

where the Jan. 16 fire occurred.

As firefighters were notifying other agencies about the incident, "the smoke began to intensify and eventually turned into flames," Mendoza said. "The fire started underneath a pile of rubble in a section that had previously burned" in the Jan. 16 fire, which forced about 1,500 people to evacuate the area.

Throughout Tuesday night, the fire burned at "different

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The large fire that broke out Jan. 16 inside this burned-out building at the Vistra battery facility flared up this week.

Temporary ban on gun shops OK'd in Monterey

By MARY SCHLEY

VOCAL OPPOSITION to a couple's plans to operate a gun store in a neighborhood near the Naval Postgraduate School prompted the Monterey City Council Tuesday to unanimously adopt an emergency ordinance preventing any others from opening while decision-makers figure out what to do about them.

The business at the heart of the outcry, L&B Firearm Solutions, received a business license from the city last October and is set to occupy a long-vacant storefront. The city's code allows retail shops to open without permits, and the L&B store will not be affected by the ban.

Because city laws are silent on where gun stores can open and how they operate, planning director Kimberly Cole recommended the council adopt the emergency

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Catahoula comfort

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She had been adopted out at 10 weeks to a family with young kids, but they hadn't had a dog before, and her energy proved too much for them. She was returned to the SPCA just in time for her person to find his forever friend.

It was his wife's idea to name her Ellie Mae, being that she was a pretty Southern gal and all.

Six months after bringing home Ellie Mae, he learned his wife was dying of cancer. He felt dismayed that he'd taxed himself with raising a puppy during this difficult time, yet, after he lost his wife, Ellie Mae became the reason he got out of bed in the morning.

"Ellie Mae is the perfect dog for me," her person said. "She keeps me entertained, engaged and connected."



Ellie Mae and her person live in Pebble Beach, where they could easily walk to Spanish Bay and sometimes do, but he prefers taking his pup, now 4 years old, to Carmel Beach, where her gregarious nature surfaces and she loves meeting everyone there.

"Ellie Mae must have had a positive experience with the kids at her first placement," her person said, "because when we go to the beach, she's right there, giving her toy to kids, getting them to play with her. When toddlers who can barely stand can't get their ball, she'll pick it up and give it to them."

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By MARY SCHLEY

AVERAGE DAILY occupancy, average daily room rates and total hotel taxes collected in Carmel were all up in November and December 2024 compared to a year earlier, according to reports released by city finance specialist Anna Aubuchon this week. The figures mark a departure from the same months in past years that saw the dollars increase but occupancy decline.

The number of available rooms during those months rose by 3 percent compared to a year ago, the reports indicate.

Nonetheless, occupancy also rose, even if just by 1.64 percentage points, to 57.37 percent, over the same months during the previous year.

Average daily room rates have consistently risen in November and December since 2020, when the figure was \$218.74 during the height of the Covid pandemic. For those months in 2024, the price was \$347.38 — a nearly 8 percent increase over the average rate a year earlier.

13 percent more \$

And with room prices and occupancy trending upward, hotel taxes collected for the period were significantly higher than receipts from November and December 2023. While the amount in transient occupancy taxes collected from customers who visited then totaled \$1,060,305 — which means lodgers received just over \$10.6 million from guests — that same period in 2024 generated \$1,202,872 in TOT,

marking a 13.45 percent increase over the prior year. That figure represents a come-back from 2022 and 2023, which saw dips below the taxes collected for those same months in 2021.

The TOT rate is 10 percent, and all of that money goes into the city’s general



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The Stilwell Hotel opened last year, adding more rooms to the city’s inventory and generating more tax dollars for its coffers.

fund, unlike sales and property taxes, of which it receives only a portion. The 2024-2025 budget anticipates hotel tax receipts totaling \$7,543,234, representing just under a quarter of the estimated total \$31,431,249 in revenues, with sales and property taxes being the other significant sources. Six months into the fiscal year, the city had collected \$5,262,484 in TOT.

Early fall

The figures differ from earlier trends. In September and October 2024, revenues and average daily room rates continued to rise, but occupancy declined in comparison

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Orange you glad he didn't say banana?

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, FEBRUARY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fallen tree at Torres and Mountain View, with reported damage.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male fell at Lobos and Third and was transported to the hospital.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Santa Fe and Mountain View for an altered plate resulted in an unregistered vehicle tow.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Elderly female fell on a walking path by the beach a Scenic and 12th.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Union Street marked for 72-hour parking.
Pacific Grove: Personal property was found at Lovers Point Park in Pacific Grove.
Pacific Grove: Subject contacted at Ocean View Boulevard and Eighth Street for causing a disturbance and found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and under the influence of drugs in public. The 33-year-old female was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail on \$3,500 bail.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Sunset Drive for expired registration.
Carmel area: Elderly resident on Fern Canyon was found deceased.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 32-year-old male and a 32-year-old female were arrested at Sixth and Junipero at 1116 hours for methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Released in field with a promise to appear in court.

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The gavel falls

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

Jan. 15 — Jubentino Matias Aguilar, 46, a resident of Greenfield, was sentenced to 40 years in state prison by Judge Pamela Butler.

On April 11, 2023, a mother came to the Greenfield Police Department after her daughters, Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 — ages 8 and 12 — told her that the defendant, who had previously been a member of the household, had sexually molested them while he had lived with the family. Officers obtained detailed statements from the girls, in which they described multiple sexual assaults by the defendant. Both girls provided invaluable assistance to the officers investigating their case. After the defendant was arrested, he made a statement to officers in which he admitted to engaging in sexual contact with the two young girls.

The defendant entered pleas of no contest to four counts of forcible lewd acts on a child. The charges constitute four "strikes" under California's three strikes law. The defendant will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

At the defendant's sentencing hearing, both girls bravely addressed the court and talked about what happened to them and how it impacted their lives. Butler commended them for their strength in reporting these crimes to their mother and the police, and in having the courage to come to court to tell her how they felt.

This case was investigated by Greenfield police officers Nicholas Nunez, Leonel Guzman and Joseph Dyels. The victims and their mother were supported by victim services

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Monterey hosts fire town hall

By MARY SCHLEY

PEOPLE WHO live or work in the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel are invited to a free Wildfire Ready Monterey Town Hall being organized by the City of Monterey in the Serra Ballroom at the Monterey Conference Center Feb. 27 from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

All three cities are served by Monterey Fire and collaborated on a community wildfire protection plan approved last year.

A panel discussion from 6 to 7:30 p.m. will feature wildfire preparedness experts fielding questions on defensible space, tree regulations, fire-safe building materials, evacuation plans and fire response. Questions can be emailed in advance to suggest@monterey.gov.

And from 5 to 8:30 p.m., attendees can check out information booths, including the City of Monterey’s fire, police, forestry and building safety staff, PG&E, Cal Am Water, Cal Fire, Fire Safe Council, Monterey County Emergency Management, Monterey-Salinas Transit, SPCA Monterey County and the American Red Cross.

Organizers are working on getting

representatives from the California Insurance Commissioner’s Office and a home/fire insurance company to be there, too, and vendors from the building industry will provide examples of residential and commercial fire-safe vents, gutters, decks, lumber supplies, windows, sprinkler systems and other materials.

Hear from experts

Monterey city manager Hans Uslar said the event will be a great opportunity to ask questions and hear from experts about efforts being made to reduce fire risk and prepare for disaster, which might assuage some of the anxiety locals are feeling in the wake of the deadly Los Angeles County wildfires in which some 18,000 buildings were destroyed.

Spanish translation will be available. The Monterey Conference Center is located at One Portola Plaza, and validated parking will be offered at the east and west downtown garages.

Pizza and refreshments will be served, too. Supporting materials and resources will be posted at monterey.gov/wildfire-ready.

STRANDED HIKER HAULED TO SAFETY

By CHRIS COUNTS

IT TOOK 12 hours for rescue workers to find a hypothermic hiker at Andrew Molera State Park in Big Sur Feb. 13 and carry him to an awaiting ambulance.

The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office received a call around noon after the hiker sent out an SOS activation from a GPS device indicating he was cold and needed help.

In response, members of the Monterey County Search and Rescue Team, Urban Search and Rescue, Big Sur Fire, Cal Fire and California State Parks set out to find the man. They walked about 8 miles in rain and high winds and climbed about 4,000 feet before they located him. “Weather conditions were not favorable and contributed to the amount of time needed to reach and extract the subject, who was located shortly after 5:30 p.m.,” the sheriff’s office reported.

The plan had called for the hiker to be airlifted to a medical center, but the helicopter “had to turn back due to weather.”

Steep and rugged

Instead, the hiker was carried back down the trail and transferred to an ambulance around midnight — about 12 hours after the rescue operation began — and only then was transported to a hospital. “The rescue covered about 8 miles of very steep and rugged trails during blustery weather

conditions due to the atmospheric river that was over the region,” the report indicated.

After complimenting the rescue team, Monterey County Sheriff Tina Nieto reminded hikers to be prepared and keep a close eye on conditions.

“It is still important to remind our residents and guests to be aware of their abilities when setting out on hikes,” she added. “Always carry proper supplies and utilize appropriate clothing and consider weather conditions. The weather on February 13 was not favorable for hiking, making this situation dangerous not only for the public but for our rescuers as well.”



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Supes to consider 17-lot subdivision

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PROJECT that’s been in the planning process for 25 years will be considered by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Feb. 25. The 344-acre property, which could be subdivided into 17 parcels, is on Harper Canyon Road near the intersection of Highway 68 and San Benancio Canyon Road.

The development is alternately known as the Encina Hills project and the Harper Canyon subdivision. Plans call for cutting down 79 coast live oaks that are at least 6 inches in diameter to make way for road and driveway construction, building on slopes greater than 30 percent, and establishing a public water system.

First proposed in 2000

According to the county, an application was first submitted for the project in 2000. In 2005, the Monterey County Planning Commission recommended that an environmental impact report be required. The EIR was released in 2008 and later revised.

In 2010, a group called the Highway 68 Coalition filed a complaint with the California Public Utilities Commission alleging that water from the Ambler Park water system was restricted to existing customers and couldn’t be used for the subdivision. But the CPUC sided with Cal Am, the water utility for the area. The planning commission voted against the project in 2014, but it was appealed to the supervisors, who approved it, along with its EIR, in 2015.

In 2018, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills ruled that the county violated CEQA when it approved the subdivision’s EIR. Specifically, the

court ruled that the EIR’s groundwater resources and hydrogeology analysis “was so fundamentally and basically inadequate that meaningful public review and comment were precluded.”

In 2021, the Sixth District Court of Appeals upheld the county’s analysis of groundwater resources but invalidated the EIR due to impacts to wildlife corridors, and in turn, supervisors rescinded their previous approval of it.

Textbook sprawl?

Since then, the state Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom, recognizing a dire housing shortage crisis in California, enacted a series of laws to make it easier to get new housing approved, and in March of last year, a supplemental EIR was released to address the wildlife corridor issues for the Harper Canyon project. Supervisors will have an opportunity to certify it Feb. 25 — along with giving the project the go-ahead.

Attorney Richard Rosenthal, who is representing several neighbors, said the most pressing issue with the project are its potential impacts to “wildlife corridors.” Rosenthal noted that the “importance” of leaving room for wild animals to move from one place to another “has been elevated in recent years.”

The slow-growth group LandWatch Monterey County calls the project “a textbook example of suburban sprawl.” Regarding the availability of water, the group contends “water supply and quality in this area are already in crisis.” They also say that development would “exacerbate existing traffic problems without offering any meaningful mitigation.”

LandWatch additionally contends the project’s terrain and vegetation pose “a potentially massive risk to firefighters and homeowners” due to the risk of wildfire.

A 25-year battle with the county, courts, and neighbors

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Report says Trump will ‘decimate’ ag biz

By KELLY NIX

A LOCAL economic development group predicts that President Donald Trump’s immigration policies and proposed tariffs on Mexico and Canada will “decimate” and “cripple” Monterey County’s multibillion dollar agricultural industry.

The mission of the nonprofit Marina-based Monterey Bay Economic Partnership is to “improve the economic health and quality of life” in the region. Its initiatives include supporting more housing and high-paying jobs.

‘Decimate and cripple’

This week it made the dire claim that policies under the Trump administration will ruin Monterey County’s \$4

billion agricultural industry, the county’s top business.

“Tariffs coupled with immigration policies will decimate and cripple the agriculture sector, not only in the Monterey Bay region, but in all ag-producing counties across the country with significant exports,” Monterey Bay Economic Partnership said in a Feb. 13 media release.

In 2023, county agricultural growers shipped more than 190 million pounds of produce to Canada and Mexico — which hold two of the top three spots for Monterey County exports — the nonprofit said, citing the county’s annual crop report.

“While the administration wants to use tariffs as a bargaining chip to address drug trafficking and illegal immigration issues, whether those results come to pass remains to be seen,” the nonprofit said. “What is certain is that

those federal policies will cripple our regional economy, one that is both local and global.”

The group said Trump’s proposals “come in the wake of an industry already facing outsized turmoil due to threats of mass deportations, anti-immigrant sentiments, and back-to-back years of climate-related challenges.”

In July 2024, Monterey County agricultural commissioner Juan Hidalgo reported that the overall gross value of crops produced in 2023 was \$4.35 billion, which was a decline of about 6 percent from the year before.

Monterey Bay Economic Partnership did not offer estimates of the potential loss in production and jobs in the ag sector but provided The Pine Cone with U.S. Department of Agriculture figures showing that in 2018 and 2019, retaliatory tariffs by China, Canada and Mexico “led to an estimated annual loss of \$13.2 billion in U.S. agricultural exports. These tariffs targeted USA farmers and key commodities like soybeans, sorghum, pork, pistachios, grapes and more. Midwestern states experiencing the most substantial losses.”

‘Important partners’

The impact from the federal policies, the group said, would be widely felt.

“Whether you’re a lettuce grower in Gonzales or buying salad in Aptos, purchasing a truck in Hollister, or upgrading a laptop in Salinas, these tariffs — and retaliatory tariffs in response — will be felt broadly and deeply, likely in the form of higher prices, inflation and supply chain disruptions,” Monterey Bay Economic Partnership said.

Monterey County Farm Bureau executive director Norm Groot would not comment on the group’s press release, but issued his own response, which didn’t sound

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PARENTS OPPOSE MENTAL HEALTH LAYOFFS

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Unified School District officials two weeks ago heard from students, parents and others concerned that proposed layoffs to trim a nearly \$3 million deficit will negatively affect children.

At the Feb. 6 PGUSD board meeting, trustees discussed a recommendation from administrators to reduce expenditures by cutting several positions, including the robotics and Spanish teachers. The district has a combined budget deficit of \$2,936,323. No action was taken.

