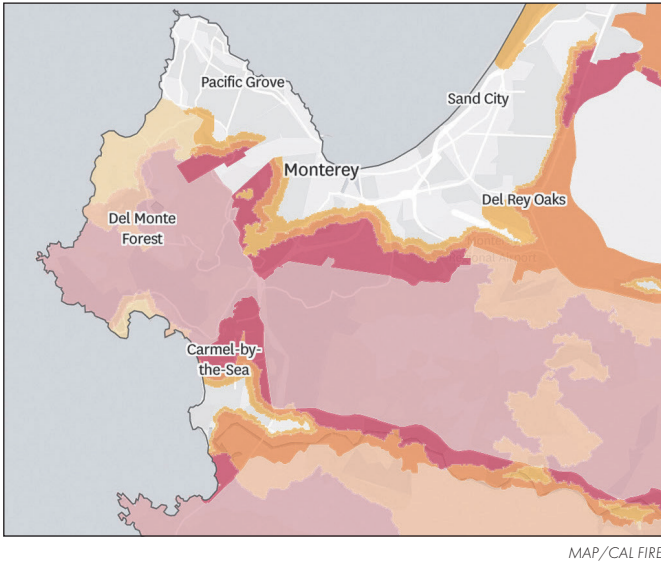


The Carmel Pine Cone

New maps: Fire hazard worse than you thought

By KELLY NIX

THE CALIFORNIA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has released new maps designating tens of thousands of acres in Monterey County cities and unincorporated areas as “high” and “very high” wildfire hazard



This map depicts “fire hazard severity zones” in the Monterey Peninsula. The areas in bolder colors are where city fire agencies respond to fires.

zones. On Monday, Cal Fire released updated “fire hazard severity zone” maps, which were last drawn in 2011. “The fire hazard severity model for wildland fire has two key elements: probability of an area burning and expected fire behavior under extreme fuel and weather conditions,” Cal Fire said. “The zones reflect areas that have similar burn probabilities and fire behavior characteristics.” The state considers fire history, existing and potential natural vegetation fuel, predicted flame length, blowing embers, and terrain in designating severity zones as “moderate,” “high,” and “very high.” The state formerly only mapped the “very high” category.

More acreage

The Cal Fire maps include areas where local city and county fire departments are responsible for responding to wildfires. There is a lot more land in Monterey County in the fire hazard severity zones than in 2011, in part because of the addition of the “moderate” and “high” zones and expansion of the “very high” zones. For example, Carmel-by-the-Sea has a total of 488 acres designated as fire hazard zones, compared to 221 acres in 2011. Pacific Grove went from 82 acres to 372, while the City of Monterey increased

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Couple wins bid for metal roof

By MARY SCHLEY

FINDING THAT the planning commission erred in denying a couple’s request in January to install a metal roof on their contemporary-style home on Santa Lucia Avenue, the Carmel City Council unanimously overturned that decision last week. The vote marks a victory not just for the homeowners, but perhaps for others who have had similar applications denied.

“We needed a metal roof a year ago,” commented homeowner Missy Jensen, who, with her husband, JD, applied in October 2024 to replace the aging wood-shake roof on their Mark Mills-designed home.

Their application was the third of three similar applications considered by the planning commission that night in January after an hour-long, sometimes heated discussion on roofing materials in general. At that meeting, commissioners approved one application for a metal roof on a simple wood-sided house, denied the second, and then also denied the Jensens’ application after a motion to approve it failed 2-2. Those who didn’t get the metal roofs they wanted were told to find an alternative material that would be acceptable to the city.

Steel roofs are ‘practical, durable, fireproof and in keeping with the aesthetics’

Just ‘no’

Associate planner Jake Olander recommended the council back the commission’s decision on the Jensens’ application, but commissioners hadn’t even considered how a metal roof would be suitable for their home in particular, the couple’s appeal argued.

Instead, after approving the first one, two commissioners said they didn’t want to OK any others “because the current rules are obsolete and they could not make an

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Sewer district gets OK to replace Scenic main

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Area Wastewater District will install 2 miles of new sewer line — including nearly a mile along busy Scenic Road between Ocean and Santa Lucia avenues — as part of an overhaul of its decades-old system. The work on Scenic is expected to take three weeks and will be done during the slower season, in January and February 2026, with a break for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, the Carmel City Council was told last Monday.

Older than the city

The entire project, which includes replacing sewer mains on some roads on Carmel Point, will begin after Labor Day and should take nine months, according to Patrick Treanor, CAWD’s district engineer. It’s part of the district’s broad efforts to upgrade its system, much of which dates back more than 75 years, and is expected to cost \$4.7 million. CAWD is funded by fees billed to property

owners on their twice-a-year tax bills. The sewer district, founded in 1908, predates the city itself, Treanor pointed out, and many of its old pipes are made of clay. “It’s prone to fracturing, and roots will grow into the pipes because the plants like the water,” he explained. In an effort to minimize the risks of sinkholes and sewer spills — especially near the ocean — the plan calls for replacing the mains with flexible, seamless, tough new ones.

See **SEWER** page 13A

As Packer retires, new Montage CEO takes helm

By KELLY NIX

THE NEW president and CEO of Montage Health, Michael McDermott, will start the job late next week, replacing Steven Packer, who is retiring after 26 years in the role.

McDermott, whose first day at work will be March 21, called it “an honor” to join Montage, which he said is a “leader in healthcare in Monterey County.” “I look forward to building upon the incredible work Dr. Packer has done and leading this organization with a continued focus on innovation, community-centered care, and the highest standards of local healthcare delivery,” McDermott said.

For the past decade, McDermott, a diagnostic and interventional radiologist, was CEO of nonprofit Mary Washington Healthcare in Fredericksburg, Va. Montage, the parent company of CHOMP, is also a nonprofit.

‘Incredible legacy’

He moved to the area with his wife, Chrissy, which puts them closer to their two sons, who live in California. “We are thrilled to welcome Dr. McDermott into the Montage Health family,” Patrick Burke, chair of Montage Health’s board of trustees, said. “Dr. Packer has built an incredible legacy, and we have every confidence that Dr. McDermott will continue to elevate this organization and further our commitment to improving the health and well-being of our community.”

Montage spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone Thursday that Packer’s last day as president and CEO is March 20.

Under his leadership, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula grew into a regional healthcare company with dozens of new facilities and many more employees. He’s credited with leading significant advancements,

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Michael McDermott is the new president and CEO of Montage Health. He is succeeding Steve Packer (right) after 26 years.

NEWSOM THE PODCASTER SHOCKS DEMOCRATIC ALLIES

By CAITLIN CONRAD

THE GOVERNOR of California has a new job: podcaster. And why not? Everyone else is doing it. “This is Gavin Newsom” launched March 6 and the long-format, unscripted episodes provide evidence the California Democrat is shifting toward the political center — something he’ll probably have to do if he wants to run for president in 2028.

Surprise guests

On his podcast, the Governor hosts one-on-one sit-down conversations lasting an hour. To date, his guests have been Charlie Kirk, Michael Savage and Steve Bannon, who all have one thing in common — they’re not Democrats. It aligns with the premise of the show, which is to have honest discussions with people whose views don’t always align with the governor’s. But in the very

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Nanny Nala

They'd planned to get a puppy once their youngest child was potty-trained, since they wanted to train only one youngster at a time. Once their daughters were 3 and 5, they considered a goldendoodle, since a hypo-allergenic animal was essential. But after meeting their friends' Bernedoodle — a mix with a Bernese Mountain dog — the family decided on a mini one from a breeder in Roseville.

"We were just going to look at the puppies," said Mom from their Carmel-by-the Crossroads home. "But that never happens."


The family came home with a 2-month-old, not the one they'd planned to get, but the social one who came right up to them and stayed by her chosen family.

Having let their daughters decide on the dog's name from a list of creative choices, the family settled on Nala, after the queen consort in Disney's "The Lion King." Even if the pup is black and white.

"Nala is nice and short, a soft, sweet name," said Mom, "which seems to suit her. I believe names influence how we perceive others, which is why we also were careful when giving our kids their names."

During the week, while the kids are at school, Nala hangs out at home, where Mom has her office, or she accompanies Dad to work. But on the weekends, she

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By Lisa Crawford Watson

loves to join the family at Carmel Beach, which is still fairly new to the 1-year-old dog.

"Nala is so social," her person said. "We let her off leash, and she races around. But she always comes back to check on us. Like a nanny, she never goes too far from the kids, who are playing in the sand."

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By KELLY NIX

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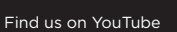
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Police & Sheriff’s Log

Fold it or push it, but no throwing

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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Carmel area: Deputies responded to domestic dispute on Lower Trail. One subject, a 37-year-old female, was arrested and transported to the Monterey County Jail.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos and Sixth for expired registration and false tabs.

Pacific Grove: Domestic disturbance inside a residence on Arkwright Court.

Pacific Grove: PGPD officers arrested an occupant of a vehicle during a traffic stop at Highway 68 and Syida. The 35-year-old

male was booked on charges of possession of unlawful paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, probation violation and failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor warrant.

Pacific Grove: A 45-year-old male was arrested on Forest Avenue on a misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear in court.

Big Sur: Subject called about his brother.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a trespasser on Lupin Lane. The subject was placed on a 5150 crisis evaluation hold.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Carmel Valley: A welfare check was requested on a Carmel Valley Road resident.

Carmel area: Report of financial abuse involving a Touche Pass resident.

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in the In Your Dreams Section*



The gavel falls

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

Feb. 4 — John Aguirre, 20, of Watsonville, was sentenced to two years in the California Department of Corrections by Judge Andrew Liu for two instances of evading a peace officer with a willful disregard for the safety of persons or property.

On April 15, 2023, a deputy tried to pull over Aguirre’s vehicle for not having a front license plate. Aguirre sped off, reaching speeds of up to 115 miles per hour, passing vehicles unsafely on the shoulder before the pursuit had to be terminated due to safety. Aguirre pleaded guilty to evading a peace officer with a willful disregard for the safety of persons or property. He was placed on formal felony probation for two years.

On June 24, 2024, another deputy was driving north on Highway 1 near the Del Monte exit in Marina. The deputy noticed

Aguirre driving at a high rate of speed and cutting off other drivers without proper signaling. The deputy sped up to approximately 91 miles per hour before he was able to read the license plate for the vehicle. The deputy then initiated his overhead lights and sirens. Aguirre continued to drive at approximately 125 miles per hour and passed two cars without using a turn signal or having his vehicles headlights on. He exited the highway, ran a stop sign, continued to drive at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour, made a turn and cut into oncoming traffic before pulling over to the side of the road. For this conduct, Aguirre pleaded guilty to a second count of evading a peace officer and admitted violating his probation from the first incident. He

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Three on FBI’s wanted list arrested

By MARY SCHLEY

THE THEFT of a \$2,500 bracelet from a downtown antique store led to the arrests of a trio of thieves on the FBI’s wanted list Wednesday, thanks to Carmel Police. The department had received a tip from the feds that an organized crew that targets jewelry stores was heading to town, according to Cmdr. Gerald Maldonado.

“Shortly after, Robertson’s Antique Shop reported a theft of a rose gold bracelet,” he said.

Officer Chris Nguyen — who served with California State Parks for a year before joining CPD a week ago and has been training with Maldonado — responded to the call, interviewed employees and obtained video footage of the suspects and the theft, the commander said.