“While I know these are difficult decisions, we as a district have a fiduciary duty that requires us to take action to correct the ongoing deficit spending in which we currently find ourselves,” PGUSD superintendent Linda Adamson said at the meeting.

The reductions would also include cutting three mental health therapist jobs at the elementary, middle and high schools. Parents, students and staff implored trustees to not make the cuts.

“Removing mental health therapists is not just irresponsible, it’s a decision that will directly impact our students,” said Sonda Frudden, a school counselor at Robert Down Elementary. “It places our students at risk, increases absenteeism due to mental health challenges, and increases behavioral challenges for our teachers.”

A third grader at Forest Grove Elementary advocated for the retention of the robotics teacher, while an older girl urged trustees to not lay off the mental health professionals, saying a particular therapist had been very helpful to her.

Other options

The proposed reductions are due in part to declining enrollment and the expiration of federal funds distributed during the Covid pandemic.

Some questioned why the district didn’t plan for the loss of the Covid money considering it was known from the start to be a finite funding source. Area 1 trustee Laura Ottmar, who was one of them, suggessted the district could make other cuts that didn’t affect students.

“I look at the options that are presented, and I am asking that district staff bring back options that are not student-facing,” Ottmar said. “We cannot say that we value the health and wellness of our students and in the same breath say, ‘but we are going to cut a bunch of stuff.’”

Area 5 Jennifer McNary asked whether staff had looked at slashing jobs in other departments.

“Did we look at cutting positions at the district office and management level?” McNary said, which prompted Adamson to say the district had not.

“I’m hearing loud and clear that you want us to go back and look at that,” Adamson responded, adding that she did not feel that there was room for management positions, such as assistant principals, to be cut.

Jorn said Jan. 16 that about 88 percent of the district’s overall expenditures are tied to employee salaries and benefits. The figure is about 7 percent higher than the state average for schools that get property tax revenue.

On Feb. 10, PGUSD sent an email to parents asking to share their thoughts on the cuts via an online survey. The district gave parents three days to fill it out.



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Records ordered in stabbing case

By MARY SCHLEY

TO ASSESS the mental health of the man accused of trying to stab his mother to death in their Del Mesa Carmel home Jan. 25, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler on Wednesday ordered the county sheriff's office to turn over medical records to a psychologist.

Dr. Thomas Reidy of Monterey has been tasked with evaluating the mental fitness of 34-year-old William Darpinian — who has remained in jail without bail since he turned himself in early the morning of Jan. 26 — to help determine whether he's competent to stand trial.

Not for release

"Good cause appearing, it is hereby ordered the Monterey County Jail and its authorized representative must produce any and all mental health and medical records for Mr. William Darpinian to Dr. Thomas Reidy for the purpose of a 1368 competency evaluation," the order says, referring to the California Penal Code section allowing criminal proceedings to be set aside while a suspect's mental health is evaluated. "The records shall be given to Dr. Reidy solely for the use of the 1368 evaluation and cannot be released or disseminated in any manner beyond that limited purpose."

Darpinian is accused of stabbing his mother multiple times in her upper body during an altercation in their home at the retirement community in Carmel Valley.

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 as Monterey County Sheriff's deputies searched for the suspect, who had been identified by his mother.

Pleaded not guilty

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 until 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 on Jan. 27 pleaded not guilty to a charge of attempted murder and an enhancement for committing the violent crime with a



William Darpinian

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 doubted his ability to stand trial. Butler agreed and ordered an evaluation by a mental health professional.

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ordinance, which would take effect immediately and be in effect for 45 days, with options to extend it at future hearings for up to two years.

Cole said the issue qualifies as urgent “because an unlimited number of firearm and ammunition sales businesses may locate almost anywhere in the city without regulation,” though federal and state laws highly regulate firearms sales.

Five already here

Five businesses in Monterey deal with firearms and/or ammunition in some respect, including three that obtained business licenses in 2024. In addition to L&B, Gallagher Ammunition on Alice Street obtained a license last September, and Triggered Ammo & Apparel received its business license last April. The others are JC Firearms & Ammo on Harris Court and Big 5 on North Fremont.

“Incompatible uses can lead to disputes and quality of life impacts,” Cole told the council. She suggested preventing any similar businesses from opening “until staff can research appropriate buffers from sensitive uses and research other regulations.”

A future ordinance, she said, could require gun dealers to hold additional insurance, confine them to commercially zoned areas, and require that they be located away from residential areas, schools, liquor stores, bars “and any other use that we might think would be incompatible.” She also said the city could prohibit anyone under the age of 18 from entering a gun store without an adult.

Cole reiterated the emergency ban would not affect the

five that already hold licenses. Of the two dozen people who spoke at the meeting and nearly 30 emails received by the city, just a handful supported the gun shop.

Property owner and gun rights advocate Nelson Vega said he has had two gun stores as tenants and never had a problem. “You would be surprised at the security needed to open a gun shop,” he said.

Ed Albert, a third-generation Monterey resident and gun owner, said responsible retailers must meet strict standards and ensure their businesses operate safely. He argued that gun shops are already highly regulated and that obtaining the necessary federal licenses and other requirements is arduous as it is.

“The gentleman who owns the shop isn’t just going to hand out firearms to anyone who wants them,” commented Ed Stoutenborough, adding that the owner “put in a lot of time and a lot of effort and a lot of money to put this gun shop in.”

“He has a lot of laws he has to cover and a lot of agencies that will be keeping track of him,” he said.

Hijackings and burglaries

But their comments were far outnumbered by those against the business. Several speakers said they don’t oppose gun ownership in general but that the shop is not right for a storefront near preschools, a liquor store and a retirement community.

“I think this was a terrible decision,” Suzanna WittPenn commented, referring to the city’s issuing a business license to L&B. She speculated delivery trucks containing firearms could be hijacked and that the store would be a target for burglars.

Jonathan Wolf said the Oak Grove neighborhood’s character will be negatively affected by the shop, which

will make the area “a destination for people who are seeking weapons.”

“Having a gun store plopped down in the middle of where we purchased our home just really sucks,” he said.

Other residents mentioned an online petition opposing L&B that has garnered more than 300 signatures.

A daily need?

Former Monterey County Assessor Steve Vagnini said his daughter, son-in-law and grandson live in the neighborhood. He said the commercial zoning in the area calls for businesses that serve the daily needs of residents. “Is a gun a daily need?” he asked.

He also speculated the gun store would increase traffic, present safety risks and drive property values down.

“I urge the council to pass the urgency ordinance,” he said. “You’ve already let the cow out of the barn. Hopefully you can get the cow back inside.”

Esther Malkin suggested the city should not allow any more gun stores to open and that having one near schools could lead to another Sandy Hook.

“Gun shops attract clientele who have absolutely no business being within proximity of two preschools,” commented Erika Delemarre. She said such businesses shouldn’t be allowed anywhere near where people and children congregate.

Elysha Iversen asked how “a busy controversial gun shop is beneficial to a neighborhood with a lot of small children” and said the city should revoke L&B’s business license.

Mayor Tyller Williamson thanked community members for bringing the issue to the council’s attention.

“I personally have some feelings in regard to that

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business being there, and I personally look forward to seeing if there are opportunities for that business to move,” he said. Williamson also acknowledged that

“not all gun owners are bad,” and he encouraged everyone to avoid an “us-versus-them mentality.” “I obviously am supporting this ordinance,” he said, “so we can figure out as a community together where we’re going to allow these businesses to operate.” “This item is not about removing people’s right to bear arms or to purchase

them, it’s more about how we envision our neighborhoods,” said councilman Gino Garcia.

‘Legitimate business’

Councilman Ed Smith, a retired Monterey P.D. officer, said gun shops probably shouldn’t be allowed in residential areas. “There are certain businesses that necessitate the right location,” he said. “At the forefront is public safety.” But he does not favor limiting the number in the city or banning future ones. “It’s a legitimate business that has a right to operate,” he said. “We have laws that give people the right to purchase guns when they are fully vetted,” including

required background checks and waiting periods. And councilwoman Jean Rasch said she believes in the right to bear arms and that the owner has a vested right to his business, but she worried the store’s proximity to children and families could cause safety issues. Rash also suggested making gun stores adults-only, and she wondered if the city could use taxpayer funds to buy out L&B’s lease and relocate the store “somewhere more appropriate.” The council unanimously adopted the urgency ordinance, which will come before it again April 1 for an extension for up to a year. It could run as long as two years.

Lawsuit filed over handcuffing

By KELLY NIX


A WOMAN who said she was unnecessarily and aggressively handcuffed by Macy’s security guards after being accused of “switching price tags” on merchandise is suing the Monterey department store, alleging she was injured during the episode. In a lawsuit filed Jan. 23, Foruzandeh Asefi, who lives near Watsonville, said that she was shopping at Macy’s in Del Monte Shopping Center in March 2023 when security guards detained her, accusing her of swapping tags. Asefi claims that she was “cooperative” and did not try to resist or flee but suggested that security employees manhandled her. Despite there “being no evidence on surveillance video that indicated Asefi had been switching tags, Macy’s security personnel handcuffed her unnecessarily in an overly aggressive manner, causing physical injury and emotional distress,” her complaint filed in Monterey County Superior Court alleges. Asefi said the detainment and handcuffing left her with injuries to her wrists, arms and back, which required medical

attention. She also said she incurred medical expenses and ongoing pain and suffering. “The detention and use of force were conducted without reasonable suspicion or probable cause, constituting an abuse of authority by defendants’ security personnel,” according to the lawsuit, which was filed for Asefi by Mitchell & Danoff, a law firm in Hollister. **Ticket for shoplifting** However, court records indicate that on the same day, an officer with the Monterey Police Department issued Asefi a citation for shoplifting at Macy’s. The Monterey District Attorney’s Office subsequently charged her for the misdemeanor crime, and a judge later dropped the charge after Asefi successfully completed a “theft awareness” class. As for her lawsuit, Asefi said Macy’s had a responsibility to ensure her safety from unnecessary harm while she was on the company’s property but claims it failed to do so. “Macy’s breached this duty by failing


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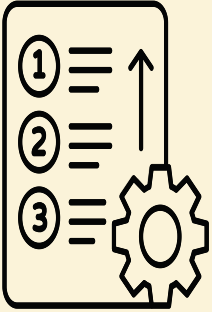
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Kronlund dies at 70, sought solutions to many of Big Sur’s biggest challenges

By CHRIS COUNTS

A LONGTIME resident and the first executive director for the Community Association of Big Sur, Butch Kronlund died Feb. 1 after a lengthy illness. He was 70.

“It is with profound sorrow that we share the news of the passing of Butch,” announced the group. “This has deeply impacted the entire Big Sur community, and we are still finding it hard to express the weight of our loss — CABS will continue to honor Butch’s memory and the incredible work he led.”

Pouring concrete

Besides his work with the Community Association, Kronlund was a general contractor for more than 30 years, mostly in Big Sur. He arrived in the early 1990s to pour concrete during the construction of the Post Ranch Inn and soon made Big Sur his home. In 2008, Kronlund became president of the Coast Property Owners Association.

Often speaking out on topics of concern in Big Sur, Kronlund was a familiar face at quarterly Big Sur Multi-Agency meetings and public hearings at county meetings in Salinas.

Kronlund was often quoted in The Pine Cone. For instance, he spoke out against a “fire tax” the state imposed on Big Sur homeowners in 2012, which he insisted “does not enhance fire protection services one iota.”

Over the past decade, Kronlund led local efforts to count traffic along Highway 1, identify illegal campsites and create a process to determine the alignment of the Big Sur portion of the future California Coastal Trail.

In 2018, Kronlund became the Coast Property Owners

Association’s first executive director — shortly before the group expanded its mission and morphed into the Community Association of Big Sur. The same year, he worked with others to develop a pilot shuttle program for reducing gridlock along Sycamore Canyon Road, which leads to Pfeiffer Beach.

In 2019, he and others promoted “The Big Sur Pledge” to call attention to the rising issues associated with over-tourism. They also held up signs at Bixby Bridge, which had turned into a traffic quagmire. “This is not a protest, but an opportunity to educate visitors in a positive way,” Kronlund told The Pine Cone, which ran a photo of him waving at passing motorists.

In 2020, he joined a stakeholders’ group to shape the Big Sur Destination Stewardship Plan, which was created to help manage the rise in tourism. He spoke with the newspaper about the plan.

“Our community is saying that what is happening now isn’t acceptable,” he said, displaying his “can-do” attitude. “There has to be a solution — doing nothing is not an option.”

Full and meaningful life

In addition to his active role in community affairs, Kronlund was a natural athlete who played basketball at the College of the Redwoods and abroad, and he loved beach volleyball. In 1999, while playing first base for the Outlaws in the Big Sur Softball League, he hit three home runs in a championship game.

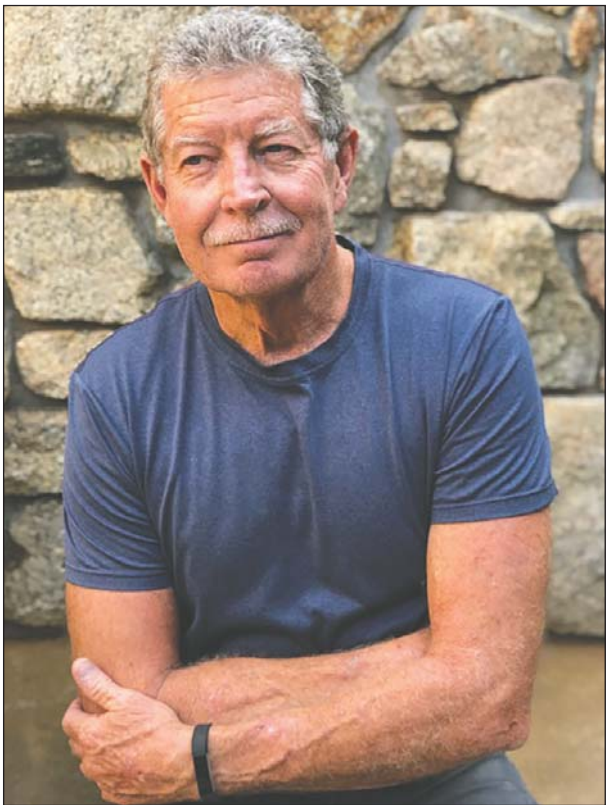
Nepenthe restaurant general manager Kirk Gafill, who worked closely with Kronlund on many issues, called his passing a big loss for the Big Sur community.

“He was a remarkable guy with an incredible amount of energy,” Gafill said. “He put himself fully into a role of how challenges can be addressed in a constructive way. The direction he took with CABS reflected that spirit. He looked well beyond his own personal interests in the community — he left us far too soon.”

Former County Supervisor Mary Adams credited Kronlund and his wife, Patte, with playing an invaluable role in bringing food to Big Sur after the Pfeffer Creek Bridge collapsed in 2017.

“He really left his mark on Big Sur in a positive way,” Adams said. “He brought so much dedication, strength and ability to the table — to the benefit of all of us.”

Supervisor Kate Daniels called Kronlund “an incredibly easy person to love.”



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General contractor and Big Sur community activist Butch Kronlund, who died Feb. 1 at the age of 70.

“I can’t think of anyone who I am more grateful to have encountered in this public service journey,” Daniels said. “It is rare to find people like Butch who are so committed to doing better and making things better for everyone. Big Sur will forever be impacted by his love and dedication. And we will continue to do this work that he inspired us to do.”

He leaves behind his wife, Patte, who is now executive director for the Community Association of Big Sur.

“I have so much in my heart to say about Butch and the incredible person he was, but words seem so small at this moment,” she shared in an email. “I will say he lived a full, meaningful and fun life ...”

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operating while construction is underway.

One reason he retired in 2021 was his frustration over the remodel failing to progress, he added, and one reason he returned “is because I want to make this happen. But we continue to talk about it, and I’m tired of talking about it. I really am.”

During public comment, Malek said his alternative design is smaller, at 11,502 square feet, but would provide everything CPD needs, including interview areas, evidence processing and storage, a holding cell, public restrooms, a training room and secure parking. The entrance would be moved to the area just north of public works, and new construction would expand over the unbuilt areas between the two departments. Public works would relocate to the former police building following its renovation.

‘Don’t dither’

Whatever happens, former Mayor Ken White — who played a key role in the \$21.65 million renovation of Sunset Center two decades ago — urged the council to include everything the department needs rather than cut corners to save a few bucks.

“Don’t dither around,” he urged.

But restaurateur Rich Pepe doubted there’s community support for raising the necessary \$30 million to \$40 million and criticized Tomasi for being too invested. “I feel like the chief shouldn’t be making this presentation, because he speaks more like an applicant than someone giving an unbiased report,” he said.

Former CPD officer and longtime paramedic Cynthia Williams said it would be naive to simply try to update the station.

“It’s time to stop talking about it. I voted for you guys to make these decisions, to make the people who keep us safe, safe,” she said. “That is your job. The renovation is long overdue.”

Speakers also sparred over the estimated cost. While Indigo architect John Hammond said it would probably run

around \$1,200 per square foot, because “a civic building is much more expensive,” home builder Al Saroyan called that figure “outrageous.”

“This is an office building with special uses,” he argued. “We could build a brand-new building for \$400 per square foot.”

‘Economy, simplicity’

Later in the meeting, city administrator Chip Rerig took issue with Saroyan’s comment. “This is different than building a single-family dwelling in Carmel-by-the-Sea,” he said. “This is a specific, purpose-built, 365, 24/7 building.”

Mayor Dale Byrne said he and the council “all understand we have to do a serious construction project to bring the building up to code,” and councilman Hans Buder suggested going through Indigo’s facilities analysis to see what items on the list are must-haves and which are more discretionary. He also wants to provide more design guidance to whichever architect is chosen.

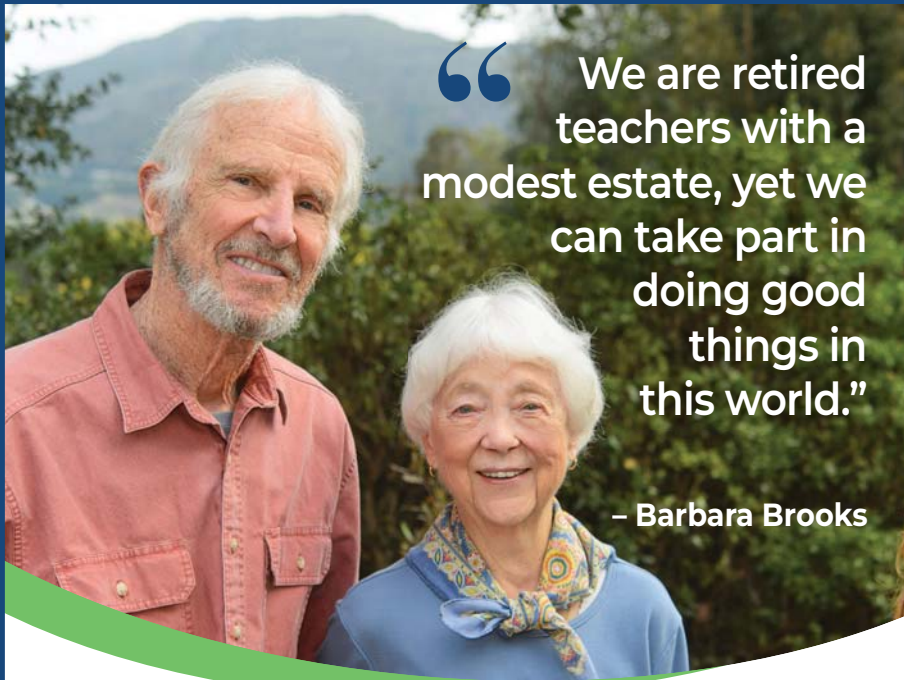
Councilman Bob Delves said he likes the idea of using “economy, simplicity and practicality” to guide the design and acknowledged the council will have to seek support from the community to undertake such a significant project.

Malek’s design “rang true to me,” Dramov said, adding that she found it well thought out, a good fit for Carmel and more affordable. “I’m not a fan at all of what we’ve seen from Indigo, and I frankly don’t think we should spend any more money going down that path,” she said.

If the Carmel Public Library Foundation can raise \$15 million to \$20 million to renovate Harrison Memorial Library — a fundraising effort that’s underway — Byrne said, the community should be able to put together \$10 million to \$12 million for a new station. He also said U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta pledged to secure federal taxpayer funds for the project.

“I think we have a lot of smart people in this town that could help us figure out the right plan and I think we have a lot of wealthy people who will help us finance it,” he said.

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PATRICIA HOFFMAN ZAMPATTI

Patricia Hoffman Zampatti was born Feb. 25, 1934 and died Jan. 28, 2025, age 90. Patricia was raised in Pacific Grove. She attended Pacific Grove schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. She graduated from San Jose State University in 1955 with a teaching credential and degree in home economics.

As a teenager, Patricia was fortunate enough to have her own horse and with her brother, Paul, would ride from Carmel Valley to the Salinas Rodeo on trails that no longer exist. She married Bob Zampatti on Aug. 3, 1956. They had no children of their own, but Patricia took great interest in children's welfare. She was an officer in the Children's Home Society of the Monterey Peninsula. She taught English to Vietnamese and Chinese students in Vietnam, where husband, Bob, was stationed. Patricia delighted in the things that Bob liked to see and do. She liked watching people, particularly the children. They would ride the local buses in Mexico to get the feel of the new cultures they were experiencing.



Patricia was an excellent cook and an avid mystery book reader. She ran the household and paid the bills. She was an excellent traveling companion and would be excited about the places she and Bob were going to visit. Together they visited Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, Italy, England, Germany, France, Norway, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and the South Pacific. Patricia particularly enjoyed visiting their friends in England.

Patricia was married to Bob for 68 years. Her love was deep and enduring. Bob's reflections on their relationship are expressed in these words, "When I'd come home from work, I could see in her eyes how much she was devoted to me. I'd wake up in the morning thinking about what adventures are we going to have that day. She was always there to support me. I can't remember ever having a fight with her."

Patricia is survived by her husband, Bob. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Ruth Hoffman; her brother, Paul Hoffman; and sister-in-law, Glenda Battersby Hoffman.

Memorial services will take place at Park Lane Senior Community, Monterey and at Del Mesa Carmel, Carmel Valley. Dates to be determined.

County sells off stuff: Cash only! Sales final!

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MONTEREY COUNTY is selling off old desks, file cabinets, office chairs, tables and other well-used government furniture — but you better come very prepared if you're planning on purchasing something.

The county will sell the items in Salinas Feb. 28 at 1488 Schilling Place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. An announcement for the event comes with a litany of rules and warnings.

"Equipment sold 'as is,' 'where is.' Sales are final 'Cash & carry.' EXACT CASH. No personal checks accepted. No exceptions," the announcement says.

The notice for the county's one-day sale goes on to say "equipment to load or dismantle is NOT available," and "No assistance available to load (come prepared to haul away)."

Oh, and items "can't be held" and purchased goods "must be removed between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m."

Finally, the county says, "Bring your own tie-down and securing equipment."

Items range from \$4 stacking chairs to a \$55 three-piece, U-shaped desk.

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Debora Frances Embody

On January 19, 2025, Debora Frances Embody, affectionately known as Deb, passed away at home on her birthday, after a courageous nine-year battle with cancer. Deb was an inspiration to all who knew her, facing every challenge with humor, resilience and an unwavering love for those dearest to her.



Born in San Jose, California, to Inez and Raymond Embody, Deb's journey was one of adventure, artistry and reinvention. She attended Blackford High School and San Jose City College before embarking on a career as a flight attendant with United Airlines, where she soared through the skies and embraced her love of travel. But her creative spirit soon led her to a new passion — hair design. Mastering the prestigious Yosh techniques, she became a highly sought-after stylist and co-founded Headlines Hair Design in Campbell, California in 1976, with her dear friend and business partner, Kathy Picetti. For over 25 years, their salon thrived as a welcoming and innovative space, a true reflection of Deb's exceptional talent, warm heart, and dedication to her clients, many of whom became lifelong friends. Deb and Kathy also poured

their vision and creativity into building a stunning ocean-view home in Carmel, a place that became a cherished retreat filled with warmth, beauty, and the spirit of their friendship.

Beyond her career, Deb's artistry knew no bounds. She and her beloved partner of 37 years, Liz Stavrinides, shared a love story built on deep devotion, unwavering support, and a shared vision for beauty and creativity. Together, they transformed houses into homes — meticulously designing and renovating exquisite living spaces that reflected their impeccable taste and boundless imagination. From Carmel to La Quinta and back again, every place they touched became a sanctuary of warmth and elegance, a testament to their shared passion for design and each other.

Deb is preceded in death by her mother, Inez Rutherford (and stepfather Robert Rutherford); her father, Raymond Embody; and grandmother, Francesca Zublena. She is survived by her devoted partner and love of her life, Liz Stavrinides; her loving sister, Cyndi Embody, and her children, Ocean, River and Kaela; half-sister, Phyllis Bell; and stepsister, Becky Silva; her dear friend Kathy Picetti; and her treasured fur babies, Bear, Enzo and Arlon.

Deb's vibrant spirit, infectious laughter, and boundless creativity left an unforgettable mark on all who knew her. Whether she was crafting stunning hairstyles, transforming houses into sanctuaries, or filling a room with her radiant humor, she embraced life with independence, courage, and an undeniable sense of style.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Nancy Rubin of Pacific Cancer Care for nine years of extraordinary care. Special thanks to Stacy J. Shymansky, MCE, for her compassionate expertise in alternative medicine, whose unwavering support helped extend Deb's life. Deep appreciation also goes to caregivers Sesi and Nala for their kindness and dedication.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Carmel Mission Basilica at 10 a.m. March 4, 2025, followed by a reception at her Carmel Point home. Please RSVP by February 24 to picetti@comcast.net or call 831-277-6020.

"She did it her way, and the world was better for it."

To leave remembrances online, visit bit.ly/debembody



KERMIT JOHN GAYMAN

Kermit John Gayman, 77, died unexpectedly on February 13th. A resident of Salinas at the time of his death, Kermit spent most of his life on the Monterey Peninsula.

Kermit was born Nov. 2, 1947, in Farmington, Ill. to John Earl Gayman and Dorthy Sutton Gayman. A 1965 graduate of Pacific Grove High School, Kermit went on to marry his high school sweetheart, Sharon Edgin, in 1966. They lived in Pacific Grove, Carmel Valley and Prunedale, raising their three children, Steve, Kristy and Karen.

Kermit joined the local electrical union as an apprentice in 1966. Over the next 60 years, he built a career as a journeyman electrician, and was a job foreman at countless local projects, big and small. He was a dedicated member of IBEW Local #234. After retirement in 2005, Kermit and Sharon moved to Anderson, California, where they bought a small farm and pursued their dream of raising Shetland sheep. After Sharon's death in 2017, Kermit and Steve eventually resettled in Salinas.

Kermit will always be remembered for his kindness, devotion to family and willingness to help those in need. He never failed to be a sounding board and dispenser of sage advice to friends and family alike. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening and going for walks with his devoted dog, Charlie.

Kermit is survived by his son, Steve of Salinas; and daughter, Kristy Smith (Tim) of Salinas. He took great pride in his grandchildren, Nicky and Gabby Smith. He is also survived by his sister, Priscilla White (Don) of Anderson, California. He is preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Sharon, in 2017 and his daughter, Karen, in 1993, in addition to his brothers David, Richard, Malcolm, Merrill and Kirk.

At his request, no services will be held.

REFRESH

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According to Hood’s plans, the courtyard’s upgrades include a new fireplace and shed roof, lighting, and electric heaters. The dining-room plans call for a new entry door and window, wine cabinet, booths, servers’ stations, merchandise area, LED lighting and other changes.

The stairs leading from the courtyard to the second-story residence will be removed, since it’s accessible from San Carlos. New lighting and surfaces will be installed in the bar building, and the bar itself will be modified to comply with the ADA. The public restrooms will also be overhauled.

“We hope that Clint Eastwood will be proud of the new

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as bleak.

“Canada and Mexico are two of three most important trading partners for Monterey County fresh food products, so there will be some adjustment on marketplace exports to those countries if tariffs are enacted,” Groot told The Pine Cone Tuesday. “What that dollar figure might be is anyone’s guess, as maybe that also adjusts the domestic market at the same time. It depends on too many market variables to be certain at this time.”

The economic group also said the federal policies would amount to higher costs for gas and groceries, construction materials, car parts, computer chips, medicine and other products.

“And that hurts American consumers as well as manufacturing competitiveness,” it said.

HOTEL

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to a year earlier.

Hotel taxes collected for that period totaled \$1,769,436, marking a 5.52 percent increase from the \$1,676,903 raised during the same two months in 2023. Unlike in the November and December periods, TOT revenues in September and October have steadily increased year over year since their Covid-era low of \$966,633 in 2020, according to the city’s reports.

The average daily room rate charged by the city’s hotels, inns and B&Bs saw a 4.77 percent increase to \$389.79 during September and October 2024 in comparison with the average price a year earlier. In 2020, it was \$257.31.