A man and two women had entered the shop “and worked together to overwhelm/distract employees while they stole a jewelry bracelet worth approximately \$2,500,” according to the summary provided by

Maldonado.

Carmel P.D. obtained a basic description of the van the thieves used and identified it with the city’s Flock camera system, which captures images of vehicles and their license plates.

“A ‘be on the lookout’ was placed, and the van’s plate was entered into Flock,” Maldonado said.

CHP stop

As a result, the California Highway Patrol located and stopped the van in Santa Clara County and subsequently arrested 54-year-old Vasile Sava, 36-year-old Maria Orvos and Onita Rostas, also 54.

“All subjects were wanted by the FBI for committing several similar crimes across the country in several states,” Maldonado said. “Their modus operandus was to enter a jewelry store in a group and distract/separate the employees, while one individual would remove or conceal the jewelry.”

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Maria Orvos

CITY CRACKS DOWN ON ILLEGAL CAMPING

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN AN attempt to address at least some of the impacts of rising homelessness in a town that has more than its fair share of it, the Monterey City Council voted 5-0 March 4 to approve an ordinance that bans camping in parts of the city.

The measures adopted include banning camping in Whispering Pines Park and Cementerio El Encinal a graveyard. Also, the ordinance puts a prohibition on camping 1,000 feet from schools, and, perhaps most critically, in areas of the city designated as fire hazard severity zones.

At a time when wildfires have brought widespread destruction, homeless encampments have been blamed for starting some of them.

Several residents spoke out in favor of the law, including one woman who told the city council that the homeless population is bringing illegal drug use into the city. “I don’t want my kids to die of accidental fentanyl poisoning,” she said.

A business owner, Mitchel Sawhney, said his staff, particularly the women, don’t feel safe walking in downtown as early as 7 or 8 p.m. due to the problems associated with homelessness.

“It’s a drug problem and safety problem,” Sawhney said. “We need no camping

and no sit and lie in our business districts.”

But several others pushed back against the expanded no camping zones, including resident Brian Rosen.

“Where are people going to go?” he asked. “This is not a symptom of a healthy society — we need to start helping people.”

Assistant city attorney Karin Salameh gave a presentation on the ordinance, along with a history of the court cases that helped to shape it.

Courts weigh in

Salameh noted that in 2014, a federal appeals court struck down a Los Angeles city ordinance prohibiting people from sleeping in cars on public streets and parking lots. She also cited a 2019 decision by the same court that determined that Boise, Idaho, couldn’t prohibit sleeping in public if they don’t provide enough shelter beds.

But last year, the city official noted, the Supreme Court decided that municipal ordinances that prohibit camping or sleeping on public property were not prohibited by the Constitution.

Salameh also cited an executive order signed last July by Gov. Gavin Newsom that encourages local agencies to address homeless encampments that threaten the

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Captain Tully earned his Bachelor of Science in History from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

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No more artificial turf, council says

■ Loses on curb appeal, environmental concerns

By LILY PATTERSON

FAKE GRASS has worn out its welcome in Carmel — and replacement of worn-out turf is out of the question, the Carmel City Council decided on March 4.

The council’s adoption of the artificial turf policy recommended by the planning commission prohibits the “future installation” of artificial turf anywhere in the city, calling it “inappropriate in all zoning districts.”

‘Poison’

Cities like Palo Alto and Los Angeles were among the first in California to ban fake grass — but only after the state reversed a 2016 drought-era emergency measure which named it one of several drought-tolerant landscaping solutions and required local governments to approve its use.

Per the 2016 measure, the city of Carmel issued 40 turf installation permits between 2017 and 2023, according to associate planner Katherine Wallace, who presented the resolution to the council.

But the drought was in the state’s rearview by 2023 when Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 676, restoring local agencies’ authority to limit or outright prohibit homeowners’ use of artificial turf — no longer welcome under the drought-tolerant umbrella — amid growing concerns about human and environmental exposure to the chemicals used to make it.

“Poison” according to Commissioner Stefan Karapetkov at the planning commission meeting on Feb. 11, referencing the bevy of carcinogens, neurotoxics, mutagens and endocrine disruptors Wallace said are contained in fake grass and

other plastic petroleum products.

Presenting the resolution at last Tuesday’s meeting, Wallace echoed concerns about public health and pollutant discharge, plus a few reasons characteristic of Carmel — drainage issues, a protected watershed and curb appeal.

According to Wallace, despite turf’s perforated surface, whatever water isn’t absorbed by those little blades of micro- and nanoplastics, nylon and “crumb rubber” flows “right into” Carmel Bay, which is part of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

For the 40 approvals issued in 2016, “the city did come up with some permitting standards,” recalled Wallace. No turf was allowed under tree canopies, a restriction known as the “drip line.” Samples of proposed turf were checked “to make sure that water could percolate through.”

Still, “the absorption rate is not comparable to a natural plant material,” continued Wallace. “Small lot sizes amplify the importance of on-site water retention and percolation to limit runoff.”

Lawn solves

“We don’t want to encourage lawns, generally,” said Wallace, referencing Carmel municipal code language that calls for no “unnatural” landscape arrangements. Though a hallmark of the city, “natural forest character” makes soccer practice a little difficult.

“What does the landscaping plan look like for kids in town?” councilman Hans Buder asked.

Wallace recommended homeowners contact Carmel’s environmental compliance department for some grassy recommendations.

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Owners told to get rid of driveway gate, chimney stones

By MARY SCHLEY

HOMEOWNERS WHO decided to put stucco and ornamental stones on their chimney and install an ornate metal driveway gate were told by the Carmel Planning Commission late Wednesday night to remove them.

Greg and Van Rodriguez, who bought their residence on Camino Real north of 11th Avenue in February 2020 for \$1.76 million, according to Monterey County property records, have made several changes since then — some with permits and some without — associate planner Katherine Wallace said at the March 12 meeting.

While they obtained permits for a new wood shake roof, a wall topped with a 3-foot-tall iron fence, and replacement windows, they did not seek permission from the city before installing new wood doors, expanding a rear deck by 76 square feet, replacing their asphalt driveway with stone, laying stone walkways, installing a wrought-iron gate, and applying stucco and “floating stones” over a brick chimney.

Don’t comply

Wallace said she can handle some of those changes at the staff level through working with the owners. But she asked the planning commission to decide on the gate and the chimney cladding, because they don’t comply with residential design guidelines and therefore cannot be handled over the counter.

While the design standards provide direction on fences and gates, they are silent on driveway gates, specifically, and the planning commission has been inconsistent in its decisions on them. “In recent years, the commission has required driveway gates to be removed from projects but has also allowed driveway gates,” Wallace



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The plaster and decorative stones on this chimney must go, the planning commission says..

said.

To evaluate the gate, she recommended using the city’s design standards for fences and gates and noted that while the driveway gate is low enough — the maximum height for a front fence is 4 feet — the guidelines state that “ornate, ‘Victorian’ wrought-iron and chain-link fences are inappropriate.”

Therefore, she recommended the commission order the owners to remove it.

She also said commissioners should require the couple to change the chimney cladding, since the guidelines state that architectural details “should appear to be authentic, integral elements of the overall

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Landmark gets \$1 million makeover

By CHRIS COUNTS

WORK BEGAN last week to renovate one of downtown Monterey’s most important landmarks, the Cooper-Molera Adobe. The project is expected to cost about \$1 million to complete.

Located at 506 Munras Ave. and named after sea captain and merchant John B.R. “Captain” Cooper, the historic site is a complex of buildings. The renovation will focus on sprucing up two of them: the Cooper Adobe house museum, built in 1827, and the Diaz Adobe, which was constructed in 1829. Surrounded by an adobe wall, the 2.5-acre site also includes a corner store, an adobe warehouse, a barn and gardens.

The “most critical element” of the project is the restoration of the museum’s second-floor balcony, which faces Munras Avenue. Because of damage to its wood decking, railings, and windows, the balcony has long been considered unsafe.

Four months to complete

Other elements of the museum’s restoration include repairing the plastering on the exterior adobe, restoring and replacing decking, windows, shutters, doors and decorative trim, and addressing drainage issues on the kitchen wall.

Once the work is done, not only will people enjoy the view from the balcony again, but staff will be able to hang lights on it for the annual Christmas in the Adobe celebration.

“These efforts will not only safeguard the site’s architectural integrity but also allow visitors to continue engaging with Monterey’s history in a meaningful way,” said Karyn Lee-Garcia, executive director

of the Cooper-Molera Adobe.

The building was donated in 1968 to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a private nonprofit which owns and operates it today. The work is expected to take about four months to complete. The National



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The landmark Cooper-Molera Adobe is undergoing an extensive renovation which includes restoring its museum’s second-floor balcony.


Park Service contributed \$500,000 from federal taxpayers, with the trust paying for the balance.


Once the initial project is done, the trust’s next goal is replacing the ailing roof on the museum. Fundraising efforts are ongoing, and about \$150,000 needs to be raised.

“Delays in the initial project, coupled with rising costs of goods and labor, forced us to postpone the much-needed roof replacement,” the director explained. “We are still actively seeking funding to complete this critical work and ensure the long-term preservation of the Cooper Adobe.”

The site’s museum, along with its gardens and associated businesses — including Alta Bakery + Cafe and Cella Restaurant — will remain open while the work is being done. The contractors for the project are Hare Construction and Paul Power Construction.

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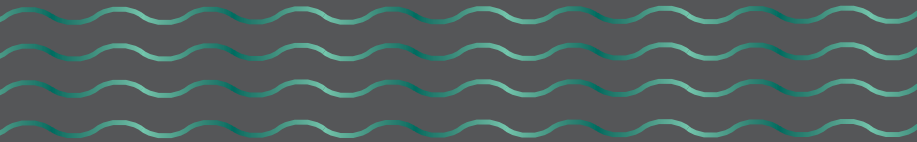
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Contractor hired for new airport terminal

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE design for a new 62,000-square-foot terminal building at Monterey Regional Airport approved last year, the airport district board last month OK'd a contract with Pleasanton-based Hansel Phelps to manage the project and build it. Groundbreaking is expected to take place in May, with construction completed in mid-2027.

The entire project, dubbed "MRY Metamorphosis," is expected to cost \$175 million and includes a new terminal with five jet bridges that will eliminate the need for passengers to walk across the tarmac and climb stairs to reach their aircraft, along with improved airport access and parking.

"The replacement passenger terminal, which was designed by the architectural firm HOK, incorporates

passenger and public feedback received at visioning workshops held in 2023. The facility will be traveler-friendly, accessible for all, and reflect the essence and diversity of the Monterey region," according to the airport district. "From the roadway to the boarding bridges, improved efficiencies will make the terminal easy to navigate, with ample room for seating, queuing and dining."

Four contenders

In addition to responding to increasing airport traffic, the terminal project was necessitated by the Federal Aviation Administration's requirement that Monterey airport move its passenger facilities farther from the runway and make safety enhancements to the main taxiway.

As a result, the old general-aviation hangars and fire station were demolished and relocated to the other side of



A contractor has been hired to build the new 62,000-square-foot terminal, which will include jet bridges for airline passengers.

the airport and long-term parking was moved. The construction has included laying underground utilities for the new terminal and covering the aircraft gate area with concrete strong enough to withstand the weight of multiple planes and related equipment.

At the Feb. 19 meeting, Chris Morello, the airport's deputy executive director, told the board the district received proposals from four construction firms last December, and all advanced to the selection process, which involved scoring them on various factors, in January.