Those months also saw a 4 percent increase in available inventory compared to 2023, with the opening of The Stilwell at San Carlos and Fifth and other properties, but the number of available rooms slipped a bit in November and December with the closure of Svendsgaard’s Inn for a full interior remodel under its new owners. Therefore, Aubuchon said, 3 percent more rooms were available in those months in 2024 compared to 2023.

SEARCH

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nearby home, but no one knew where he was.

“There was some concern for his health,” Rosas said, suggesting Sherwood had medical issues that warranted an extensive search executed quickly.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Rangers initiated the effort and requested help from the sheriff’s office and its search and rescue team, Monterey County Regional Fire District firefighters, the Carmel Valley Community Emergency Response Team and a California Highway Patrol helicopter.

A member of the sheriff’s search and rescue team located Sherwood’s body off the north bank of the river, which was swollen from the previous day’s rains, just east of the lower parking lot’s entrance, according to Rosas.

“They initially checked all the trails and then did a search along the edge of the water, and that’s where one of our people found him,” he said.

Because of the conditions, the sheriff’s team and Monterey County Regional firefighters coordinated a swift-water rescue to recover his body.

Rosas said an autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday to determine how Sherwood died.

“We don’t know if it was an accident, like a slip and fall, or a medical emergency,” he said.

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re-imagined Hog’s Breath,” Pastor said.

Changes planned for the Eastwood Building include accordion-style doors and a new deck and exterior for the manager’s office.

‘Refined new era’

Four 6-by-6-inch wood columns at each end of the covered walkway will support two wood facade portals with painted signs, and a mural and lighting will be added on the north wall.

Elkadi said the Hog’s Breath renovations will feature Carmel stone, handcrafted redwood slab tables, upgraded leather seating “and an elevated ambiance that pays tribute to its classic warm and historic charm while embracing a refined new era.”

ROGER W. WINSLOW

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Roger W. Winslow on February 4, 2025. Roger was born July 23, 1935, in Cleveland, OH to Zeta (Coulter) and Wallace O. Winslow. Roger is survived by his wife of 53 years, Katherine “Kay” (Quall) of Petoskey, MI; four children, Kerry Winslow of Carmel Valley, CA, Paul (Brandy) Winslow of Alpine, CA, Katie Winslow (Steve Ponstein) of Petoskey, MI and Bill (Alisa) Winslow of Petoskey, MI; six grandchildren, Tyler, Tanner, Jake, Evie, Maxwell and Wesley; two great-grandchildren, Morgan and Melody.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 22 at The First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs, 7940 Cemetery Road, Harbor Springs, MI, officiated by Pastor Nancy Kahaian. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the youth program at the Crooked Lake Sailors (a 501c3) P.O. Box 195 Oden, MI 49764.

His full obituary can be found at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com

While the demolition permit and design plans were approved, the building permit has yet to be issued, permit official Sullivan Carey-Lang said. “We are working on reviewing this as quickly as possible, and we hope within three to four weeks it will be approved and issued.”

In Loving Memory



MARGUERITE LOUISE PALMER

Known as Peggy to family and friends, she passed away in peace after a battle with cancer on January 7, 2025, at the age of 64. Born in Salinas, Marguerite was a resident of Marina, and formerly lived in Pacific Grove and Monterey.

Marguerite attended Pacific Grove High School, class of 1978. She was a patient accounts representative at Community Hospital. Survived by her husband of 45 years, David Palmer; son, James Palmer of Willamina, Oregon; and daughter, Anna Stevens of Monterey. She was very proud of her four grandsons, Ari, Ripley, Sean and Quinn, and enjoyed all the time spent with them.

Surviving brothers are Kenneth Keith, Thomas Keith, Michael Keith and John Keith. Preceded in death by parents James and Shirley Keith and brother James Keith.

No services are planned.

PIERRE JOSEPH MICHEL ANDRE BAIN

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Pierre Joseph Michel Andre Bain at the age of 83. Pierre was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and a humble individual who touched so many lives through his 70 years in the restaurant industry.

Pierre was born on November 30, 1941, in Provence at the Hotel Bain in Comps Sur Artuby, France. As the eldest son, he was destined to follow in his father’s footsteps and take over the family business, which had been passed from father to son since 1737. To prepare for this, he traveled to Bermuda for a year to improve his English. Pierre fell in love with Bermuda, extending his stay to six years before venturing to the United States for what was intended to be a one-year experience. However, three months months before returning to France, he decided to settle a short time in San Francisco, securing a position as a waiter at the renowned restaurant Les Etoiles on Nob Hill.

Pierre’s talent and passion for hospitality led him to Pebble Beach, where he was invited to help open Club XIX. He immediately fell in love with the Monterey Peninsula, accepting a permanent role at Club XIX and spending 20 years as general manager and maître d’, developing it into a premier fine-dining French establishment.

In the late 1970s, after meeting and marrying the love of his life, Marietta, in 1976, Pierre began a new chapter in his profession. In 1986, he co-founded Fandango in Pacific Grove, where he became a true legend, embodying the highest standards of hospitality through his dedication to both his patrons and staff. He had a gift for making people feel special and welcome, treating everyone with the same kindness and respect.



Despite his busy career, Pierre remained deeply connected to his roots, traveling to France every year with his wife, children, and eventually his grandchildren. His greatest joy was witnessing his family together in their cherished village of Comps Sur Artuby.

Beyond his contributions to the hospitality industry, Pierre was a devoted husband, father and friend. His quiet yet quick wit, selflessness and unmistakable French accent were his trademarks. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family, finding true fulfillment in his profession. His presence was a source of comfort, and his passing leaves a tremendous void — not just in the lives of his loved ones, but in the entire Monterey Peninsula community.

Pierre is survived by his beloved wife, Marietta Bain; his children, Rene Bain and Magali Sparks (Danny); his grandchildren, Jackson and Carter; and his brothers, Jean-Marie (Elizabeth), Daniel (Marguerite), and Claude (Chantal); sister-in-law, JoAnne Marcuzzo; and brother-in-law, Louie Marcuzzo

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on February 28, 2025, at San Carlos Cathedral.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Meals On Wheels or The ALS Foundation.

DR. ROBERT MAURICE BRAMMAN

Carmel/Salinas, California — Dr. Robert Maurice Bramman passed away peacefully December 16th, 2024, at the age of 96. He was born June 4, 1928, in Dallas, Texas, to Maurice T. and Josephine F. Bramman. Robert (Bob) was the eldest of two children, a big brother to the late Betty Jo Bramman Somers.

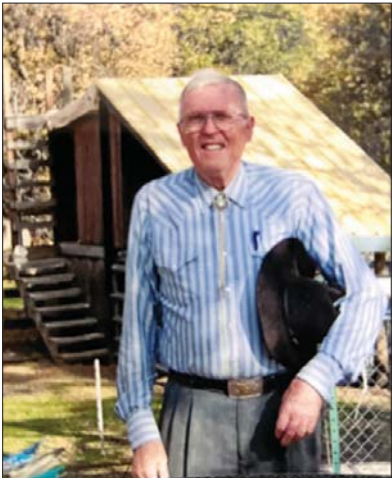


During his early years Bob spent summers on his grandparent's family farm in Clarkson, Nebraska. This is when and where he developed his interest in animals of all kinds. His family moved to Southern California while he was in his early teens, where he attended and graduated from South Pasadena High School. While navigating through high school, Bob maintained and expanded his desire to care for animals. This path led him to the University of California, Davis, where he attended the esteemed College of Veterinary Medicine.

While excelling in his educational endeavors, Bob married Diane Adell Gardner, of San Marino, California. Bob and Diane moved to Greenbrae, in Marin County for Bob's first employment opportunity at the San Rafael Animal Hospital. In quick succession, they were blessed with three wonderful children after moving to a brand new home in Marinwood. While working full time at the animal hospital, Bob enjoyed the perspective and vision of the local Kiwanis Club and he maintained that affiliation for many years.

As an established veterinarian, his next career opportunity took the family to Carmel, California, where he partnered with a former college classmate at the Carmel by the Sea Veterinary Hospital.

He joined a local



Kiwanis Club and in 1975, following in the footsteps of his father, he joined the Fraternal Order of Freemasonry. After nearly 40 years in veterinary medicine, he retired from the Carmel by the Sea Veterinary Hospital. Bob became extremely active in the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star where he met and married Jean Baughn, and they settled in Salinas. He achieved Lodge Master status, amongst a variety of other achievements along the way. Giving almost 50 years to the Masonic Lodge and associated philanthropic organizations, focusing on service to others, he continued to do what he loved. Bob was always delighted to share his time, knowledge and his big smile.

He enjoyed gardening and puttering in the yard, whether it was a lunch break from work or all weekend restoring order in the yard after a storm had



blown through. He was deeply appreciative of the natural beauty on the Monterey Peninsula. With his knowledge and interest in animals of all kinds, he was a very popular docent at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

He had a variety of nicknames that were established over his lifetime: "Spider", "Doctor Bob", "Bo Bo", "Bobby B", "Robert Maurice", "Daddy Buggs" or "Rapid Robert". He will always be remembered for his ability to consume large volumes of salad, his over-cooked toast, bolo ties, his big smile and welcoming personality. Bob touched countless lives and will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his three children, Mark Ryan Bramman of Del Rey Oaks, California; Eric Alan Bramman (Robin) of Mesa, Arizona; Kelly Bramman Gardiner of Phoenix, Arizona. Grandchildren include Justin Taylor Bramman of Mesa, Arizona; Jessica Daniels (Juston) of Phoenix, Arizona; Robert Gardiner of Denver, Colorado.

A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 11 a.m. March 8, 2025, at the Salinas Masonic Center, 48 E. San Joaquin St., Salinas, 93901.

Memorial contributions in Robert Bramman's honor may be made to:

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JANET MARIE TANZI

Oct. 15, 1939 ♦ Feb. 10, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Janet Tanzi, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, Godmother and friend. Janet devoted her life to her faith, family and friends.

Janet is survived by her children, Matteo (Delyna), Lana and Christopher; and grandchildren, Joseph and Vincent, who held a special place in her heart, and she provided them with countless beautiful memories. She is also survived by siblings, Margaret (Roger) and John; as well as her nephews and nieces, Joseph, Christian, Angela, John and Janet.

Janet was predeceased by her loving husband, Joe, and her wonderful parents, Joseph and Lana Olive Quaglia.



A funeral Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25 at San Carlos Cathedral, 500 Church St. in Monterey.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society.



RICHARD CONNELLY

Richard Connelly, 66, of Carmel, passed away peacefully on Jan. 3, 2025, in his home, surrounded by his family.



Richard was born on March 30, 1958, to Robert and Madeline Connelly of Malden, Massachusetts and remained there through his childhood.

Following his graduation from high school, Richard enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving at El Toro in Irvine, CA. He resided in California for the rest of his life.

Richard started his long career in the produce industry in Orange County, Ca. He was passionate and excelled at his work in produce, and spent his life providing for his family.

Richard and Pamela moved with their two sons to Carmel, Ca. in 1989, and has happily had a home here ever since. In his personal life, he was an excellent golfer and avid Boston sports fan. He loved to garden, and search for unique items around the peninsula. Proud bell-ringer at the annual Veterans Day ceremony for many years, he was very active with the local American Legion and helping organize events. He was quick-witted and had an easy time making people laugh. Above all, Richard was a giving friend and caring father.

Richard is survived by his sons, Matthew and Nicholas; as well as his brothers, Robert, Francis and Sean. One of six sons, he is predeceased by brothers Mark and Joseph. Thank you, Jamie, for her friendship and assistance when he needed it most.

He is missed, remembered, and loved.

A private family service will be held in his memory.

REKINDLE

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intensities” before burning out Wednesday morning at about 8 a.m., Mendoza said.

The incident drew a robust response. Several fire departments, a hazmat team, county sheriff’s office, county environmental health, air resources district, and other agencies were on scene Tuesday night, with most of them still there by Wednesday afternoon, the chief said.

One of several public advisories informed nearby residents to close their doors and windows and shut off HVAC systems due to the smoke. Firefighters had planned to stay on scene until Wednesday night in case there was a flare-up, Mendoza said.

Short circuit

Eric Sandusky, who works for the EPA, told reporters Wednesday that the already damaged batteries at the Vistra facility were hit with water from recent storms, which sparked the new fire.

“When water impacts the electrodes in the batteries, it short circuits,” Sandusky explained, adding that “it’s almost a certainty” that after a lithium battery fire a flare-up will occur.

He also said that the EPA is working in coordination with Vistra Energy to disconnect the batteries, which will reduce the chance of another large fire. It’s not clear when that process will occur.

Data gleaned from monitoring equipment did not show

“sustained readings above the moderate air quality index level throughout the entire incident,” Sandusky said. He added that there were a “few spikes that were a minute long or so but not directed toward the community and not for a sustained period of time.”

As of Wednesday afternoon, Sandusky said the EPA had “not seen any indication of adverse health effects to the public.”

Meanwhile, health departments in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties have launched a community survey to “gather information about potential health concerns related to the January 2025 battery fire at the Vistra Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility.”

While many people have reported adverse health effects from the Jan. 16 fire, including headaches, respiratory problems and rashes, officials are urging those who did experience illness to also fill out the survey, which can be found at mtyhd.org/MLFireSurvey and is available through March 14.

The survey does not collect personally identifying information or information about immigration status, the county said.





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Editorial

Why your electric bills are ridiculously high

WHILE MANY people are still seething over the high grocery prices that resulted from the Biden administration’s inflationary policies, we would like to remind them that, no matter how much eggs or bread cost, the average grocery store contains so many choices, there are usually ways to cut your food budget without sacrificing much in the way of taste or nutrition.

This is definitely not true, however, with another group of essential products — energy — that continues to get more expensive, even as price increases moderate in many consumer categories.

This week, Oakland TV station KTVU reported that, while “inflation is running at 3 percent in California year over year, gasoline prices are up 9 percent and climbing for the foreseeable future.” One consoling factor when it comes to gasoline is that it’s sold in a competitive marketplace, which means that sometimes the price actually declines.

Not so with electricity, however, where consumer bills increased an average of 10.6 percent over the last year and continue to soar, with Californians now paying double the national average for the electricity they need to power their homes. And for most of us, there’s no choice about where we get our electricity. We have to buy it from the local monopoly — which, for Monterey Peninsula residents, means Pacific Gas & Electric, a for-profit corporation.

Thank goodness we have the California Public Utilities Commission to restrain PG&E’s greed. As one study of electricity prices recently noted, one of the CPUC’s prime objectives is to ensure the “reasonableness” of prices charged by privately owned utilities. LOL.

Turns out it’s the government that’s responsible for the sky-high prices charged by California’s electricity purveyors. Every time the Legislature or the governor has a pet energy project to pay for, instead of funding it out of the state’s tax revenues, they lard it onto their constituents’ energy bills.