"We had four really solid construction teams," she said. "After reviewing them in a lot of detail, Hansel Phelps was the evaluation team's highest-ranked contractor to move forward, primarily based on their experience and their interview."

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The firm has worked on significant projects at Los Angeles and San Jose airports, as well as at regional airports similar to Monterey. According to La Pier's report for the board, the evaluation process revealed Hensel Phelps' wide range of experience, strong relationships with local trade partners and excellent collaboration with other contractors, knowledge of the agencies having jurisdiction, and understanding of the permitting process.

"The airport's intent is to select the team which, in the sole judgment of the airport, best demonstrated that they had the resources, experience and understanding of the complexities to accomplish the desired result pertaining to the replacement terminal facility," he said.

During the interview phase, Morello told the board, Hensel Phelps brought the people who would be working



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“You can hit the pipes with a sledgehammer, and it will just bounce,” he said. “It’s pretty much indestructible.”

Most of the replacement will be accomplished through a process called “pipe bursting,” in which the new line is inserted through the old one, requiring far less open trenching.

Sewer service won’t be shut down during the project, but while workers are attaching the laterals from homes to the new main, residents will be asked not to flush their toilets or run their taps. Some 235 homes will be affected during the course of the overall project.

People will still be able to walk along the Scenic Road pathway — a condition required in the already-approved coastal development permit and environmental study — and full closures of the road will be avoided whenever possible. When they aren’t, residents will still be able to get to and leave their homes.

“It will be done a block at a time, and the road will be open at the end of the workday,” he said, as well as on weekends.

“We’re also going to fully resurface all the streets we’ll be working on, so that directly benefits the city,” he added.

Years in advance

Councilman Bob Delves asked if it would be possible to coordinate with CAWD to ensure the city doesn’t resurface a street, only to have the utility company dig it up shortly afterward as it works through its ongoing main replacement project.

Treanor responded that his agency generally knows the locations of lines to be replaced two years in advance, and city administrator Chip Rerig assured Delves that’s a frequent topic of conversation among city officials and utility companies.

“We have meetings with the utilities to try to coordinate, so that after we pave something, we don’t have PG&E or Cal Am taking up the street,” Rerig said. “And Mr. Treanor comes to those meetings.”

Former forest and beach commissioner Brian Sours challenged the city and CAWD to consider realigning the system farther from shore so that it will be less vulnerable to climate change and sea-level rise.

“The sea-level rise issue is difficult, but we have to do something now,” Treanor responded. “This will be better in the future, because the pipe will be much more resilient. We are well aware of sea-level rise — we think about it every time we do something.”

Lots of conditions

Public works project manager Javier Hernandez told the council his department worked with CAWD to develop more than 50 special conditions of approval for the required encroachment permit “to minimize impacts to the community before, during and after construction.”

Key among them are CAWD’s providing \$5 million in general liability insurance, ensuring robust public outreach and operating a 24/7 hotline for concerns, and coordinating with emergency services and others, such as

GreenWaste and delivery companies, to provide access to Scenic during construction.

The sewer district will also have to ensure Scenic residents can get to and from their homes at all times, give updated construction schedules to the city and coordinate on potential shutdowns during special events, and repair any damage to private and public property.

Councilman Hans Buder made the motion to approve CAWD’s encroachment permit, with a request that the work be done during January and February 2026 and that every effort be made to keep the road open during construction to allow cars to squeeze through. The rest of the council agreed.

Hernandez said the design work is almost done, with a contractor expected to be selected this summer, and that the Scenic Road portion will take 20 days to complete.

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Concerns over antisemitism spur state to standardize ethnic studies

By CAITLIN CONRAD

CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS who say they're worried about the way ethnic studies is being taught in the state have signed onto a new bill to standardize the curriculum.

Ethnic studies is not new to public school curriculum in California. In 2021, AB 101 mandated that it should be included at the high school level, but the courses remained voluntary. If the latest relevant bill, AB 1468, passes, ethnic studies will be required, and districts will only be allowed to use state-approved content.

“We need to reorient ourselves and implement standards and align curriculum,” said Monterey Peninsula Assemblymember Dawn Addis about the new legislation, which she co-authored.

In recent years, concerns over how ethnic studies is taught in California have escalated into lawsuits. Just last month, the Santa Ana Unified School District settled a suit brought against it for teaching classes that were said to be anti-Jewish.

“There have been rising instances of antisemitism, where ethnic studies is not being done in the way it was meant to be,” said Addis.

Glorified Hamas?

In the Santa Ana case, the curriculum was said to have glorified Hamas after the Oct. 7, 2023, attack. The lawsuit, filed a year ago, was brought by the American Jewish Committee, the Brandeis Center, and the Anti-Defamation League. According to the suit, the Santa Ana Unified School District set up a steering committee that hired outside consultants to build its

ethnic studies curriculum. The suit claims a consultant used antisemitic tropes on social media and that steering committee members refused to call Hamas a terrorist organization.

State oversight

The suit also found the pejorative term, “Jewish Question,” appeared on a committee agenda and that Jewish staff at the district had complained about committee members making antisemitic remarks in front of them.

“The lack of rigorous curriculum standards for ethnic studies has allowed groups with biased ideological agendas to peddle factually inaccurate and blatantly antisemitic curriculum to school districts,” said Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, a Southern California Democrat and one of the bill’s co-authors.

As part of the settlement, Santa Ana Unified agreed to stop teaching ethnic studies until courses are redesigned with the opportunity for public input.

Rather than scrap ethnic studies entirely, the new bill, AB 1468, aims to prevent factually inaccurate and harmful material from reaching students. The bill would standardize teaching in the four core disciplines, including African American, Latino/Chicano, Asian American/Pacific Islander, and Native American studies.

It would require the California State Board of Education to develop and adopt uniform content standards, curriculum framework and instructional materials and that schools use what is provided. The State Board of Education would build the

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While the City of Marina does not have any land in the highest hazard category, it has a combined 3,029 acres in the high and moderate zones. Seaside, which did not have any land in the very high zone in 2011, is now listed as having 1,478 acres in the three zones. Sand City has only 26 acres in the moderate category.

Several Salinas Valley cit-ies, including Salinas, have severity zones in the moderate category.

Analyzing the data

Andrew Miller, the chief of Monterey Fire, which serves Carmel, Pacific Grove and Monterey, said the depart-ment’s fire prevention divi-sion is analyzing the new Cal Fire data to determine how it will impact its jurisdictions.

“We anticipate having an update ready by next week,” Miller told The Pine Cone.

A 2021 law mandated Cal Fire to update the fire hazard maps. While there have been questions about whether insurance companies could use the information to raise insurance rates, California’s insur-ance commissioner Richard Lara has said the maps are “intended to drive local plan-ning decisions, not insurance decisions,” and that a “change in designation on the maps for a single homeowner is unlikely to affect their insurance.”

The maps will also guide where stricter fire-resistant building and landscape rules apply. For example, the state’s pending ban

of plants and other combustible materials within 5 feet of homes will apply to prop-erties categorized on the maps as having “very high fire severity hazard,” including in Pacific Grove and other cities, accord-ing to a San Francisco Chronicle article Monday.

Classification of a wildland zone as moderate, high or very high fire hazard is based on the average hazard across the area included in the zone, which have a mini-mum size of 200 acres.

Cal Fire is publishing the fire hazard maps in phases. Phase 4, which includes Southern California, will be released March 24.

After the fires in Southern California



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January’s devastating fires in the Los Angeles area have spurred new awareness of the threat a similar fire poses to communities on the Monterey Peninsula.

that destroyed thousands of structures, residents and officials in Peninsula cities have ramped up concerns about the local fire threat.

Monterey Fire collaborated on a com-munity wildfire protection plan that said hardening exteriors and creating a vegeta-tion-free space around homes are critical in minimizing the spread of wildfires. The plan was approved last year.

In February, the P.G. City Council held a discussion on wildfire protection plans and efforts, while Monterey hosted a simi-lar town hall meeting later that month.



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METAL

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informed decision,” Jensen told the council March 4. She noted that at the January meeting, 16 out of 17 commenters supported metal roofs, and nine people wrote letters in favor of the Jensens’ application. “And now we’ve received another 17 letters,” she said. Among them was a note from author and Carmel resident Eric Schlosser, who noted that metal roofs have been in use since the 1700s. “I hope that common sense will now prevail,” he wrote. “Steel roofs are practical, durable, fire-proof and entirely in keeping with the traditional aesthetics of Carmel.” Jensen said she and her husband spent months researching roofing options before

is authentic, is noncombustible and is “an environmentally sensitive choice.”

“We are appealing because other metal roofs have been approved, and they enhance the village, and this is the best option for our home,” which they renovated and have lived in for 25 years, she concluded.

Scale matters

Their architect, Gretchen Flesher, pointed out that metal roofs are not new in Carmel. In fact, the Frank Lloyd Wright House at the south end of the beach has one, as do other mid-century and contemporary homes — including another Mark Mills house at San Carlos and 13th.

She showed photos of several residences in a variety of architectural styles that have been roofed with metal and noted that passersby might not even notice many of them. Flesher further argued that metal roofs are appropriate for larger, simpler expanses, rather than those with complex lines and gables.

“The scale makes a difference,” she said.

Flesher doubted that allowing a metal roof would lead to a landslide of similar applications, considering the costs, styles and individual homeowners’ tastes.

“For these people, for this house, the planning commission didn’t have the time or energy at that point to have that discussion, and they didn’t even have the opportunity to discuss the merits of the metal roof for this particular house,” she



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Missy and JD Jensen’s Santa Lucia home can have a metal roof after all, the city council decided last week.

opting for metal and that they are “not interested in spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on an experimental roof product” that the city might deem suitable. “We want a proven solution that will last our lifetime,” she said. It’s also compatible with the house’s architectural style,

said.

Councilman Bob Delves, who was running the meeting at that point as Mayor Dale Byrne had to recuse himself because he lives near the Jensens, served four years

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on the planning commission and fielded many applications for metal roofs during that time.

“We approved many — I’m going to say, the majority,” he said, and while the design guidelines indicate glass, metal and plastic roofs are inappropriate in all neighborhoods, “we were always reminded that design guidelines are subjective.”

As a result, when commissioners deemed a metal roof appropriate, they would approve it.

“It was arbitrary, and I found it hugely frustrating,” he said. “We were waiting for guidance on metal roofs,” but it never came.

Regarding the January meeting at which the Jensens’ application was considered, councilman Jeff Baron observed the “procedure was bad.”

“One of the planning commissioners just basically wanted to stop the train, and they said they just weren’t going to approve any more metal roofs. And that’s not OK,” he said. “I get that the train is moving, but I don’t think it’s really fair to stop the train and say, ‘We’re not going to approve metal roofs until we have a policy,’ because who knows how long that’s going to take?”

“There are a lot of things in the hearing that I thought were inappropriate,” he said, including one commissioner’s demand that the Jensens “find a more creative option.”

‘Compatible,’ ‘appropriate’

Instead, they should have stuck with deciding whether the application met the city’s design objectives. Specifically, Baron said, it complies with the call for designs that are “diverse and innovative,” while being compatible with the city’s forest setting and the surrounding neighborhood.

“This metal roof I think is appropriate for this modern house,” Baron said.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov agreed. “I think it works with the neighborhood — you’ve got the Frank

Lloyd Wright House not too far down the road, it’s a mid-century modern house,” and the other Mills house up the street has the same roof, she noted. “So it’s compatible with the style.”

She also supported the medium copper tone the Jensens proposed.