“I think that over the last kind of 10 or 20 years, rates have almost become something of a slush fund,” according to Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, a Democrat from Irvine who leads the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee. “If somebody had an idea, you didn’t have to fight for a general fund allocation, you could just kind of stick it into rates.”

More than 300 programs are funded by ratepayers, she added, according to the Sacramento Bee.

“No one’s ever done a look back and asked, “You know, what’s working, what’s not, are we spending these dollars effectively,” Petrie-Norris said.

In addition, when Gov. Gavin Newsom commissioned a report on ways to cut California’s sky-high electricity bills, one of the prime targets identified by a legislative analyst was the subsidy paid to people who have installed solar. “The CPUC reports that 21 percent to 27 percent of ratepayers’ bills pay for programs that benefit solar-panel owners,” according to the Bee.

Between those subsidies and the 300 pet projects mentioned by Norris, all you have to add are the huge costs of mitigating the state’s wildfire danger, and you have everything you need to send electricity bills through the roof — and soon, it seems, all the way to Mars.

Meanwhile, U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright began his confirmation hearings in front of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee back in January with some impressively cogent words about the importance of electricity and other energy sources to human prosperity and well-being.

“Energy is the essential agent of change that enables everything that we do,” Wright said. “A low-energy society is poor. A highly energized society can bring health, wealth, and opportunity for all.”

Speaking to the staff at the Department of Energy a few weeks later, he expanded on the theme, pointing out that most of the world’s population lives on one-quarter of the energy used by the average American and offering that, to improve global standards of living, “We’ve got to make electricity more abundant and more affordable.”

Are you listening, California?

BEST of BATES



OK, but first, one more libation, then to Mission Ranch to watch the sunset, then dinner at Raffaello, and then to the Highlands Inn for the night. Then tomorrow, lunch at La Rustica, and THEN I’ll introduce you to my father.”

Letters to the Editor

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Give us a break

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the Jan. 31 editorial, “CEQA can’t catch a break.” It was an informative introduction to the issues with CEQA and government overregulation.

Then, in the next issue, Paul Weyant of Pacific Grove wrote to a letter to the editor, “More CEQA follies,” highlighting CEQA issues for fire prevention and dealing with the local authorities in his neighborhood. This is the issue!

We should be thankful to Gov. Gavin Newsom for his instructions to hold back CEQA requirements for the Los Angeles fire victims. This should hopefully allow them to expedite rebuilding their homes and their lives. However, the instructions do not go far enough. He has not addressed the issue of CEQA regulations for the prevention of fires through proper land management.

The politicians would like to blame the

disastrous L.A. fires on global warming. To make matters worse, there were high Santa Ana winds, no water in the hydrants, firefighting vehicles in the maintenance yard for service, etc. All of these did not help the efforts of the firefighters.

This month, Congress has held hearings regarding the L.A. fire. Authorities were interviewed reported that CEQA was also to blame. For the past 25-plus years, there have been restrictions on clearing property for fire mitigation. It was reported that if some of these areas had been maintained, it would have helped bring the fire under control sooner.

Newsom has lessened CEQA restrictions for the Los Angeles fire victims, but as Firewise communities, we are trying to educate our neighbors on how not to become victims. In Carmel Valley, we have firebreaks that need to be maintained. We have areas that need to be cleared of dead underbrush and other flammable vegetation.

Some grants have been awarded for fire mitigation, but they are delayed for years to allow for inspection after inspection and then another inspection before the brush clearing and pruning can proceed.

Our representatives in Sacramento need to work with Newsom to revisit CEQA now to eliminate the layers of red tape and micromanagement. We would prefer to clean up our neighborhoods before a fire comes and make them fire-safe, rather than a cleanup after our house is gone!

Hans Haselbach,
Carmel Valley

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A band of brothers, a brother’s bagels and the birth of Bella

ANDREA CARTER is probably best known for her band, Andrea’s Fault, but for a while, it looked as if she might specialize in silence. She was born in Jersey City, N.J., and, in 1972, earned a teaching degree from Jersey City State College. Her mother was a teacher, and Carter understood the fundamental role that educators

ways to express the creative part of me, so I also did monthly cartoon comic strip ads that appeared in the Monterey Herald. The bakery was a very successful enterprise,” she added.

She then took a job with Hampton-Brown Publishing in Carmel. “I made use of the lessons I learned at the Bagel Bakery of being responsible and committed to my job,” she said. That paid off, as she started in 1978 as the little publishing company’s fifth employee and remained for 28 years as it grew into one of the leading textbook publishing companies in the country and was purchased by National Geographic in 2006.

Baez, Dylan

By then, she was ready for a change and had time to devote to the true overriding passion of her life, music. At summer camp when she was 10, Carter learned three chords on the guitar. It was an instant love affair with the instrument, and she pleaded with her parents until they bought her one. She remembers either having it in her hands or listening to folk music most every waking moment. It was the time of Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. “Although I hated Jersey City, I was only one subway train away from New York’s Greenwich Village — McDougal Street, Bleeker Street — and my brother took me there to see and hear it all,” she recalled.

She had always loved playing music but was terribly shy, never considered herself a singer and never wanted to perform in public. Then, in 1995 — at 45 years of age — she got up the courage to go to an open mic night at Morgan’s Coffee House in Monterey. “I got on stage and I was scared out of my wits. I trembled and shook. I sang a

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PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

Andrea Carter and Darrin Michell have been playing and singing together for more than 20 years.

Great Lives

By CARLIN JARDINE

play in children’s lives, but after completing student teaching, she realized it wasn’t for her. “Those kids could run all over me,” she said. “I didn’t want to be a disciplinarian.”

During a visit to her brother, River Gurtin, who was living in Big Sur, she also went to San Francisco. There, she fell in love with mime after watching a street performance. “On my return, I was running around putting on whiteface for any reason I could find, pretending I was a mime,” she said.

‘People smile’

Just after she finished college, Gurtin called to say he was taking a mime class at Monterey Peninsula College and they were forming a troupe. Four days later, Carter was settled in a spare bedroom in her brother’s rental on Belden Street in New Monterey.

She hadn’t been happy in Jersey City. She found it cold and unfriendly — nobody even made eye contact when they passed on the street. “The first thing I noticed when I moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1972 was that people smiled and said ‘hello’ to me as they walked by. I felt for the first time that I wasn’t invisible.”

Carter went to mime lessons five mornings a week and at night worked on Cannery Row in a sweet-shop. “I sold chocolate by the pound, and I ate chocolate by the pound, and every night, walking up the hill to my home, I felt I was living in a John Steinbeck novel,” she mused. The mime troupe performed for two years throughout the Monterey Peninsula. At the Highlands Inn, as part of their final show, she and Gurtin mimed a story they had written titled “Piouette and the Tin Soldier,” a tale that still resonates with her and illustrates the merger of creativity, talent and love.

Comics

She worked for two years at the Bagel Bakery in Monterey — which Gurtin co-founded — baking, rolling and selling bagels, and interviewing and hiring people. “I’ve always found

From dreamscape to gallery wall

CARMEL HILLS artist Bonnie Sailer has found a way to turn some of her wildest dreams into reality with a few thousand strokes of her paintbrush.

Making the rest of her dreams come true is an altogether different challenge.

Sailer’s portfolio of oil paintings is diverse, ranging from Old Masters-type portraiture, to colorful, surrealistic landscapes in expressionist/impressionist styles.

Those landscapes are part of her “Dream

galleries.”

The beauty and quality of the art is in the eye of the beholder. That beholder also is looking for art that fits the theme of the gallery. And, of course, in Carmel-by-the-Sea — a place with a robust population of artists — the galleries are inundated with wide-eyed hopefuls.

“Half the time, you’re not talking to an owner, or a decision-maker. Half the time, it’s a corporate gallery,” she said. “A lot of times, it’s a really painful experience and you kind of walk away with your tail between your legs.”

Sailer’s evolution as an artist began at age 4, when she sketched a detailed copy of a commercial painting

that hung on a wall of her family’s Santa Clara home.

Her kindergarten teacher once called to complain that little Bonnie was being anti-social, refusing to “play house” with her classmates. When the teacher put her in a corner with finger paints and paper (her

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Series,” so named because she often hurries from her bed to her sketch pad in the middle of the night to capture a vision she saw in her sleep.

“What I see in my dreams can be so exciting that I’ll get up and make a sketch and notes, so I can remember the colors and the ethereal kind of light and feelings I was experiencing in the moment,” she said. “It’s not like painting from a photo or from real life — it’s very different.”

At the same time, the life of the full-time artist can be a relentless paradox — a blissful blend of creativity and independence conjoined with the often humbling challenge of the business side of the art world.

Double-edged

Sailer has a contentious relationship with that double-edged sword and is aware that she’s not alone.

“I’ve been talking to a lot of other artists, finding that a lot of us feel underappreciated,” said Sailer, who studied for nearly six years at San Francisco’s Academy of Art University, then made a creative living as an illustrator, interior and landscape designer, and gallery director, among other professions.

Her hunger to become a fine-art painter remained in mothballs for 25 years during her professional career, until 2012, when she relocated to Pacific Grove and began teaching herself to paint with oils.

Three years later, she made a leap of faith, embracing the daunting challenge of painting full-time.

“It was total freedom,” she said. “I can paint in my pajamas, I’ve got my cat with me, I’m listening to music ... it’s wonderful. But there’s also pressure, just trying to find a way to get by. You can’t really control the success you get out of it, even if your art is really good.”

The gallery game

Sailer confesses to some naivete as she began offering her work to galleries in this art-crazy community. “I thought it would be easy,” she said. “But, on the average, they don’t want to talk to you at a lot of



PHOTO/COURTESY BONNIE SAILER

The diverse portfolio of Carmel Hills artist Bonnie Sailer includes impressionist and expressionist landscapes and seascapes, and Old Masters-inspired animal paintings, which she offers on commission.

mom’s suggestion), the 5-year-old thrived.

By age 7, she was sitting at her own sewing machine, creating clothes for her Barbie dolls.

A detail-oriented child

“I was a very detail-oriented child,” she said. “I dragged my mother around to find coloring books that had the smallest, most intricate drawings. And we actually found some.”

As a seventh grader, Sailer’s complex sketch of a human body won a science competition. Two years later, her very first oil painting, of an historic mission in San Diego, won first prize in the Native Daughters of the Golden West Landmark Art Contest.

“I think that was a coming-into-my-own moment that helped me realize that I really did have some artistic skills,” she said.

Bored with school, Sailer graduated from Santa Clara High in three years, got an uninteresting job in the jewelry department at Macy’s, then, at 18, took flying lessons at the Watsonville airport.

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“I got my pilot’s license, flew for about three years, and thought about a career in flying,” she said. “But it was such an expensive hobby that I chose to save some money and go to art school instead.”

Her experience at the San Francisco Academy of Art was often “maddening,” she said, because virtually all of the instruction was in black and white.

“They didn’t let us touch color for the first three years. They basically wanted us to learn about chiaroscuro (contrasting light with shadow), perspective drawing and tonal value,” said Sailer, who enrolled on her own dime, but won illustration scholarships in each of her first two years.

“To me, and to a lot of others, that was torture. We thought it was insane,” she said. “But in hindsight, I think it made me a better artist, because it gave me a really good foundation.”

Her first profession — illustration — led to a two-year freelancing stint on the NASCAR racing circuit, drawing cars and creating designs for the drivers, a gig she remembers as one of the best times in her life.

“My brother loved watching ‘Rocky and Bullwinkle’ when we were little, but I always wanted to watch NASCAR,” she remembered with a laugh. “I loved watching those cars race around the track, even as a 5-year-old. And actually being at the track, and in the pits, experiencing all that supercharged energy as an adult, was pretty thrilling.”

Peninsula magic

She subsequently managed a Martin Lawrence Gallery in Santa Clara, then a photography gallery in Sausalito, and designed high-end exhibits for a trade-show company before devoting herself to fine-art painting as a career.

The magic of the Monterey Peninsula was transformative, she said.

“I discovered that it has this mysterious

halo of atmospheric light,” she said. “I’ll be somewhere, taking in nature, and notice this particular kind of light above the tree line that changes all the colors, and changes all the feeling.”

“And it’s never the same,” Sailer said. “You can see that light in Carmel and in Pebble Beach, but it’s best in Pacific Grove. That’s where I feel the most creative.”

Sailer also specializes in intimately detailed Old Masters-style pet portraits on a commission basis. One such portrait even won a first-place national award in 2024.

Four of her cat paintings currently are on exhibit at the 480 Lighthouse gallery in Pacific Grove, and she’s hoping to interest a Carmel gallery in her work this year.

For additional information about commissioned work, and to view images of Sailer’s paintings, prints, and giclées, visit her Instagram pages @bonniesailerfineart and @catartistofcarmel. You can also contact her at b.sailer77@gmail.com.

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GAVEL

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manager Alma Sanchez and victim advocate Sonia Buenrostro. Court facility support dogs Norma Jeane and Armani provided the victims with support at the sentencing hearing.

Jan. 21 — Judge Jennifer O’Keefe sentenced Sergio Marquez, 61, a resident of Salinas, to five years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. On Sept. 5, 2024, Marquez pled to all guilty to one count of Penal Code section 289(a) (1) — digital penetration by force, one count of Penal Code section 288A(b)(1) — oral copulation of a person under 18 years, one count of Penal Code section 289(h) — digital penetration of a person under 18 years, and one count of Penal Code section 288(c) — lewd or lascivious act on a child 14 or 15 years old. One of these offenses constitutes a serious and violent felony and is considered a strike under California’s three strikes Law. Marquez was also ordered to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

In August of 2022, detectives from the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office began investigating Marquez for past sexual assaults against several of his former North County High School students. During 2005 to 2021, Marquez molested Jane Doe 1, Jane Doe 2, and Jane Doe 3 at different times while they were his students in his automotive class. He began a relationship with Doe 1 when she

was 17 years old and it continued until she was 18 years old. The molestation upon Doe 2 occurred one time when she was 17 years old. Doe 3 was 14 years old when he slapped her buttocks one time over her clothes. Doe 1, Doe 2, and Doe 3 delayed reporting the incidents for many years. According to research into sexual assault victim behavior, it is very common for victims to delay reporting the sexual abuse, especially when the victim is a minor and has a close relationship with the perpetrator.

This case was investigated by Monterey County Sheriff’s Detective Christian Zarate. Does 1, 2, and 3 were assisted by district attorney victim witness advocate Alma Sanchez.

HANDCUFFS

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to properly train their employees, by using excessive force, and by negligently detaining Asefi,” the complaint goes on to say.

She claims personal injury and negligence and is seeking an undisclosed amount in monetary damages exceeding \$35,000 for hospital and medical bills.

A spokesperson from the Macy’s corporate office told The Pine Cone Thursday that the company doesn’t comment on ongoing litigation.



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song or two, my voice quivering, but I kept coming back every week,” she said.

It was a creative time in Carter’s life. She began writing songs and meeting musicians at Morgan’s, and she put together a group to perform a tune she had written. It received a standing ovation and owner Morgan Christopher asked her to do a concert. “And that’s how my band, Andrea’s Fault, was born 30 years ago. We just kept

ADU

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Carmel being the unique and protected place that it is, consultants are urged to read the city’s 20-plus-year-old residential design guidelines to “understand the qualities and architectural heritage of the village,” so they can develop an idea of what should be included in a set of objective standards.

The deadline to submit a proposal is 5 p.m. March 3. Evaluations will be conducted March 10, and consultant interviews and presentations, if any, will take place the week of March 17, with contract negotiations and execution expected to occur the week of March 24.

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going,” she offered. “I was extremely nervous and shy as a performer. It took five years for me not to shake, shiver and get sick before a performance.”

From 2006 to 2012 she also wrote, performed and recorded for The Song Legacy, a company that created custom songs for special occasions for people all over the world.

Getting jazzy

Andrea’s Fault shifted from originals and coffee house sounds to jazz and pop standards, and Carter began writing and singing jazz. “I went into a recording studio in Monterey with some of the top jazz musicians on the Peninsula and recorded 14 of my songs, some featured on Pandora Radio. You can hear me in the same place you can hear Norah Jones and Billie Holiday,” she said with a smile.

Her namesake group is a collection of musicians who work in different combinations. She and her partner, Darin Michell, on lead guitar and vocals, play duets for parties, restaurants and corporate events. With Ben Herod on sax and clarinet, they became the Andrea Carter Trio, playing the Cypress Inn on Sunday mornings for the past 13 years.

Rick Chelew on upright bass — a member of the original Andrea’s Fault — rounds out the players who make up two trios and a quartet bearing her name.

“They’re all versatile and phenomenal musicians and I’m privileged to be able to work with them. They’re my brothers,” she said. In addition to guitar, Carter also plays

the drums.

Last year, she was going through a journal that included mime stories she worked on in the early 1970s and came across “Pirouette and the Tin Soldier.”

“As I read it, I knew I had to make it into a book,” she said. Friend and illustrator Marcia Bateman provided artwork, and they transformed it into “Bella and the Tin Soldier.” It was a tribute to her brother for all he had done for her since childhood, and Carter finished the book in time to present it to him before his passing in December.

“He was one of the most influential people in my life and for every important shift in it. I’m so in love with my life here on the Monterey Peninsula, and River was the one who got me here.”

“Bella and the Tin Soldier” is carried by River House Books in the Crossroads and the Phoenix Shop at Nepenthe in Big Sur. Carter’s dream is to find a literary agent who can interest a major publisher to take it on and maybe even help to inspire a renewed interest in mime.



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Three other county supervisors offered tepid responses to the idea, including Glenn Church, who represents District 2. Church cited the county's "fluid financial situation," including a projected \$20 million budget deficit in fiscal year 2025-2026.

"Has it been discussed about where that money would come from, what kind of scope it would have, and how expensive it would be?" Church asked.

County civil rights officer Juan P. Rodriguez didn't have the answers but said the study would seek to address those questions. Rodriguez said that the universal income programs he knows of are not funded with taxpayer dollars but through community foundations.

District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo questioned whether a universal income program is "a priority at this time, with so many other pressing needs," and said tracking the impacts of such initiatives is "very intensive."

'Randomly selected'

Rodriguez conceded that he does not know if the county is going to be able to accomplish its goal of implementing the program, but said that a study on the idea could be completed by 2030. He said educational institutions, such as Middlebury Institute of International Studies and Cal State Monterey Bay, could be involved in the analysis.

"I'm a pragmatist," he said. "We will do the low-hanging fruit, the things that the community needs the most."

District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez said he "shared the concerns" about the proposal and noted the City of Stockton's guaranteed income plan, which was started in February 2019 and gave 125 "randomly selected residents" \$500 per month for 24 months with philanthropy money.

"I don't know that the outcomes [of the Stockton program] are what people expected," Lopez said.

Los Angeles' universal income program, started in 2022, included \$1,000 in monthly payments to 1,000 residents for three years. About 250 community college students in Los Angeles pursuing careers in the health industry in November 2024 started receiving \$1,000 per month for 12 months.

Proponents say that income initiatives can help supplement other social welfare programs, since recipients can spend the money the way they want, and allows some people to avoid having to work several jobs. Critics point to the cost and say it can deter people from working.

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LETTERS

From page 22A

Please fix the potholes

Dear Editor,

Just wondering when/if the town of Carmel has any plans to repair its damaged streets and sidewalks? I was a “victim” of said neglect the other day when my car hit a rather large pothole on Ocean Avenue, leading to a flat tire and significant rim damage, in addition to misalignment, etc. Because it was an older sports car, we estimate the cost of damage to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. This is extremely frustrating, and I have often commented on the lack of oversight to Carmel’s roads and am bewildered why no one in city government appears to think it’s a problem.

For a “charming” town dedicated to tourism, what kind of message does this send? It’s a disgrace. So where are our tax dollars being diverted? In addition, if the streets are not going to be better lit at night, these “bumps in the road” are a hazard for anyone visiting Carmel in the evening. Good luck staying upright!

Denise Larkin, Carmel

A thought on affordable housing

Dear Editor,

Does California really have an affordable housing crisis?

The need for more housing is generally driven by unfilled demand. That unfilled demand arguably includes as many as 25 million illegal immigrants living in the United States, with perhaps as many as 4 million living in California.

The illegal immigrant population clearly drives the need for more affordable housing in California, including all of the associated costs that challenge the solvency of our local communities.

California taxpayers cannot afford this additional cost burden for the illegal population, while at the same time having to fund the astronomical cost of local government worker’s CalPERS pensions.

Wouldn’t it be more sensible for California to cooperate with the Trump administration in deporting illegal immigrants, rather than demanding that our taxpayer base continue to provide illegal immigrants with yet more housing subsidies which are undermining the financial stability of all of our local communities? The needs of our legal citizens and local communities should always be the priority.

We have a leadership crisis in California, not a lack of affordable housing for our legal citizens.

David Quinnert, Carmel

Fandango’s excellence

Dear Editor,

I was saddened to read about the death of Fandango restaurateur Pierre Bain. As a longtime resident of Pacific Grove, I have frequented Fandango, when Pierre was still personally greeting guests. During his absence, Miguel Velasquez, the penultimate maitre d’, stepped in to fulfill that role. And fill it he has.

Miguel greets every patron with exuberance, which makes one feel as if the dining experience starts the moment you enter Fandango’s door. He doesn’t stop there. No utensil, fork or napkin falls without his immediately picking it up. And when the entrée arrives, he always checks in to ensure satisfaction.

Apart from Fandango, there are few restaurants where I feel comfortable dining alone. Sure, Fandango’s food is good, but Miguel’s service and attention are extraordinary. I write this letter because, in my opinion, what makes Fandango special now is the TLC Miguel provides.

To me, credit deserved needs to be credit given. Kudos to Miguel, who helps keep an exceptional restaurant exceptional.

Jill Kleiss, Pacific Grove

Beautification plan

Dear Editor,

At its Wednesday night meeting, the Pacific Grove City Council delayed a well planned civic beautification project by a nonprofit called Pacific Grove Cares. P.G Cares was created by local resident Peggy Gibbs to beautify public spaces starting with Tommy Stillwell Park and Chase Park West at Lovers Point. The organization has raised almost \$30,000 from a variety of residents and businesses to return these iconic pieces of city property to wonderful and pleasing places of rest and visual beauty.

The proposal to the city had already been approved unanimously by the city’s beautification and natural resources commission. All of the work would have been done by professional landscapers hired and paid for by P.G. Cares and approved by the city. 25 volunteers would maintain the new landscaping, and in the same fashion as is done in Carmel-by-the-Sea by Carmel Cares.

There is no date set for the P.G. City Council to reconsider the beautification work. In a time when the city is considering the stressed budget and must make difficult choices, it’s not clear why the city council would not be 100 percent behind an exciting new charitable organization which would pick up some of the workload and continue to revitalize iconic landmarks that make Pacific Grove the gem of the coast.

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Section 2

Padres strong enough to weather unexpected change to their roster

THE UNIVERSITY of Alabama football program swooped in and swiped the centerpiece of Carmel High’s powerhouse boys basketball team in early January, but the heart of a talent-laden roster is beating strong.

The 2025 Padres will take an 18-5 overall record into this year’s postseason playoffs, where they’ll be defending

is Jackson Lloyd, a 6-foot-6, 285-pound mountain of athleticism who graduated from high school six weeks ago and departed for ‘Bama, where a full-ride football scholarship awaited.

To characterize that as a big blow is an accurate (and unintended) pun. Lloyd led Carmel’s 2024 basketball team in points (15.7 per game), rebounds (8.7), and field goal accuracy (68 percent). He also led in blocked shots (1.7), taking it very personally whenever an opposing player tried to drive the lane.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Multi-talented senior Simeon Brown can drive and dish, gun from the outside, rebound and play defense. He’s been a varsity stalwart for all four seasons at Carmel.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

the Central Coast Section Division 4 championship they won a year ago with most of the same team.

Carmel was likely to receive a high seed in the bracket, which was set to be announced Wednesday. The Padres were expected to get a first-round home game on Saturday or Tuesday.

The missing piece — a player they expected to have —



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior guard Warren Blut leads the Padres in scoring and assists, ranks second in steals and third in rebounds.

Eight veteran players

But any tears dried quickly. Eight seniors and a junior returned from a squad that won the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Gabilan Division, the CCS and the first-round game in the NorCal Division 3 tournament. The Padres’ 25-4 season ended with a heartbreaking 77-74 loss to Ygnacio Valley in Concord.

Six of those returning players (plus Lloyd, an all-state tackle) were also key components last fall on a Carmel football team that went 15-0 and won CCS, NorCals, and the California 5AA state championship.

“We can’t do some of the things we did last year with Jackson Lloyd on the floor, but he wasn’t as mobile as some of our other guys — we didn’t want to pull him away from the basket — so that’s opened up a different element of our game this season,” said Padres coach Kurt Grahl.

Grahl’s faster, sleeker player rotation attacks at high velocity and defends with aggressive and wall-to-wall pressure at both ends of the court.

And one important thing hasn’t changed, even if this year’s modus operandus is a bit different.

Tactical changes

“I’ve always been a big believer that you’ve got to get the ball into the paint,” Grahl said. “When you have a big guy, like Jackson, you do that by throwing it inside. Jackson attracted a lot of defenders, which would open up our

outside shooters.

“We try to do the same thing this year by driving toward the basket. That makes opposing defenders step in to help, which creates openings on the perimeter.”

The perimeter is the domain of two exceptional long-range shooters — guard Warren Blut and small forward Hudson Rutherford — who have combined for 73 3-point buckets this season, each connecting on a remarkable 32 percent of their attempts.

Sean Carr (6.1 points), a 6-1 shooting guard and the team’s quickest player, is another deadeye from the outside, hitting 36 percent of his 3-pointers (best on the team), 48 percent overall.

The 6-foot-1 Blut (20.8 points), 6-3 backcourt mate

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Simeon Brown (14.8), and 6-4 Rutherford (11.4) — all seniors — are the team's leading scorers.

Slashers in 'the paint'

Brown, Blut, 6-4 small forward Brooklyn Ashe (7.9 points), and 6-3 center Marcus Togneri are adept at slashing toward the basket, then dishing outside to an open teammate or taking the layup.

Top playmakers are Blut (3.0 assists) and Brown (2.7) — statistics that speak to the unselfishness of Carmel's top scorers.

Ashe, a tight end on the undefeated football team, blossomed as an inside force to mitigate the loss of Lloyd.

"I've never coached a player who has averaged double-digit rebounds before, but Brooklyn is at 11.5 per game now," Grahl said. "He's also averaging more than two blocks. And he often changes an opponent's shot if he doesn't block it, so he really disrupts shots on the back end of our press."

Togneri (5.5 rebounds), Brown (4.6), Ashton Rees (3.9), Blut (3.8) and Rutherford (3.7) also clean the glass for the Padres.

A den of thieves

Larceny is another skill set. Brown, the only four-year varsity player Grahl has coached at Carmel, leads with 2.8 steals, followed by Blut (1.9), Ashe (1.4) and Ty Arnold, Togneri and Rutherford (all 1.1) for a team that averages 8.3 thefts per game.

"Communication on defense is something that has really improved for us since the beginning of the season," Grahl said. "Sharing the basketball is another thing. We have a lot of drive-and-dish guys on this team. We've also become a lot better at being in the right spot on the court."

An intangible is that virtually all of Carmel's key players have extensive experience in high-pressure, high-stakes competition.

■ Rutherford, Ashe, Brown, Rees, Arnold, Blut and Dylan Hinds played in at least 20 games last season and got intense postseason experience.

■ Brown, Rutherford, Ashe, Arnold, Hinds and Rees were standouts on that

state championship football team, and Togneri played on the 2023 CCS football squad that went 10-1.

■ Carr saw significant action last spring as a sophomore on the Padres' Gabilan Division champion baseball team, which reached the NorCal playoffs.

"These guys know how to compete at a high level," Grahl said. "They understand what it takes to win playoff games and



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Brooklyn Ashe's mobility, rebounding prowess, and shot-blocking talents helped mitigate the loss of 6-foot-6, 285-pound Jackson Lloyd, who left Carmel in January to enroll at the University of Alabama as a full-scholarship football player.

championships. At big moments, they have an ability to focus on what's important, which is proper execution."

■ Pirates soccer in CCS

Stevenson girls soccer went 7-0 with four draws in its final 11 games — including a crucial 2-1 victory over Gonzales on Feb. 3 — to qualify for CCS as the Cypress Division champions with an 8-1-5 record. The Pirates were 10-2-6 overall this year.

Stevenson and Gonzales (9-3-2 in the division) each finished the year with 29 points in the standings, but the Pirates won the tiebreaker with a 1-0-1 record against Gonzales in head-to-head play.

Junior Sarah Chaabane (9 goals, 7 assists) and senior Ava Edwards (9 goals, 2 assists) were scoring leaders for the Pirates, who also were led by junior goalie Georgia Bonifas (106 saves), midfielder Macey Torres, wing Sydney Holland, and standout defenders Siena Bullock-Martinez and Charlotte Schipper, among others.