Councilman Hans Buder was of a similar mind but disliked the process.

“I hate deciding these things in the absence of a policy framework. It feels arbitrary — it is arbitrary,” he said. “What rankles people is the inconsistency.”

He also noted that the increased frequency of wildfires is driving necessary changes.

“We are in a new world, we’ve got a changing climate, we’ve got increased fire risk,” he said. “It really is a new

world, and I think safety has to be a top priority for us.”

Delves said that during a recent trip to Australia and New Zealand, he observed that every house, regardless of style, has a metal roof, “because they are afraid of fire” — and that regardless, Victorian houses still look Victorian and modern houses still look modern.

Baron made a motion to grant the Jensens’ appeal and allow them to have a metal roof, and the rest of the council agreed.

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NEWSOM

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first episode, Newsom not only agreed with his conservative guest, his reversal on one position hasn’t gone over well with some Democratic allies.

Trans athlete reversal

The subject was transgender athletes competing in girls’ sports, which to the surprise of many of his LGBTQ+ supporters, Newsom called “deeply unfair.”

Newsom’s first guest, Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA, brought up the topic of transgender athletes after Newsom asked him for advice on reviving the Democratic party. Kirk, a podcaster himself, and a very successful one at that, suggested Newsom run to the middle on the transgender issue and denounce men in women’s sports.

Kirk went on to suggest Newsom immediately call out a transgender high school track star in Jurupa Valley, a city in Riverside County. In February, the trans teen obliterated her competition by win-

During the episode with Kirk, the governor went on to explain he views the issue through the lens of a man with two daughters and a wife who played college soccer. Newsom softened the blow by explaining his sympathies for transgender youth.

“That’s easy to call out the unfairness of that. There is also a humility and a grace, that these poor people are more likely to commit suicide, have anxiety and depression and the way that people talk down to vulnerable communities is something that I have a hard time with, so both things I can hold in my hand,” Newsom told Kirk.

Newsom has a long history as a LGBTQ+ ally dating back to when he presided over the weddings of same-sex couples as mayor of San Francisco in 2004 — long before it was legal.

The governor did not go as far as promising action on the transgender sports issue. California made it legal in 2014 for trans athletes to compete in women’s sports, but a bill introduced by Republican lawmakers would reverse those rules. Following the podcast, the bill’s author called out the governor on the social media platform X.

“As @GavinNewsom realizes, this isn’t an LGBTQ issue. This is about fairness in girls’ sports. My bill, AB 89, to restore safety and fairness to girls’ sports in California is coming up for a hearing. Will Assembly Democrats listen to reason and support my bill?” wrote Assemblymember Kate Sanchez, a Rancho Santa Margarita Republican.

Woke no more

During his first podcast, the governor also distanced himself from woke culture, claiming his office had never used the term “Latinx.” The word is intended to be a gender-neutral alternative to Latina or Latino and emerged alongside the movement to introduce

gender-neutral nouns and pronouns, but is rejected by most Hispanics.

“By the way, not one person ever in my office has ever used the word Latinx,” Newsom said in his episode with Kirk. “I just didn’t even know where it came from. What are people talking about?”

Some fact checking on the claim shows Newsom’s office has used the term Latinx. April 2019 the governor himself, used the word in a tweet about children living in poverty, and in 2020 he used it again in a tweet about the impacts of Covid-19. The governor’s office also used the word in a press release about the importance of the “Latinx” youth vote ahead of the 2020 election.

Pushing populism

Moving Newsom to the right, or at least the center, on some issues has been the recurring theme pushed by his guests in the first episodes of “This is Gavin Newsom.”

“This is part of the process to unwind

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Gov. Gavin Newsom with conservative activist Charlie Kirk before the recording of Newsom’s podcast last week.

ning a girls’ triple jump event by a margin of 8 feet at the Ontario Relays Invitational. Earlier this month, the same athlete won both the long jump and the triple jump at the Roosevelt Invitational and is a strong favorite to win the state championship.

“I think it is an issue of fairness, I completely agree with you on that, it is an issue of fairness. It is deeply unfair,” said Newsom.

The governor’s response was not what his LGBTQ+ allies in Sacramento wanted to hear.

“We are profoundly disappointed and angered by Gov. Newsom’s comments about transgender youth and their ability to participate in sports,” said Tony Hoang, executive director of Equality California.

Sen. Scott Wiener also released a lengthy statement expressing his dismay at the Governor’s sentiments following the podcast’s debut.

“Charlie Kirk is a vile bigot, and standing with him on this issue is profoundly disturbing,” wrote Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat.



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you from being a globalist, to make you a populist nationalist,” Steve Bannon told the governor during their debate over tariffs.

Newsom did not back away from his anti-tariff stance, but he did agree with Bannon on bringing back manufacturing to the United States.

When conservative talk radio giant Michael Savage was on the podcast, he told Newsom, “One day you may be a conservative and not even know it.”

As he did with Kirk, the governor asked Savage for advice on helping Democrats make a comeback on the national stage. Savage too pointed to the culture wars as the place to start. The 83-year-old conservative activist recommended a tougher stance on undocumented immigrants and backing away from pushing a transgender agenda in schools.

California problems

In his episode with Savage, the two Californians did get into the weeds on issues important in the Golden State — homelessness and housing. Savage, who lives in Marin, said he no longer crosses the bridge into San Francisco because the homeless issue is so bad.

“I’m sitting in North Beach having dinner, a man comes by, takes his pants down and defecates outside the window,” recounted Savage about the last time he had dinner in the city.

Newsom concurred that kind of behavior

is not permissible in a civil society.

“I agree with you, it’s not acceptable, nor the encampments, nor the tents,” said Newsom.

When pushed on what he’s doing to fix the problem, the governor pointed to increasing the number of mental health beds in California and changing the state’s conservatorship laws to make it easier to push people into care. Newsom also said he’s “not the mayor of California,” punting the problem back to localities.

Local control

As for housing, Savage wanted answers on the state’s recent push to steamroll local control over development. The media personality asked specifically for Newsom’s thoughts on Wiener’s new housing bill, SB 423, and how it could impact rebuilding in Los Angeles following the devastating wildfires. The legislation would make a number of technical changes to existing laws and give the state more power over what can be built in California, streamlining the building process for low-income and higher-density housing.

“First of all, I haven’t had a chance to review it, so it is difficult to respond specifically about it. It’s not on my desk, it may never end up on my desk,” Newsom told Savage before adding, “I’m not looking to upzone the Palisades, we’re not looking to make this sort of developer friendly.”

With his time as governor coming to an end, it’s no secret Newsom is contemplating a presidential run in 2028. If his podcasts continue to roll out in this fashion, tuning in may be one of the best ways to get to know Gavin Newsom, the unscripted presidential hopeful.

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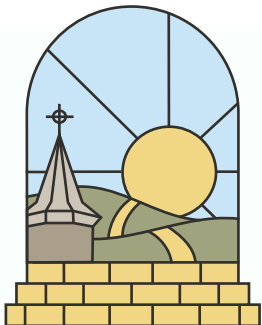
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AIRPORT

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in the field, which made a significant difference. “We asked a lot of really detailed questions, and they were able to answer every one of those questions extremely well,” she said, while some of the other contenders sent their marketing teams, which left the district uncertain how they would handle the project.

A major focus, she said, was on the transition to the new terminal.

“How do we know it will work on Day 1 when we put passengers in there? How do we have confidence? Because when we open it up, this building will no longer be serving passengers,” she said, referring to the terminal where the airport district has offices and was holding its meeting that day.

“We do a lot of aviation work across the country,” Hansen Phelps operations manager Todd Temple said when it was his turn to speak. “We’re super excited to bring that

experience here.”

The firm will relocate several employees from the San Francisco Bay area to the Peninsula for the project, he said, while he and other “support personnel” will continue working out of their offices in Pleasanton.

There was little public comment on the contract.

“This appears to be an eminently qualified firm, so I look forward to the process ahead,” commented board member Dino Pick.

To-do list

The firm’s first orders of business will be to review HOK’s terminal design in detail, revisit value-engineering options to determine where costs might be cut, develop schedules for construction and the procurement of specialized products and those with long lead times, and work with trade partners to calculate costs, which the airport district will provide to the Federal Aviation Administration in vying for grants to help fund the project.

Despite the Trump administration’s spending cuts and the budget impasse in the Senate, La Pier told The Pine Cone Wednesday, the airport improvements program “has

survived unscathed so far.”

“The program was fully funded in the House budget that was passed yesterday, and we are hopeful that the program will receive the same funding in the Senate and whatever compromise bill passes to keep the government open,” he said.

“Given the uncertainty that is Washington D.C. today, we are watching closely, however,” he added.

Once all the numbers are in, airport officials will present the board with a contract amendment that will include the total cost of the terminal construction project, according to Morello.

Terminal groundbreaking is anticipated to occur in May 2025, with a targeted completion time of two years.

CHOMP

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including doubling the number of Community Hospital’s beds and creating initiatives such as youth mental health program Ohana, Montage Medical Group — a practice of more than 100 primary and specialty providers — and Aspire Health Plan, the county’s first Medicare Advantage program.

“Packer’s legacy set a solid foundation for McDermott to continue the pursuit of excellence in healthcare for Monterey County,” Montage said.

Challenges

Besides the everyday challenges of running a large healthcare company that serves mostly Peninsula residents — many of them for their entire lives — the incoming CEO faces new competition following the January opening of a Kaiser Permanente medical facility in Salinas. There are also new regulations, including a federal mandate to disclose actual healthcare costs, not merely estimates, in advance to patients. And with many of its patients covered by Medicare or Medi-Cal, there is the perennial problem of figuring out how much to charge patients who have private insurance.

The hospital did not say how much McDermott would be paid, but he earned about \$1.8 million in salary at the Virginia hospital, while Packer earned about \$2.6 million in salary and other compensation and retirement benefits, according to 2022 tax data.

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ETHNIC

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curriculum framework and instructional materials and that schools use what is provided. The State Board of Education would build the standards with help from an advisory committee appointed by the governor.

The committee would have to include academic experts from each of the four core disciplines, as well as representatives from communities frequently targeted by hate crimes.

Those additional representatives would be selected based on criteria in the California Department of Justice’s annual Hate Crimes in California Report.

Concern and fear

“Unfortunately, in the absence of proper guidance, we have seen far too many instances of factually inaccurate and antisemitic content entering classrooms, sparking major concern and fear in Jewish communities across the state,” said David Bocarsly, executive director of the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California.

The Jewish Public Affairs Committee leads a coalition of 35 major Jewish organizations across the state and is a sponsor of AB 1468, as well as an advocate for ethnic studies more broadly.

“We are grateful to assemblymembers

Zbur and Addis, Sen. Becker, and the dozens of coauthors for recognizing the need to develop content standards and frameworks to ensure ethnic studies does not harm Jewish students and achieves our shared goals,” said Bocarsly.

Ethnic studies “crucial”

Addis said ethnic studies are crucial for California students and shouldn’t go away.

“I’ve really seen the benefit of ethnic studies and children being able to see themselves reflected in the curriculum,” said Addis.

The state representative spent two decades as a public school teacher. She started her career as a special education instructor for 13 years before switching to developing curriculum for English learners and eventually rolling out the first ethnic studies curriculum in her home county of San Luis Obispo.

Addis has introduced 18 bills for the current legislative session. At the start of the session, lawmakers were told the bill cap was being lowered from 50 to 35. Since Addis is a joint author on the ethnic studies bill, it will not count against her limit. However, the lawmaker said she’d gladly take the tally if it was required, as the matter is so important to the former teacher.

“I am considering it as if it is my 19th bill,” said Addis.

The ethnic studies bill will be heard in committee as soon as March 24.

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Belanger will explore “varying ideas about how to reinvigorate public

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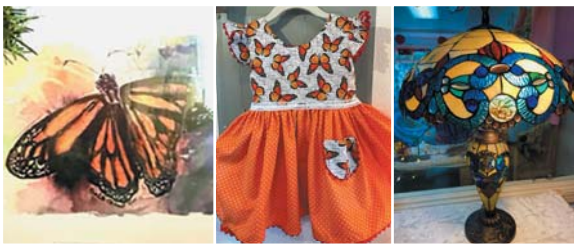
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THIEVES

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All told, the trio is suspected of stealing more than \$3 million worth of jewelry by using the technique of distracting, overwhelming and separating employees.

“The employees at Robertson’s jewelry store realized what was happening,” Maldonado said. “They did a great job of staying safe and recovering another piece of jewelry that was taken. They promptly called the police and provided excellent descriptions.”

He also credited the arrests to collaboration with the FBI, CHP, Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Department and the store’s employees. The bracelet was recovered and returned to Robertson’s.

Otvos was taken to the Monterey County Jail and booked on several felonies, with \$35,000 bail, while Sava and Rostas were arrested and transported to a Santa Clara County Jail facility on federal warrants, according to Maldonado. A federal warrant was subsequently issued for Otvos, as well.

The arrests came a couple of months

after the FBI issued “Wanted by the FBI” notices for Sava and Rostas in December 2024.

The fliers included several images of each and noted they might be “using a variety of aliases,” while “operating or living in various areas throughout the United States to include California, Texas, Florida, Maryland and Virginia.”

Sleight of hand

Federal arrest warrants were issued by the U.S. District Court in Topeka, Kan., for Sava and Rostas on Jan. 31, 2024, charging them with “conspiracy to commit interstate transportation of stolen property,” and officials had been searching for the duo since then.

The fliers warned that the pair were wanted for targeting multiple jewelry businesses in Kansas.

“It is alleged that the individuals entered the respective jewelry store in groups of two or more, distracted and/or separated the assisting employee or employees, while one or more of the other individuals would remove, conceal, and ultimately exit the business with items of jewelry that were displayed for purchase in a practice known as a sleight-of-hand distract theft,”

the notices read.

Otvos remained in Monterey County Jail this week, while Rostas was still being

held in Santa Clara County Jail with no bail allowed. Sava is no longer in custody, according to court records.

HOMELESS

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safety and viability of nearby neighborhoods and undermine the cleanliness and usability of parks, water supplies and other public resources.

‘Only a beginning’

Before passing the ordinance, councilmember Jean Rasch told her colleagues that the city has much more work to do to address homelessness — and said those efforts are made more difficult by “federal issues we have little control over” that are widening the gap between the rich and poor. She said the city needs to protect its businesses, but it also needs more shelter beds. “Passing this ordinance is only a beginning,” Rasch said.

Councilmember Ed Smith said he

would like to see the city address people living in larger vehicles such as RVs for extended periods of time. Smith reported that he recently counted nine RVs parked along Garden Road, surrounded by trash. “There are pockets all over town” where this is happening, he said, calling the ordinance “one step closer to where we need to be.”

Mayor Tyller Williamson expressed concerns that the ordinance could be challenging for police to enforce, noting “they can’t be everywhere all the time.” Williamson said that those who are contacted by law enforcement need to be “treated consistently.” He also asked staff to create a map showing where the impacts are happening.

While the city council approved the ordinance, they asked for some clarifications to address concerns raised at the meeting. They will review the ordinance again March 18.

TURF

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“Native grasses are more tufty. You wouldn’t need to use pesticides on them, and they wouldn’t look like a putt-putt lawn,” Wallace responded, adding that “if you keep them short, they can look like regular grass.”

Wallace’s presentation was met with general approval — only councilmembers Buder and Jeff Baron said they needed the language to tighten up.

“The definition of repair can be fuzzy,” said Buder, giving an example of a neighbor who “re-asphalted huge parking spaces in the public right of way.” So where’s the line for approximately 40 Carmel residences holding permits for fake grass?

In Wallace’s words: “No future installation, period.”

Have it? Keep it. Seek alternatives “as

it ages out,” Wallace explained. “We don’t want you to put more turf back in.”


Responding to Buder’s concern, Baron tasked Wallace and the planning commission with rewording a key section of the resolution.

Future installation?

“The policy says ‘the City of Carmel prohibits the installation of artificial turf.’ It doesn’t reference replacement of one installation with a different installation,” Baron explained.

“Future installation” should fix the wording issue. Attending members of the planning commission also suggested the added description of artificial turf as “legal non-conforming,” declaring past installations lawful, despite current zoning laws which prohibit their replacement.

Councilman Bob Delves made the motion to adopt the recommended policy with discussed rewording, which all council members approved.



RICHARD MASON LUNDY

Please join us at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 29 at Veteran’s Memorial Park, Skyline Drive & Jefferson Street, Monterey, CA 93940.

We will share stories and recollections, and celebrate the ways that Rich Lundy touched all of our lives.

MICHAEL KEVIN RACHEL

Please join us for a special remembrance and sunset toast to our beloved Mike Rachel, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22nd, Carmel Beach 13th Avenue and Scenic Road





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JAMES ROSS QUATTLEBAUM

Sept. 8, 1930 ♦ Feb. 22, 2025

My Dad resided at Hacienda Carmel in Carmel Valley and passed away on Feb. 22nd. He did not want a memorial service, so I am writing this in remembrance.



Dad was a fantastic father and grandfather. Growing up on the Monterey Peninsula, he always took an active interest in my activities and hobbies. When I became a Boy Scout, he became an Adult Scout Volunteer. When I showed an interest in rocks and minerals, Dad and I took many rockhounding trips together, culminating in his becoming president of the Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society. As a grandfather, he followed his grandson's pursuits closely and supported him in his endeavors.

Dad came to California by way of Arkansas. He was a big fan of the Razorbacks and, every year for his birthday, I labored to find a unique Arkansas product to gift him with. While those gifts now come to an end, I will think of my Dad every time I see a "hawg." Actually, I will think of him often regardless.

James Bryan Quattlebaum - Son

Grant Davis Quattlebaum - Grandson

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GAVEL

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was sentenced to a term of two years in prison.

Feb. 5 — Noel Aguilera Ledesma, 43, a resident of Yuma, Ariz., has been arrested and charged with the cold-case murder of his ex-girlfriend, Yvette Martinez, in 2010.

On Oct. 10, 2010, a vehicle was discovered burning on Highway 198 at Priest Valley Road. The vehicle was registered to 22-year-old Yvette Martinez of Greenfield. Investigators discovered Martinez's body inside the trunk of her vehicle. Her death was ruled a homicide.

Initial investigation by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office established that Martinez had previously been in a dating relationship with Ledesma. While Ledesma was a suspect in the initial investigation, no arrests were made.

In July 2020, district attorney Jeannine M.

Pacioni created the Monterey County District Attorney's Office Cold Case Task Force, which represents the largest and most comprehensive countywide effort to investigate, solve and prosecute cold-case homicides in the county. The task force began investigating this case in 2022 and discovered new evidence which resulted in a judicially approved warrant for Ledesma's arrest. The members of the task force who worked on this case are assistant district attorney Matt L'Heureux, investigators from the D.A. bureau of investigation, and former Monterey Police Assistant Chief Bill Clark. District attorney investigators arrested Ledesma on Feb. 4, 2025, with the assistance of the Yuma Police Department.

No further details about the case will be released at this time to preserve the integrity of the investigation and future court proceedings.

Anyone with information about the murder of Yvette Martinez is encouraged to contact district attorney investigator Oliver Minnig at (831) 784-5648.

Cynthia Jane Wald

June 14, 1933 - Feb. 24, 2025

It is with sadness that our family announces the passing of Cynthia Wald at the age of 91. She was a longtime resident of Carmel Woods, having relocated to Monterey during the last years of her life.

Cynthia was born June 14, 1933, in Grafton, North Dakota to Arvid and Ella May Larson. She was the first of two children; her sister, Dorcas, was born five years later. She spent her early years in the tiny farming town of Nash, North Dakota, where her father ran a grain elevator and she attended a one-room school. When she was 10, the family moved to Grafton, North Dakota.



After graduating from high school, Cynthia pursued nursing training at Trinity Hospital in Minot, North Dakota. Upon completing her degree, she continued to work at the hospital as a night supervisor. Subsequently, she moved to Chicago and studied surgical nursing at Cook County Hospital, following which she worked at Passavant Hospital as an operating room nurse.

In 1956, she met her future husband Donald Wald while on a blind date. Cynthia and Donald married on April 5, 1958, in Urbana, Illinois. Shortly thereafter, they relocated to the Monterey Peninsula, where Cynthia worked at the Monterey Hospital (now Hartnell Professional Center) and then Community Hospital. She worked first as a general nurse and then as an oncology specialty nurse, until she retired in 1988.

Cynthia and Donald raised two daughters in a beautiful log cabin home in Pescadero Canyon, Carmel Woods. They purchased it in 1963 and lived there for almost 60 years. The home was filled with evidence of her creativity and handiwork — handmade pottery, a large stained-glass window, embroidery, needle pointing, knitting, sewing projects, and handmade rugs. She also enjoyed gardening and growing orchids and always kept a beautiful blooming yard. The home was her and Donald's pride and joy and the extended family's hub where everyone was always welcome.

Cynthia had an avid interest in genealogy. After retirement, she spent several years combing libraries, courthouses and graveyards, during which time she published a family history dating back to the 1600s. She created an "ancestor wall" in one room of her and Donald's home, with dozens of framed photographs and biographies of long-ago relatives.

Cynthia and Donald loved traveling. They were members of the Carmel Ski Club and enjoyed exploring Lake Tahoe and the Sierra. They also traveled to Spain, Greece, Morocco, Canada and Mexico. As they got older, they enjoyed visiting their children and grandchildren in northern California and Texas. In her later years, Cynthia found pleasure in antique shopping, reading, gardening, and drives along the beach with her husband and family.

Cynthia was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Donald Wald. She is survived by two daughters — Tina Wald (Matthew Goeckner) and Kerry Wald-Ziemann (Todd Ziemann), as well as six grandchildren — Kyle, Neil, Kevin, Alex, Claire and Ella.

The family would like to thank Ivy Park at Monterey and Hospice of the Central Coast for their wonderful care and support during Cynthia's last years. Our family will celebrate her life in a ceremony at El Carmelo Cemetery at which time she will be interred next to her devoted husband.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Hospice of the Central Coast.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SHEILA OTIS COCHRAN MCGUIRE

9/10/1925 TO 3/1/2025

Sheila Otis Cochran McGuire lived a life full of love, adventure and unwavering strength. After a long and fulfilling journey, she passed peacefully at home, surrounded by the family she cherished.

Born in Pacific Grove, CA, to Beryl Otis Cochran and Horace James Cochran, Sheila was happy to be a fifth-generation Californian with roots on an old Gilroy ranch. She often reminisced about her idyllic childhood by the sea, where she and her friends roamed freely, spent endless summer days at Lovers Point, and developed a deep connection to the ocean. That love for the coast never faded — she found joy in her daily walks along the ocean-side paths, always feeling at home near the waves.