Other CCS hopefuls

Seeding meetings for CCS basketball and soccer were held Wednesday and

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The concert marks the fifth time Chamber Music Monterey Bay has brought the famed string quartet to Sunset. The program includes *Cypresses* by Antonín Dvořák, *Intimate Letters* by Leoš Janáček, and one of Beethoven’s last compositions, String Quartet No. 13 in B-flat Major, op. 130, with Grosse Fuge, op. 133.

Tickets start at \$25, with a limited number of free tickets available for kids accompanied by an adult. Call (831) 625-2212 or visit chambermusicmontereybay.org.

■ Sunday in Seaside

The monthly Jazz Jam at Embassy Suites in Seaside, set for Sunday at 1 p.m., showcases local jazz singer **Julie Capili**. She’ll be joined by pianist **Bill Spencer**, multi-instrumentalist **Jim Stainton**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Jim Vanderzwaan**. The latter co-hosts the festive afternoon gatherings with singer **Lee Durley**. Julie will perform a special one-hour feature set, after which we’ll open the stage to welcome talented musicians from throughout the area,” Durley told The Pine Cone.

There’s no cover charge. Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.



If you like a little Dvořák with your Beethoven, the Julliard String Quartet’s concert at Sunset Center Saturday evening is for you.

■ Soft rockers return

Three years after making its local debut, the soft rock tribute band **Yachtley Crue** is back at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey Thursday at 8 p.m.

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Country legend Lyle Lovett brings his signature blend of multiple musical genres to Sunset Center Tuesday.

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Here’s to local legends, some special wines, and healthy habits

EIGHT TALENTED chefs and five Santa Lucia Highlands wineries will delight guests at the Monterey County Hospitality Association’s 50th anniversary gala March 14. The soirée, A Legacy of Hospitality, “will spotlight rising culinary stars, high-profile resort chefs and five respected Santa Lucia Highlands wineries,” and is being held at the Monterey Conference Center to accommodate a larger crowd.

Monterey Marriott executive chef Josh Silva-Arias and chef Todd Fisher, owner of The Meatery, are providing the ingredients, and teams of chefs are creating the courses, assuring a lot of creativity will be involved. Those signed on to pitch in are Alvin Quinol (Alvarado Street Brewery), Gian Pepe (Vesuvio), Kurt Boucher (Montrio) and Angela Tamura (Pèppoli).

To top things off, chocolatier Santana Rodriguez, owner of Qouign (pronounced “queen”) chocolates, and InterContinental Hotel sous chef Michelle Lee are collaborating on a deconstructed version of the trendy Dubai chocolate bar — a decadent confection combining chocolate with pistachios, shredded phyllo and Middle Eastern flavors that made its way to the United States last year — for dessert.

Celebrating hospitality

The five-course dinner will be accompanied by wines from Talbott, Scheid, Wrath, McIntyre and Bernardus. The evening will also feature live music, an after-party and a fundraising auction, and Cannery Row Co. founder Ted Balestreri will receive the MCHA Lifetime Achievement Award, while Sabu Shake Jr. will be named MCHA Hospitality Professional of the Year.

Soup to Nuts

“The 50th anniversary festivities will also celebrate the nearly 27,000 people who work in Monterey County’s hospitality industry, while raising funds for education, advocacy and employee recognition programs,” organizers said.

The event will run from 6 to 11 p.m. in the conference center at the foot of Alvarado Street. For tickets — which run \$250 to \$295 — and details, visit mcha.net.



When you’re the Monterey County Hospitality Association, you can gather a stellar kitchen crew for your annual soirée, like this bunch from 2024 (left). Next month’s 50th anniversary bash will feature more great food and honor local icons Ted Balestreri (right) and Sabu Shake Jr.



■ Pocket to host Holman

The wines of Carmel Valley-based Holman Ranch will be showcased during a special dinner at The Pocket on Lincoln Street north of Sixth Avenue in Carmel March 13, with executive chef Mike Fischetti preparing a five-course menu to complement them.

The evening will begin with local oysters and passion-fruit mignonette with rosé of pinot noir to sip, followed by pinot grigio and seared scallops in Meyer lemon brown butter and crispy capers with “forbidden” black rice.

Third, duck confit with strawberry jus, pickled shallots, celery root gratin and wild mushrooms will complement 3 Sisters pinot noir, and for the fourth course, smoked lamb shoulder with blackberry barbecue sauce, corn spoon bread and braised collard greens will be served with syrah.

The evening will end with sparkling brut rosé and “sugar and salt” — two puff pastries, one filled with candy cap mushrooms, goat cheese and rosemary, and the other with diplomat cream, berry jam and mixed berries.

Dinner is set to start at 6 p.m. and costs \$150 per person, plus tax and gratuity. For more information and to reserve, visit thepocketcarmel.com.

■ Out in the valley ...

When the late winter chill and fog have you feeling less than cozy, a short drive to the Carmel Valley sunshine might be a quick fix. As you drive east, gray skies usually give way to blue and the temperature tends to climb. The scenery’s pretty nice, too. While you’re out there, here are a few things to check out.

‘Magic in a wine glass’

Parsonage winery, which has a tasting room at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road, has announced the release of its 2021 Rocco Reserve Syrah. With just 96 cases available and a per-bottle price of \$98, the winery predicts it will be “gone in a flash.”

Winemaker Frank Melicia is the son-in-law of Parsonage founders Bill and Mary Parsons. He’s also the father of the wine’s namesake — his oldest son and the Parsons’ eldest grandson — and Melicia has been making it since 2003.

As its fans know, syrah refuses to conform to narrow

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FOOD & WINE

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flavor profiles, and it’s a tad quirky. For example, Melicia said the grapes for the reserve wine come from a 3.5-acre portion of the estate vineyard, which is about a half-mile east of Carmel Valley Village. That one section, planted with the same clones, produces what he characterized as “three completely different” syrahs, add-



Quail & Olive, a shop in Carmel Valley featuring gourmet olive oils and vinegars, also carries specialty food items and goods like these handmade dishes from Portugal.

ing that the fruit used for the reserve wine is “especially rich.”

Tasting notes for the Rocco Reserve reflect its complexity, calling it, “A generous palate of black fruit — berries, cherries, currants, plums — accented with dark chocolate, savory spice and mysterious umami all wrapped up in an elegantly full-bodied structure.” That structure is evident from the very first sip, and this is a wine that should age quite well. It’s still young, so in addition to a gorgeous garnet hue, it’s also got quite a bit of tannin, but other flavors open up nicely in the glass. The 15 percent alcohol content is handily balanced by the wine’s richness.

It would pair nicely with a sharp cheddar and could easily stand up to a strong blue cheese. Summer Emmons, who was pouring the Rocco Reserve in Parsonage’s tasting room earlier this week, said she’s heard it goes great with ribs, but that she prefers to pair it with grilled portobello mushrooms. The tasting room often offers it with a bite of that perennial Carmel Valley snack favorite, Jeffrey’s spiced pecans,

and there’s even a rumor that it goes well with ranch-style Doritos. But let’s keep that to ourselves.

Visit the tasting room or parsonagewine.com to learn more.

The good stuff

Founded by the late cardiologist, Stephen Brabeck, the Quail & Olive at 14 Del Fino Place is owned by his daughter, Annelise Brabeck, who said that she and her father shared a passion for the intersection of food and medicine. And, since taking over the operation after her father’s death in 2018, she’s grown the store’s inventory considerably, but thoughtfully, and weathered a pandemic.

In a 2015 profile, the elder Brabeck told The Pine Cone he believed medicine should focus more on preventing illness, including counseling people on proper nutrition. The shop was his bully pulpit to educate customers about the health benefits of olive oil and a Mediterranean diet, presenting what he called “science without being wonky.”

Annelise has put her own stamp on the operation, and it’s only made it better. You can still taste more than a dozen olive oils and vinegars, and she seems to be as expert about them as the good doctor was. These aren’t the gallon-can oils you find in big-box stores. No, you drizzle these pale green wonders gently over salads or pasta, perhaps with vinegars that you might mix into the arugula and lettuce or serve atop some fruit, in a refreshing beverage with sparkling water, or even with ice cream.

Gourmet tips

She’s added a collection of recipe cards with suggestions for using the shop’s products, and there’s also a store-branded grilling sauce and dry rub. Should you be out of saffron, or in need of jarred sardines packed in oil, or Italian tomatoes, they’re on the shelves, too, along with other specialty items like dried candy cap mushrooms and imported olives.

A collection of giftable merch — like some beautiful handmade, painted and glazed floral-patterned dishes displayed near the door, along with placemats, napkins, and tiny framed paintings — is also on offer.

Brabeck mentioned she’s planning a private party for the 300-or-so Covey Club (like a wine club, but with oils and vinegars) members in March and wants folks

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Parsonage winery released its 2021 Rocco Reserve syrah. The grapes — harvested from one specific spot in the estate’s 3.5-acre syrah vineyard — have a distinct richness with complex flavors, according to winemaker Frank Melicia.



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take to “How Deep Is Your Love?” by the Bee Gees, “Come Sail Away” by Styx, “Sailing” by Christopher Cross, “Baby Come Back” by Player, and many other soft-rock nuggets.

Tickets start at \$43. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Duo visits St. Mary’s

A husband and wife duo who met in Texas — and now run a pub in Ireland — **Tommy** and **Saundra O’Sullivan** play Celtic music Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. Mary’s-by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove.

Jackie Pierce of St. Mary’s said she has visited the couple’s pub, which she calls “the most lively one in the town of Dingle.”

“Not only do they have the gift of making everyone feel welcome, they are also marvelous musicians who sing and play traditional songs, both old and new,”

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to know that it’s not too late to join and attend. Visit quailandolive.com to learn more.

Springtime at Lucia

Bernardus Lodge’s Lucia Restaurant and Bar at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road has a couple of intriguing events planned. On March 7 at 6 p.m., you can celebrate women in wine with “a four-course dinner expertly paired with wines from Marcia Torres Forno of Matanzas Creek Winery”

Pierce said.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for kids. The church is located at 146 12th St. celticsociety.org

Fingerpicking wizard

A native of Sicily with a talent for instrumental fingerpicking, virtuoso guitarist **Peppino D’Agostino** performs Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City.

“Peppino’s virtuosity, music and storytelling captivates audiences wherever he plays,” the Sand Box’s **Michelle Djokic** said. “This is sure to be an unforgettable foray into the heart and roots of the ingredients that made Peppino the legend he is today.”

Tickets start at \$25. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave and its website is sandboxsandcity.com

Live music Feb. 21-27

Big Sur

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

of Sonoma County. Cost for chef Christian Ojeda’s creations and accompanying quaffs is \$225 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

For a lighter experience, check out the March 15 “Temperance Cocktail Workshop.” Food and beverage director Colleen Kelly will guide participants in creating “thoughtfully prepared, non-alcoholic cocktails & beverages,” from 3 to 4 p.m. The workshop is priced at \$75 per person. Reservations for both events are at Tock.com (some fees apply), or you can follow the links for “Wine & Cuisine” and “Culinary Events” at bernarduslodge.com.

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



As this publicity photo amply illustrates, Yachtley Crue brings a humorous touch to its covers of classic Yacht Rock hits. The group performs Feb. 27 at Monterey’s Golden State Theater.

Carmel

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

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

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 — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

The Links Club — **The New Wave Band** (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Moon-dance** (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.

Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and

multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley Community Chapel — violinist **Madeleine Mitchell** and pianist **Elektra Schmidt** play a benefit concert for the chapel (Beethoven and Brahms, Friday at 7 p.m.). Paso Hondo and Village Drive, visit artistmigration.com.

Folktale Winery — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singers and guitarists **Kristen Gradwohl** and **Talmon Owens** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Paul Contos Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 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 — **Mighty Maple** (“acoustic jams and cool grooves,” Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (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.

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Old-school photographer offers new perspectives on Western landscape

A PHOTOGRAPHER who once taught workshops alongside Ansel Adams, Bob Kolbrener has been exploring the landscapes of the American West since 1968, and a show opening Saturday at the Center for Photographic Art celebrates his work.

“The center has partnered with Nazraeli Press to create this beautiful exhibition of silver gelatin prints of Kolbrener’s iconic images of the West,” executive director Ann Jastrab told The Pine Cone. “This special show includes

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

some of the artist’s most recognizable images as well as some that publisher Chris Pichler discovered in Kolbrener’s vast archive — we’re excited that both the artist and publisher will be in here.”

Kolbrener captures images “the old-fashioned way” with fiber-based silver gelatin paper, tray processing and selenium toner, according to Jastrab.

“No one else photographed the West the way Bob did,” she added. “His photographs transport the viewer to a landscape more grand than they imagine.”

The gallery — which will have a public reception and book-signing Saturday at 4 p.m. — is located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth. The show continues through March 23. photography.org

■ Five shows

This week offers your last chance to see five shows that are on display the Pacific Grove Art Center, including painter Elizabeth Murray’s “Rites of Nature — In Kinship with Trees.”

“I am excited to announce my exhibition of paintings, created in the last four years about trees, forests and light,” Murray said. “You will also see some of my altered photographs, nature prints, watercolor books, and sculptural elements from madrone and manzanita.”

Also on display at the art center are works by students from Pacific Grove High School (“It’s Cool to be Square”), Oya Yilmaz Bolgün (“Layers of Existence”) and Yuliya Greben (“Inner Universe”), and a group show by seniors at Monterey High School who participate in its arts-media-performance academy.

The shows will continue through Feb. 27. The gallery is located at 568 Light-house Ave.



Dramatically capturing sweeping vistas from the U.S. West, the photographs of Bob Kolbrener “transport the viewer to a landscape more grand than they imagine.”

CALENDAR

Feb. 27 – B4Noon Community Recital, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean & Junipero, SE corner, every Thursday thru April 24. Free. This week, **Feb 27: Movie Music with Eun Ha Chung (organ & piano) & her 7-year old piano/vocal student.**

March 2 – The Monterey County Composer's Forum presents “Springtones” on Sunday at 3 p.m. New music by local composers and songwriters including **Jose Chaides, Paula Kaiser, Douglas Ovens, Julie Rosemann and Dale Victorine.** Setting is Hidden Valley Music Seminars, 104 West Carmel Valley Road. Admission \$20. Info: ryamat@cs.com

Il Vecchio hosts live music every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m., featuring Blues Night on Tuesdays and Jazz Night with the Cena Trio on Thursdays. Also showcased are local artists quarterly – Matt Mesero’s “Night Vision”

black and white photography exhibit continues through February. Visit ilvecchiorestaurant.com for more.

March 3 – “Waves of Discovery: Celebrating Marine Science at Our Festival.” Mary Alice Cerrito Fettis, chairperson of the non-profit Whalefest Monterey, will discuss the importance of the public to be informed and to protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman’s Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Open to the public. \$10 guests/members free.