Sheila's greatest adventures began when she met Jimmy, the love of her life, while he was stationed at Point Sur with the Coast Guard. They both loved music and dancing, especially swing and jitterbug, and built a beautiful life together. Married in 1950, they created a loving home for their seven children, filling it with activities, gardens, escapades, learning and a strong sense of faith. Together, they built a business, enjoyed weekend family outings, participated with their church community, and were deeply involved in their children's education and activities. Sheila was a dedicated volunteer, lending her time to Mother's Club, and playground supervision and serving as a caring "Pink Lady" at CHOMP.

When Jimmy passed suddenly in 1980, Sheila faced the challenge with the resilience and determination that defined her life. She returned to school, earned her B.A. and accounting license, and built a successful career, including many years at Bradburn Company, CPA. Her ability to adapt, learn and thrive inspires those who knew her.

A lifelong learner and avid reader, Sheila loved keeping up with business, news and world affairs, always ready for a thoughtful discussion. She embraced life with a great sense of humor, gratitude and kindness, living by her simple but powerful motto: "If you can't say something nice, don't say it."

Sheila was a guiding light — steady, strong, and full of quiet wisdom. She believed in the power of dreams and instilled in her children the confidence to chase their own. She leaves a legacy of love, strength, and generosity of spirit.

Predeceased by her beloved Jimmy, Sheila is survived by her children and their spouses, who will forever carry her love and lessons in their hearts: Ellen (Paul) Gaucher, Kelly (Bruce) Head, Kathleen (Les) Kulp, Mary (Paul) Alessini, Susy (Louie) Castoria, James "Mick" (Lisa) McGuire and Maurie McGuire (Scott Westlotorn); grandchildren: Riley, Fletcher; Tim, Katie, Mary, Robert, Amanda, Jeff, Jody, Evelyn, Elizabeth, Sheila, Lily and Emily; a passel of great- and great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews from the McGuire and Cochran families. When in a quandary, we have our mantra: WWSD — What Would Sheila Do?

We, the family, are forever grateful for the angelic care from her team: Andrea, Lisa, Nana, Janey, Becky, Pam, Ema, Sala and Sosefina.

In place of flowers, contributions may be made to: Central Coast VNA & Hospice, Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, Santa Catalina School Tuition Assistance, or a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life begins at 2 p.m. March 23 with a reception to follow at York School Chapel, 9501 York Road, Monterey, 93940. Please RSVP to CelebrateSheilaM@gmail.com

JOAN SUZANNE BLACKMAN

1946 - 2025

Joan Blackman, daughter of Juanita and William (Bill) Blackman, was born on Feb. 5, 1946, in Canton, Illinois. Her twin brother, Jon, was born soon thereafter. It was clear that Joan was in some distress during labor and delivery, and she remained in the hospital for 10 or 12 days after birth. During the first months of her life the family doctor, Egbert K. Dimmitt, would stop by the house when he was in the neighborhood and simply sit quietly, observing Joan. Using his keen powers of observation he carefully determined that Joan had cerebral palsy.



Joan lived a valiant life with and despite cerebral palsy, starting 1st grade with a typewriter before special education had come on the horizon. Her teachers in small-town America were profoundly supportive and kept her in the mainstream educational context. She was never isolated by teachers, family or community! She graduated from Farmington Community High School in 1964 and then earned an A.A. degree at Canton Community College.

In 1989, after the death of her mother, Joan came to California to be close to her sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Laine McDaniel. She lived independently in a one-bedroom apartment in Pacific Grove for many years before moving to The Park Lane at the end of 2013 and then to Merrill Gardens in June 2017. Joan would want to pay tribute to the many individuals and programs that formed her Support Team or better yet, her Quality of Life Enhancers!

They include the Josephine Kernes Pool, the Adapted PE Program at Monterey Peninsula College, the Monterey Sports Center, International Transportation Network and the Peninsula Wellness Center. Individual Enhancers include Chris Pappas, Mark Clements, Eliot Light, M.D., Stephan Georis, Fran Gaver, Donna Vaughan, Shirley Kiatta, Shary Farr, Sandy Dobbratz, Pam Cartmill, Elida Romero, Gail Goodenow, Gina Puccinelli and Robert Alvarado. A special tribute must be made to Francisco (Frank) Marquez whom Joan referred to as “the wind beneath her wings!” They both were handicapped and shared a special relationship from 1989 until Frank’s death Feb. 18, 2021. Another essential tribute is to Laine McDaniel who was with Joan every step of the way in her new life in California.

Joan is survived by her brother, Jon, in Arlington, VA; her sister, Janet McDaniel; in Carmel; and two nieces and one nephew.

Gifts in Joan’s memory may be made to the Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) Foundation in support of MPC’s Adaptive PE Program. Mail to MPC Foundation, 980 Fremont St., Monterey, CA 93940-4799.

**THOUGH HER FLESH WAS WEAK
HER SPIRIT SOARED!**

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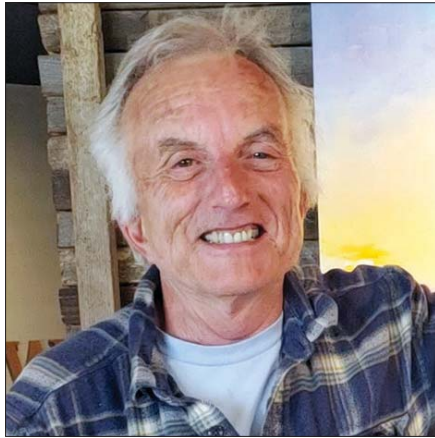
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STEVEN SHERWOOD

Steven Sherwood, 77, passed away on February 14, 2025, in Carmel Valley, California. He was born in New York City on July 29, 1947, before moving to California at the age of 2. Steven lived a life filled with curiosity, exploration, and a deep appreciation for the natural world.



Steven’s roots in the Monterey area go way back. His father was a researcher at Hopkins Marine Station. His mother was a clothing designer with a shop on Cannery Row. The family, including his parents and three siblings, lived in an architecturally significant home in Pacific Grove, a block from the future Monterey Bay Aquarium.

After earning his undergraduate degree from UC Davis, Steven worked in various jobs, including involvement in a bighorn sheep study in the eastern Sierra, as a lab technician, and collecting donated kidneys for transplantation. Returning to his education, Steven earned a PhD from UC Berkeley, and completed postdoctoral studies at the University of Michigan and Stanford University where he worked on gene amplification for about 15 years. He later worked in biotechnology with companies in the Bay Area, ending his career doing contract research at Aragen Biosciences.

Steven had a brilliant mind, and his contributions to science have left an enduring impact. He had in-depth knowledge of the body’s cells, harnessing their potential to fight against disease in combination with drugs. His unwavering dedication to discovery and pursuit of knowledge have inspired many. He was a mentor, a collaborator, kind and was generous in sharing his knowledge.

Even though he applied formal science in his work, he was truly a naturalist at heart. Steven was happiest when heading out on his own into the wilderness with not much more than a sleeping bag and his dog. In retirement he enjoyed birdwatching, and volunteering as a docent at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, sharing his knowledge and appreciation of the environment with others. Every morning and evening he could be found in Garland Park faithfully walking his three beloved Icelandic sheepdogs: Loki, Freyja and Kappi.

In retirement Steven had a creative side as well. He enjoyed jewelry making and woodworking – though his habit of sanding on the couch may not have been appreciated by everyone. Photography became a more recent passion of his, allowing him to capture the beauty he so deeply admired.

He shared his life with his wife, Margaret Johnson; and was a father to Michael, Chelsea, Marcos and Sarah. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren: Lily, Naomi and Caleb. He and his younger brother, Morris, shared a close relationship.

Steven’s love for nature and insatiable curiosity will be missed. May his memory bring a smile to those who loved him.

**A Celebration of Steven’s Life will be held in the Carmel Valley Community Park Gazebo,
Carmel Valley Road at Ford Road, on Saturday April 5, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.**

**Donations can be made in Steven’s name to the
Mono Lake Committee, P.O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541 info@monolake.org**

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DR. ANTHONY J. HEALEY

Dr. Anthony John Healey, 84, of Pebble Beach, died peacefully at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on Feb. 1, 2025. He was a distinguished emeritus professor in The Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Monterey, a Christian, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother, a friend and an active member of All Saints Episcopal Church Carmel. Anthony was born Sept. 10, 1940, in London, England three days after the Nazis began the bombing campaign that would last until he was nearly 2 years old. His early life was lived against the destruction of WWII and the reconstruction of Europe.



Anthony received his primary and secondary education at the all-boys Catholic school of St. Ignatius in Enfield, England where he excelled. At age 18, he enrolled in King’s College London where he received a bachelor of science in engineering. In 1963 he enrolled in the University of Sheffield, UK and in 1966 was awarded his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering, specializing in fluid mechanics.

Upon completion of his Ph.D., Dr. Healey and his young family embarked on a journey to the United States in pursuit of new opportunities. He worked one year for General Electric in Schenectady, N.Y. prior to beginning in 1967 his first academic position as an assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Penn State University, State College, Pa. Two years later Professor Healey was invited to serve as a visiting professor at MIT, Cambridge, Ma. While at MIT, Professor Healey was offered an associate professor position at the University Texas, Austin. In 1974, at age 34, Anthony achieved his full professorship. During his time, Professor Healey won numerous grants that quickly established him as a leader in his field. Ph.D. candidates and post-docs from around the world sought opportunities to work with him.

In 1982, Dr. Healey decided to pursue opportunities in business and became head of Research and Development for Brown and Root, based in Houston. His research team provided guidance in design, engineering, construction and maintenance of offshore oil platforms. In 1986, Anthony returned to academia as chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. He established the first Autonomous Underwater Vehicles program at the school. The program was expanded to incorporate Autonomous Aerial and Surface Vehicles under his leadership. For economical and efficiency reasons, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Departments were combined to create the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Professor Healey was elected its first chairman.

Professor Healey received numerous awards and published more than 180 papers and articles. He was most proud of the Distinguished Professor Award for Dedicated Service and Department Chairman. Other special awards include ASME Life Fellow and Dedicated Service, first recipient of IEEE AUV Technical Achievement Award and 2010 International Man of the Year from UK recognition.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Anne C. Healey; his son, Col.(ret) Anthony John Healey (Amanda); two daughters, Dr. Joanna Phoenix (PJ) and Dr. Victoria Horvath-McCarthy (Philip); two granddaughters, Morgan and Ainsley McCarthy; two brothers, Michael Healey (Susan) and Dr. Francis Healey (Gwen); one sister, Elizabeth Kitts (Alan); a host of nieces and nephews; special friends, Scott and Dr. Ronda Simmons, Barbara and David Koehler, Dr. Laura Banks and Dr. Christopher Johnson. He was predeceased by his parents, Cyril Francis and Mary Webb Healey; and first wife, Wilhelmina Healey.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to All Saints Episcopal Church, Carmel, or your favorite charity in his honor.
**A Celebration of Life will coincide with what would have been Anthony’s 85th birthday on Sept. 10, 2025,
11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, Ninth and Dolores, Carmel. The Rev. Amber Sturgess will officiate.**

Editorial

The right to know

EVERY TIME we think we’ve seen the last of the state’s brilliant ideas for solving the housing shortage, something else pops up that would have seemed impossible just a few years ago. Yet here it is.

This time, it’s not something the state specifically mandated but certainly inspired. Last week, the Mercury News reported, “The Saratoga City Council gave its final stamp of approval to a controversial new policy that eliminates automatic notification of Saratoga residents when new housing developments are planned for their neighborhood.”

After decades of regulating new development in California to the utmost degree — so much so that a dire housing shortage resulted, as it had to — numerous laws enacted over the last three years have allowed housing projects to be approved despite local design review or zoning, without public hearings or an EIR, regardless of requirements for parking, and at densities that violate a municipality’s general plan. And now, in Saratoga, and with more cities surely to follow, the people who live near a proposed project may not even know about it until the bulldozers show up.

In the old days, which is to say five minutes ago, public notice for everything from massive shopping centers, to somebody trying to change the color of their shutters, was one of the Ten Commandments of the permit process. In many localities, property owners were required to post notices about development plans along the perimeter of their land, run newspaper advertisements, and mail notices to everybody who lived within 300 feet.

And while “public notice” may sound laudable, its real purpose was often to rouse the public to oppose anything that didn’t conform to the purity of what an activist group wanted their city to be, could be depicted as harmful to the environment, or simply wasn’t to someone’s liking.

It may not even have been the general public that was the intended recipient of all those notices — activists knew how to respond to the call of a public hearing over something that would be fun to oppose, which they eagerly did. And despite the fact that you can usually get a better idea of the public’s true opinion by calling the first 10 people in the phone book, activists who packed public hearings often got their way, either because city councilmembers and county supervisors mistakenly believed that the people who lined up to “comment” about something on the agenda actually represented the public, or because they were bullied into doing what the speakers demanded.

Either way, surviving a public hearing — or a series of them — was often the highest hurdle a would-be developer had to clear to get a permit, and public notice requirements were one of the most effective things at making that as difficult as possible.

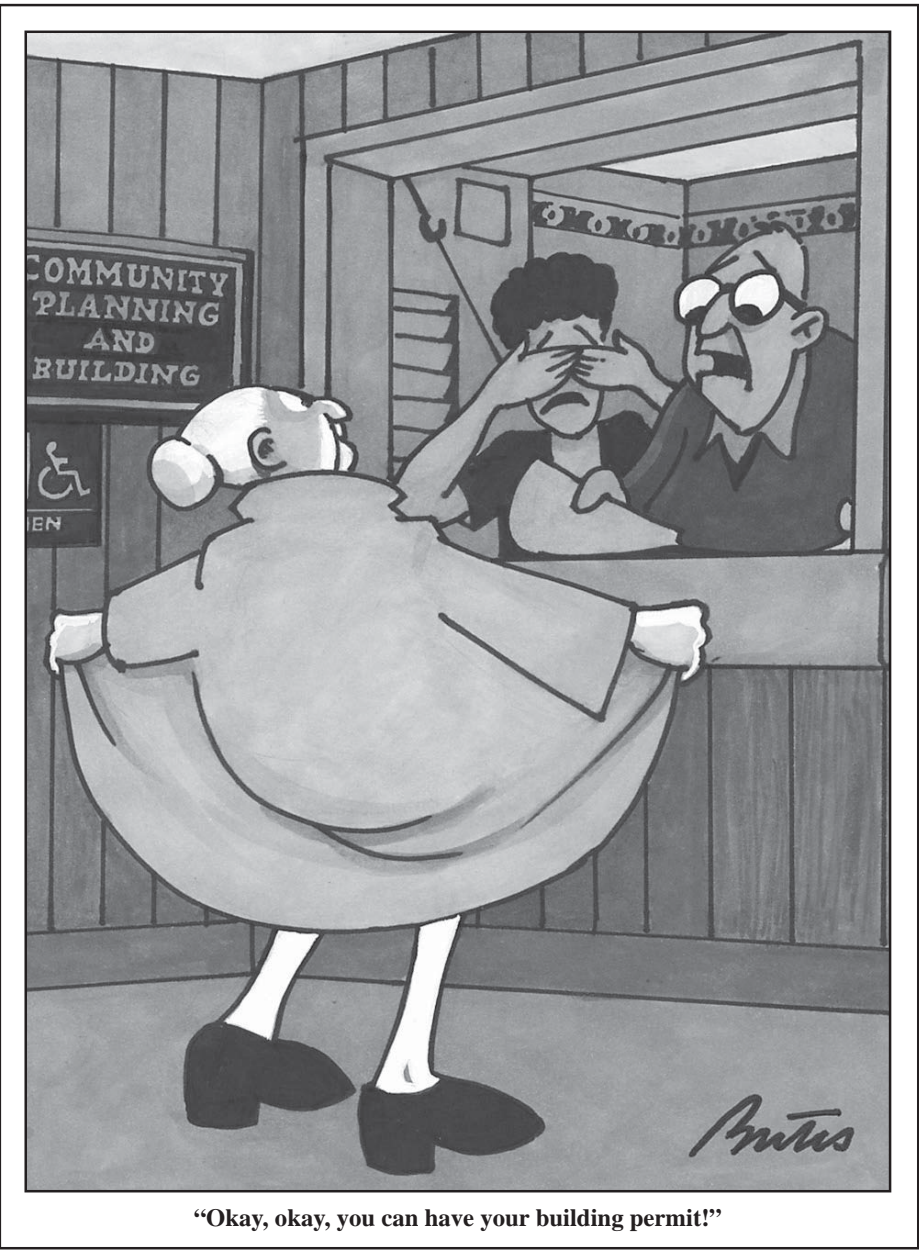
The fact that it worked as intended and thereby stopped many things that should have been approved is demonstrated by the fact that it’s now being canceled.

“We strongly urge the city council to reinstate discretionary review processes to ensure neighboring landowners retain their constitutional due process rights,” read a letter from housing rights attorney Sabrina Venskus to the Saratoga City Council, the Merc reported.

Once it was considered a Californian’s sacred right to participate in permit hearings about a nearby development project, but even knowing about it is no longer considered any kind of right, much less a sacred or Constitutional one, the Saratoga council decided. Can Peninsula cities be far behind?

So bizarre are developments like these, next thing you know, Gavin Newsom will be coming out against transgenders on girls’ sports teams.

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The torch and pitchfork crowd

Dear Editor,

I realize Congressman Jimmy Panetta walks on water in this district, so I’ll keep the car packed and the engine running in case a torch-and-pitchfork crowd descends over my heresy.

Panetta’s comments in the March 7 Pine Cone makes it clear that he opposes President Trump’s entire agenda. Therefore, I would like to see another Pine Cone article where he explains why he favors open borders, violent criminal illegal aliens on the streets of major cities, biological males competing against women in sports, wasteful and fraudulent government spending, weakness in foreign policy and more. What is his justification for this support?

Panetta says, “Trump failed to unify Congress with any bipartisan solutions.” His agenda is aimed at solutions to the destruction of the last four years, and

it’s hard to achieve bipartisanship when the Democrat approach to Trump is hatred and contempt, such as shown during his address to Congress.

To be fair, Panetta’s comments might be hyperbolic, but at least he has not joined in the shrill, maniacal rantings of some of his colleagues. But like many of his colleagues, he tells us only what he opposes and not what he favors as alternatives.

Doug Gamble, Carmel

Flanders study

Dear Editor,

I want to thank Carmel’s city council members for their appropriate refusal of the feasibility study “gift” offered up at the recent strategic priorities meeting. Given the contentious nature of the Flanders issue over many decades, the council immediately identified the glaring downsides of Mike Buffo’s offer: that of impartiality. The council acted properly in retaining its independence and not leaving residents to wonder about the fairness of a report funded by local construction-related firms.

When the city council eventually prioritizes Flanders (hopefully next year), it will no doubt conduct an independent and unbiased assessment to fulfill its mission of integrity in providing a transparent process for our community without a hint of being influenced by Mr. Buffo.

As for the “facts” Ms. Hall presents, Flanders Mansion is not “quite distant from any houses in the neighborhood.” To the contrary, Flanders is flanked by homes on Hatton Road and Martin Way with

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Saved by a garden, sustained by mountains, art and literature

WORLD WAR II began in 1939 and lasted six long years — and that’s only the battles, not the aftereffects. Carmel poet Inge Kessler was born in Germany in 1941. Imagine it.

She spent her early growing-up years in the town of Mühlhausen — which translates to “mill houses” — in the middle of the German countryside. The town survived the war intact, she said, because it had no industry.

Her imagination grew as she played among the vegetables and flowers in her grandmother’s garden, which also saved her and her siblings from malnutrition as the conflict wore on.

The final chapter in that period was marked by her father’s death 14 days before the war ended.



PHOTO/LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

Poet and Tor House docent Inge Kessler grew up in World War II-era Germany before coming to the United States.

Wanted more

“My father was a soldier for only three days,” she said. “I remember it as if it happened this morning. My mother did not learn for a full year that he had fallen, until she sat at the table, reading the letter and burst into tears. I was 5 years old and could not comfort her.”

In 1956, when she was 15, Kessler’s stepfather, a surgeon afraid of nuclear war,

United States, where he had been educated at Pomona College and had taken a job in Solvang. I accepted by marrying him.”

Kessler sailed across the sea on a luxurious ship, “like the Queen Mary,” she said, arriving in the New York harbor on a sunny day. A huge gray ship anchored there bore a line of sailors in dress whites, and she saw it as her welcome to America.

She had taken a Red Cross course in Germany, which was enough for her to become the nurse at the boarding school in Solvang where her husband taught. Later, when he accepted a job at the then-Monterey

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

moved the family to a little cabin near the Swiss-German-Austrian border.

“I always wanted to burst out, to go do something adventurous,” said Kessler over tea in an upstairs Carmel apartment laden with furnishings and artifacts

From the mayor’s desk — Turning plans into progress

By DALE BYRNE

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA stands at a pivotal moment as we lay the groundwork for change and actively develop plans that will be turned into tangible progress. Our overarching goal is to transcend abstract planning, foster deep community engagement and build a stronger, more resilient Carmel for generations to come.

A recent five-hour session with our city council, leadership, staff and a remarkable turnout of engaged residents underscored the power of collective action. Your participation was invaluable, demonstrating a shared commitment to our town’s future. While the session’s time constraints were acknowledged, the palpable energy and productivity marked a crucial first step in shaping our upcoming capital improvement plan and budget.

■ Addressing challenges

We all acknowledge the long-overdue improvements in public safety, our civic buildings, and coastal infrastructure maintenance. In addition, housing and workforce challenges persist, and we are working hard to develop a balance between preserving our public spaces and community character while addressing the real-world needs for affordable housing alternatives.

A key aspect of our approach is empowering our city leadership and staff. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Delves and I encouraged them to provide direct assessments of ongoing projects, financial health and future proposals. This shift allows for grounded, practical discussions, ensuring

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Not a runway, but an empty wall

JESSICA VON Essen, who demurely labels herself “The Artist With No Style,” is an anarchist at the easel, unencumbered by artificial rules or presuppositions.

Whatever happens after dark — her most creative hours — in the corner of her Carmel-by-the-Sea living room is ... well, anything her heart desires, which is why her portfolio is vast and diverse.

Von Essen dances effortlessly among impressionism, realism, pointillism and

a skilled seamstress — another art form in Von Essen’s repertoire.

“I was making art really young — always sewing, drawing and painting. I constantly doodled in my notebooks at school,” she said.

After graduating from Clovis West High, where she was a cheerleader, she enrolled at the San Francisco Art Institute, intending to enter the fashion industry.

“But I eventually decided that I didn’t want to be in the fashion rat race, and that’s really when I kind of picked up painting,” she said.

She attributed that detour mostly to happenstance.