March 26 – The Carmel Couture Fashion Show, 6 p.m., at Seventh & Dolores in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Featuring celebrity designers, top models, and live entertainment including opera, ballet, a DJ, and an electric violinist. A portion of proceeds support the Sunset Center Foundation for arts education. For more information, please contact Monika Spruch, (831) 917-2772.

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Registered Owner(s): REBECCA SUMNERS.
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S/REBECCA SUMNERS
Date signed: Feb. 6, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 6, 2025.
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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S/Daniel Fletcher, Secretary
Date: Jan. 31, 2025
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Name of Tenants
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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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www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at: Rossi Self Storage 10 Rossi Cr., Salinas, CA 93907
Name of Tenants
Christian Codkrell
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Tom Morrison
2/21/25
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250304
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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ZACHARY BRIAN HUMASON, P.O. Box 2127, 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, 2010.
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S/Zachary Humason
Date signed: Feb. 11, 2025
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Auction to be held at **4:00 pm on March 12th, 2025,** at: www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at: Leonard’s Lockers Self Storage, 816 Elvee Drive, Salinas, CA 93901
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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S/Zachary Humason
Date signed: Feb. 11, 2025
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SEASIDE CHEVROLET, 1735 Auto Center Parkway, Seaside, CA 93955.**
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Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: GAF MONTEREY INC., P.O. Box 1431, Visalia, CA 93279.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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JEFF DUANE WARDWELL.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250285
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Rooted.Growing.Resilient.®, 2814 Raccoon Trail, Del Monte Forest, CA 93953.**
Registered Owner(s): JEAN CHENG GORMAN, 680 Light-house Avenue #52055, 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 Aug. 1, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Jean Cheng Gorman
Date signed: Feb. 7, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 7, 2025.
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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.



Nineteen-year-old classical guitarist Laurel Harned performs Saturday at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

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 — singer **Janice Perl** and keyboardist **Kevin McCullough** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Jack Gates** and drummer **Steve Robertson** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — singer and pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Paul Behan** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Salty Seal Pub — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

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

Wave Street Studios — **Along Came Betty** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Tom Freund** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 774 Wave St.

■ Pacific Grove

Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Thursday at 4 p.m.). In the Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, 800 Asilomar Ave.

Il Vecchio Restaurant — **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** ("folky stuff mixed with surprises," Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.),

singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

Pacific Grove Art Center — guitarist **Laurel Harned** (Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$30. carmelguitarsociety.org

PG's Meetinghouse — singer and multi-instrumentalist **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Arman Sangalang Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist **Cat Broz** (classical and Spanish, Sunday at 11 a.m.), Open Mic (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Seaside

The Bayview Grill — guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Sunday at 9:30 a.m.). At the Bayonet and Black Horse golf club, 1 McClure Way.

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

SPORTS

From page 30A

Thursday in San Jose, and brackets for both sports were not yet released when The Pine Cone went to press.

Both Stevenson basketball teams — girls and boys — were expected to get Division 4 postseason spots.

The girls, 19-5 overall, placed third in the Mission Division with an 8-4 record, led by freshman Kobe Crutcher (16.25 points, 3.7 assists), Jessie Chen (10.75 points), Peyton Sanchez (8.2 points),

playmaker Grace Ishii (2.6 assists), and rebounders Ashley Dalhamer (6.3), Sanchez (5.2) and Sabrina Hardin (5.0),

The boys (11-13) were fifth in the Mission with a 7-7 record behind Cooper Olin (18.8 points), Keko Williams (8.0 points, 10.0 rebounds, 1.9 steals) and Derek Diniz (3.6 assists, 1.8 steals).

Carmel boys soccer, 10-6-1 overall, was a contender for an at-large bid in Division 4 after a second-place finish in the Cypress Division with a 7-4 record. Statistics for the Padres were unavailable.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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.
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/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).
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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. GAEI GALLAGHER TOURS
2. CARMEL WALKS
349 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):

GAEI 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.
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S/Gael Gallagher
Date signed: Jan. 23, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2025.
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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.
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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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250143
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Registrant(s):
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S/ HAEIL PARK, PRESIDENT
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Jeanne Krener
CFPD Board President
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Publication dates:
February 21 & March 14, 2025
(PC218)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 230463967 TS No.: 24-031684 APN: 007-202-001 Property Address: 2895 OAK KNOLL, PEBBLE BEACH, CA 93953 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/01/2013. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 03/11/2025 at 10:00 A.M., America West Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/07/2013, as Instrument No. 2013050004, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California. Executed by: THOMAS A MCGIBBEN AND BAIBA Z MCGIBBEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 007-202-001 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2895 OAK KNOLL, PEBBLE BEACH, CA 93953 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$403,023.33. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All bids are subject to California Civil Code 2924h and are sold "AS-IS". NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-693-4761 or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 24-031684 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 844-693-4761, or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 24-031684 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: America West Lender Services, LLC P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 America West Lender Services, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 844-693-4761 NPP0470421 TO: CARMEL PINE CONE 02/14/2025, 02/21/2025, 02/28/2025

Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, 2025 (PC214)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Interested members of the public are invited to attend the Public Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/86111990178?pwd=qUAKKxK1jkff4xhSSmbl7wTPUMbJl.1>. **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: **861 1199 0178**. Passcode: **001916**.

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

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agenda/public/meetingsresponsive.aspx> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

Housing Element Implementation Workshop
Citywide
The Planning Commission will hold a public workshop to review revisions to the Carmel Municipal Code as part of the 6th cycle Housing Element implementation. Revisions include, but are not limited to, removing regulatory barriers to multi-family housing construction. The Commission will discuss permitting, parking, density, incentives, and housing types.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Anna Ginette, Director of Community Planning & Building

Publication dates:
Feb. 14 & 21, 2025
(PC223)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

NOTICE OF BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is seeking applications to fill nine (9) upcoming Board and Commission vacancies as follows:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION: (3 vacancies, 2 expiring terms – 4 year term)

- Encourages community engagement through events and programs.
- Applicants should have an interest in the arts and/or parks and recreation.
- City residents or those in the City's Sphere of Influence may apply.
- Meets **second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.**

FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION: (1 expiring term – 4-year term)

- Advises on the preservation of the urban forest, parks, and beach.
- Applicants must be City residents.
- Interest in parks and open spaces is preferred.
- Meets **second Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. (Tour of Inspection at 1:30 p.m.)**

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD: (1 expiring term – 4 year term)

- Implements policies on architectural, cultural, and historic preservation.
- Applicants must be City residents with an interest or expertise in historic preservation or architecture.
- Meets **third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.**

HARRISON MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (2 expiring terms – 3-year term)

- Manages library operations and property, and enforces rules, regulations and bylaws of the library. Oversees the budget for library equipment, books, and supplies, and helps with fundraising efforts.
- Open to City residents or those in the City's Sphere of Influence.
- Applicants must have a Harrison Memorial Library patron card and an interest in library services.
- Meets **fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.**

HOW TO APPLY:
Applications can be downloaded on the City's website at <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/boards-and-commissions> or obtained at City Hall, located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

WHERE TO SUBMIT:
Submit completed and signed application via email, mail, or hand delivery to City Hall.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921
Email Address: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Friday, March 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS:
After the deadline, applicants will be contacted for interviews with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, scheduled for April (exact date TBD). Recommendations for appointments will be presented to the City Council in May or June.

For questions, contact the City Clerk, Nova Romero at cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us or call 831-620-2016.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF MONTEREY } ss
CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA }

Nova Romero, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: she is the duly appointed and qualified City Clerk for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and that on February 28, 2024, she caused the above Vacancy Notice to be posted in accordance with California State Government Code § 54974.

NOVA ROMERO
City Clerk
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Publication dates:
FEB. 21, 2025
(PC231)

SANTA RITA ST AND GUADALUPE ST SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA. 93923, until

10:00 A.M., Thursday, March 20, 2025

at which time they will be publicly opened and read for performing the work as follows:

The results of the bidding will be reported to the District Board within sixty (60) days of the date of the bid opening at which time if bids are found to be acceptable by the District Board, written notice of award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. However, said District Board reserves its right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities of any bids or to re-advertise for all or any part of the work contemplated.

No bidder shall withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the date set by the Board for the opening thereof.

Specifications and proposal forms may be secured at no charge by emailing the District's Principal Engineer at bandy@cawd.org and requesting the documents.

Publication dates: Feb. 14 & 21, 2025 (PC225)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Artificial Turf Policy
Location: Citywide
Consider adoption of an Artificial Turf Policy prohibiting the installation of artificial turf/synthetic grass in the City.

APP 25032 (Jensen)
Mary & John Jensen, Appellant
Santa Lucia 2 northeast of Scenic Road
Block A6; Lots 12 and 14
APN: 010-293-013-000
Consideration of an Appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to deny a metal roof (DS 24321, Jensen) and impose condition of approval #20 (Resolution 2025-003-PC) requiring an alternate roof material be selected. The subject property is located on Santa Lucia 2 northeast of Scenic Road in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-293-013-00

PERM EN 250005 (Salehi)
Amy Denney, Agent
Southwest corner of Santa Rita Street and 1st Avenue
Block 15; Lot 1
APN: 010-027-001-000
Consideration of a Permanent Encroachment Permit, PERM EN 250005 (Salehi), for existing garden walls, existing planter borders, and a replacement retaining wall in the public right-of-way located on the southwest corner of Santa Rita Street and 1st Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-027-001-000

First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance No. 2025-001, an Ordinance Amending Section 1.04.010 (Definitions) and Adding Sections to Chapter 12.36 (Camping on Public Lands)
First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance No. 2025-001

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

<https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/86890317537>
Webinar ID: 868 9031 7537
Passcode: 100836
Dial in: (253) 215-8782

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us>. The Council meeting will be televised live on the City's website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding City Council meetings, please contact the City Clerk's office at (831) 620-2016.

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

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Nova Romero, MMC
City Clerk

Dated: 2/13/2025
Publish Date: 2/21/2025

Publication dates:
Feb. 21, 2025
(PC230)

PUBLIC NOTICES

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).
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, 20000 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)

LEGALS DEADLINE:
Tuesday 3:00 pm

legals@carmelpinecone.com

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: 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 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone.*
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: 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 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone.*
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Jan. 28, 2025
Publication Dates: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 204)

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.
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)

ness 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 Alene 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
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CARMEL PINE CONE
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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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250238
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE JACANA GROUP, 220 Dunecrest Ave. #A, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): BEN NURSE, P.O. Box 1267, Monterey, CA 93942.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2009.
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/Ben Nurse
Date signed: Jan. 31, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 31, 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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14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250239
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WON LIFE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND WELLNESS, 1246B Harcourt Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: WON LIFE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND WELLNESS.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 2, 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/Michael Romiza, President
Date: Jan. 31, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 31, 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250120
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PREMIER JB ROOFING, 1715 Independence Blvd. #203, Salinas, CA 93906.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): JONATHAN HERNANDEZ BOBADILLA, 1715 Independence Blvd. #203, Salinas, CA 93906.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Jonathan Hernandez Bobadilla
Date signed: Jan. 15, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 15, 2025.

File # 15952236 T.S. No.: 24-14242-168 Loan No.: *****0001 **Notice of Trustee’s Sale Deed of Trust,** Assignment of Rents and Fixture Filing (hereinafter referred to as ‘Deed of Trust’)You are in default under a deed of trust dated 2/28/2017. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer.A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Original Trustor(s): Signature YHM Land LLC, a California Limited Liability Company Duly Appointed Trustee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation Recorded 3/2/2017, as Instrument No. 2017011674 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California Date of Sale: 3/14/2025 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$3,792,252.59 Estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: York Highlands, Lots #21 & 22, Monterey, CA 93940 Legal Description: Real property in the unincorporated area of the County of Monterey, State of California, described as follows: Parcel One: (APN: 259-261-021-000 (Lot 21) and 259-261-022-000 (Lot 22) Lots 21 and 22, in the County of Monterey, State of California, as shown on that certain map entitled Tract no. 1513 York Highlands Resubdivision which map was filed in the office of the recorder of the County of Monterey, State of California, recorded May 31, 2012 in book 24, of map page 34. Parcel Two: A non-exclusive easement for road and utilities over that parcel designated as “Parcel M”, as shown on that map entitled “Tract 1452 Monterra Ranch Phase 10”, filed December 1, 2005 in volume 23 of maps, “Cities and Towns”, page 16 in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, California. Parcel Three: A non-exclusive easement for road and utilities over that parcel designated “Monterra Ranch Road Parcel I” as shown on that map entitled “Tract no. 1450 Monterra Ranch Phase 8” filed September 14, 2005 in volume 23 of maps, “Cities and Towns”, page 14, in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, California. Parcel Four: A non-exclusive easement for road and utilities over that parcel designated “Parcel R2”, as shown on that map entitled “Tract 1419 Monterra Ranch Phase 6”, filed June 16, 2004 in volume 22 of maps, “Cities and Towns”, page 56, in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, California. Parcel Five: A 40’ wide access and P.U.E. purposes over and across “Parcel H” for benefit of lots 21 and 22, as shown on the above map, recorded May 31, 2012 in book 24, of maps, page 34. A.P.N.: 259-261-021-000 and 259-261-022-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee’s Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f. Notice to potential bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Bidders at the trustee auction must make cashier’s checks payable to WT Capital. Third party cashier’s checks will not be accepted. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com; using the file number assigned to this case 24-14242-168. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (559) 228-8393, or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-14242-168 to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: February 13, 2025 WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap. com By Nate Kucera Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 38201 02/21/25, 02/28/25, 03/07/25)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250252
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ARMADOS CONSTRUCTION, 42 Stone #254, Salinas, CA 93901.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): SERGIO ARMANDO MARQUEZ LOPEZ.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/SERGIO ARMANDO MARQUEZ LOPEZ
Date signed: Feb. 4, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 4, 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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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV000687
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ANASTASIO GARCIA RODRIGUEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name: ANASTASIO GARCIA RODRIGUEZ aka ANASTACIO GARCIA RODRIGUEZ
Proposed name: ANASTACIO GARCIA RODRIGUEZ

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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 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone.*
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 5, 2025
Publication Dates: Jan. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025. (PC 216)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250233
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SPACELABS FLEX PAY, 300 CANAL ST KING CITY, CA 93930,** County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): FIRST AMERICAN EQUIPMENT FINANCE, 211 HIGH POINT DRIVE VICTOR, NY 14564, IL
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ EMMA BAMBURY, VICE PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/31/2025
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CARMEL PINE CONE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250232
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ENERSYS FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, 49 KATHERINE ST GONZALES, CA 93926,** County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): FIRST AMERICAN EQUIPMENT FINANCE, 211 HIGH POINT DRIVE VICTOR, NY 14564, IL
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ EMMA BAMBURY, VICE PRESIDENT
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