“Actually, I was shopping for art to put on the walls of my apartment and couldn’t find anything I wanted, so I decided to try to paint something myself,” she said. “It was the first real painting I ever did, and when it was finished, I thought, ‘Hey, that’s not bad — maybe I should become an artist!’”

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

abstraction. She creates with palette knives, traditional brushes, gel pens and pressed flowers. She paints in oil, watercolors, and alcohol ink, which she manipulates into hypnotic shapes using her hair dryer.

“My mind is racing 24/7 with ideas about all of the new things I want to work on. I have a million thoughts in my brain, and I don’t have a million hours in my day, which is the hard part,” she said. “I can’t wait to finish whatever I’m working on so I can move on to the next thing.”

She teaches classes

She’s been represented for the past six months by the Carmel Valley Art Association — her first gallery — where she’ll also be teaching classes this summer on painting with alcohol ink and a hairdryer, candle-making and probably oil painting, she said.

She teaches multiple art classes at Carmel Valley Lodge, where, in April, she’ll offer a workshop on pressed flowers. Fun fact: She’s also a Hula-Hoop instructor.

Von Essen, who studied fashion marketing at the San Francisco Art Institute, sells vintage clothing and décor at the Cannery Row Antique Mall and at street fairs, and she will host a vintage clothing expo June 14 at Carmel Valley Lodge.

As an artist, she’s a night owl, typically immersing herself in her work around 9 p.m., and sometimes painting until 4 in the morning.

She said her husband, John Attwell, self-employed general partner at Carmel-based Attwell & Co., “is a stock trader who goes to bed at about 9 p.m., then wakes up really early — around the time that I’m finishing at the easel. We kind of pass in the night. He says ‘good morning’ and I say ‘good night.’”

“People keep telling me I need to find a proper studio, but painting at home works well for me. It’s quiet. My food is in the fridge. And I don’t have to drive anywhere, then drive back home afterward.”

Starting young

Von Essen grew up in Fresno, the third of four kids. Her dad owned a printing company, and her mom, a former florist, is

A ‘loner’ in San Francisco

During the 10 years that she lived in San Francisco, von Essen was almost entirely self-taught, and she mostly avoided other artists.

“I was kind of a loner because I didn’t want my art to be influenced by having other artists around me. I wanted to stay within myself and develop my own style,” she said.

In 2015, while doing homework in the coffee shop downstairs from her apartment, she was approached by a man who asked what she was working on.



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Carmel’s Jessica von Essen, “The Artist With No Style,” is wildly creative in multiple mediums, including oils, watercolors, alcohol ink, gel pens and pressed flowers. She shows her work at the Carmel Valley Art Association.

“I was thinking, ‘Who’s this creepy guy trying to talk to me,’” she remembered with a laugh. “And the rest is history.”

She married John Attwell in 2020. He sold his stock-trading company when the Covid pandemic shut down most San Francisco businesses, and they moved to the Monterey Peninsula, settling into a home a few blocks from Carmel Beach.

“John had lived here before, but I really didn’t know a whole lot about this area,” she said. “It was a big culture shock at first, because it’s such a quiet place compared to San Francisco. But it’s so beautiful, and life here is very nice and simple. I love this

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place.”

Von Essen is curious about plein air painting but prefers the quiet privacy of her own space in a home that is teeming with a stunning variety of inventory. She aspires to open her own gallery someday.

She painted live on the street last summer during Monterey Car Week, and expects to be out there again this August. She also participates annually at Sand City’s West End Festival and other street fairs.

Visit Carmel Valley Art Association (8 Del Fino Place, Carmel Valley Village) to see her work on exhibit.

Additional information and images of her art are at jessicavonessen.com and on social media @jessicavonessen.art.

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LETTERS

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residents who have chosen to live in a quiet neighborhood.

If Mr. Buffo was allowed to establish his video business under the guise of a museum and event space, the noise and traffic from these events would impact not only our quiet neighborhood but also the Mission Trail Nature Preserve’s habitats.

Furthermore, calling Mr. Buffo’s events “small” does not make it so; his marketing literature calls for events with up to 99 people. That many attendees would require far more parking than Flanders can accommodate (five spaces) and overwhelm Hatton Road, which is woefully ill-equipped for more traffic than it currently receives.

Ms. Hall may not realize how treasured our unique nature preserve is to the surrounding community. Its serenity is enjoyed by neighbors and visitors alike for contemplative strolls, dog walks, birding, and taking in nature’s beauty. It cannot and should not be held at the mercy of Mr. Buffo’s video events. Such an endeavor would spoil this local treasure, degrading our neighborhood and the joyful peace of the Mission Trail Nature Preserve — which is the real “community asset” — one that is worthy of extolling and protecting.

Jody Lyons, Carmel

MAYOR

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those with everyday expertise shape our priorities and submit practical proposals to the council. By giving staff a voice, we’re fostering a collaborative environment where their insights are valued and acted upon as an integrated team effort.

■ **Leadership accountability**

Complementing these activities, the council has recently conducted the regular performance reviews of city administrator Chip Rerig and city attorney Brian Pierek. These honest evaluations, followed by productive goal-setting sessions with clear, measurable objectives, ensure our city leadership is motivated, aligned and held accountable. They will be working to ensure that every department understands its role and that every city associate is empowered to contribute. Making clear progress will be energizing to them and the community.

In the coming weeks and months, our 2025 priorities will become clear and actionable. We recognize that strategic plans can easily become static documents, but our commitment is to ensure our plans become actionable, living documents. This means working together to refine priorities, establish a practical capital plan, and developing a detailed budget that reflects our community’s needs.

■ **Fiscal responsibility**

Our financial stewardship committee is playing a vital

Forge in the Forest

Dear Editor,

It is truly heartbreaking to see this iconic piece of Carmel history, simply known as “The Forge,” be no more. The restaurant that graced the corner of Junipero and Fifth for many years of fun, laughter and some wonderful memories will be closed after 53 years of being open.

To be denied the ability to continue to serve the community with the passion that Carolyn and Greg Profeta at the reins have shown for the past 15 years, nurturing the business and the staff they call “family” is so sad and truly disheartening. I respect both of these people immensely, two people who have worked so hard to keep this business thriving and successful.

What makes this worse? Not a single word about this in the Pine Cone, not one!

Where is the outcry and support for the local business owners who actually have been a working part of this community for so many years? The closing of this family owned and operated restaurant is what should have been splashed across the front page, not completely ignored, forgotten and brushed under the rug so blatantly.

The paper seems to be showing its true colors, that our history can be bought, paid for and then discarded like garbage and nobody cares to talk about it. I for one wish Carolyn and Greg all the best that life has to offer them. They truly deserve that and more.

Candace Cate, Carmel

role in this process, partnering closely with city staff to ensure the goals of fiscal responsibility and sustainability are followed, that funds are strategically deployed to ensure projects are properly staffed and that frequent updates ensure transparency.

We understand that planning is only half the battle; execution is where progress really happens. This means cutting through bureaucracy, making timely decisions while maintaining transparency. A more efficient government serves everyone. We will ensure decisions are made with public input and with a clear understanding of their impact.

■ **Looking ahead**

This year, our strategic plan won’t gather dust. It will guide us toward meaningful progress. Quarterly leadership evaluations will ensure accountability at every level of our organization and provide updated goals.

I am eager to collaborate with my fellow council members, city leadership and staff, and the residents and businesses of Carmel to make 2025 a year of visible action. As we embark on this journey, perhaps a playful reminder is in order: “Be careful what you wish for!” From fixing sidewalks and tree wells, to enhancing our public spaces, some disruptions are inevitable. So let’s work together, keep our collective eye on the goals and make sure the conversation keeps going so we achieve steady progress.

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DEI

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“Affinity Ceremonies” will offer nine separate events, including for students who are Black, Latino, Native American and disabled to “honor the accomplishments and experiences of CSUMB graduates from historically underrepresented communities.”

The university also offers a ceremony for “Undocu-Otters” — graduating students who are in the United States illegally. (CSUMB’s mascot is an otter.)

The university has trained its athletic department staff on “overcoming bias and decoding microaggressions,” gender stereotypes, and privilege.

CSUMB’s University Police Department is also committed to the cause, stating that diversity, equity and inclusion is “important to the success” of the force and to “reflect the values of our community.” The department provides ongoing cultural diversity and “microaggression awareness” training to employees.

‘Does not discriminate’

Asked about the Trump administration’s anti-DEI mandate, a Cal State Monterey Bay spokesman provided a statement from the California State University Office of the Chancellor, which has been answering press questions on the topic.

“The CSU continues to comply with longstanding applicable federal and state laws and CSU policies and does not discriminate or provide preferences on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin,” the statement read. “CSU remains committed to fostering an inclusive and equitable learning environment that is open to all. CSU respects the diverse opinions and viewpoints of our students, staff and faculty.”

Monterey Peninsula College is all in,

too. A few years ago, it launched an Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, Anti-Racism and Accessibility program to address “systemic racism.” Its director was paid more than \$150,000 in salary and benefits in 2023.

MPC’s Umoja program “integrates academics, support services, and African American culture” and offers financial aid, counseling, academic help and other perks for people of color. The college, though, has said Umoja is open to everyone, regardless of race.

Cultural proficiency

Pacific Grove Unified School District superintendent Linda Adamson said that the district focuses on “cultural proficiency” instead of “DEI as it is traditionally framed.”

“This was, in fact, the foundation for our district-wide commitment to fostering a Culture of We — an approach rooted in our three core values: belonging, safety and prosperity,” Adamson told The Pine Cone.

The superintendent explained that she does not anticipate any PGUSD program to be impacted by the Trump administration’s anti-DEI mandate.

Carmel Unified School District Superintendent Sharon Ofek this week said that the district is “closely monitoring the situation,” including ongoing legal challenges.

“Our primary focus in Carmel Unified School District will remain on educating students and ensuring they have a safe and supportive learning environment,” Ofek explained.

While state officials have recommended to California schools that administrators not make any changes to diversity programs, the Trump administration last week rolled out an “End DEI” portal asking parents, students, teachers, and others to submit online reports of discrimination based on race or sex in publicly funded K-12 schools.

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LIVES

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Institute of International Studies, the couple moved to Carmel.

Kessler, whose letters to her mother were laced with poetry, took a class from author Ilia Thompson at Monterey Peninsula College, she said, which enabled her to develop her writing. Within six months, she published her first book of poetry.

“My intention was to distill my experiences into evocative words, not essays,” she said. “I go very deep when I write, but I also can be very flippant and funny, ironic.”

In the 1980s, Kessler took a deep interest in Robinson Jeffers’ narrative poetry, and the author has never lost his grasp on her. Ten years ago, she became a docent at his legendary home, Tor House.

“Although I was born and raised in Germany, my roots

are so deep in the fertile grounds of this tiny town of Carmel that used to be a more bohemian and artistic enclave than it is even now,” she said. “This is why I like to be connected to Tor House. You can have progress, but you must not forget the people who built it.”

Lifelong process

For 26 years, Kessler worked for Luciano Antiques & Designs in Carmel. For another 10, she was a realtor and became enamored of showing residences in Big Sur. She was enchanted, not unlike her friends — generations of Westons and legendary artist Emile Norman — by the rugged, unspoiled terrain and remoteness of the coastal properties.

“I got all my jobs over the years because I have an all-around ‘bildung’ — a concept that refers to a lifelong process of personal and cultural development. I am well versed in almost every aspect of life,” she said.

“Every aspect,” indeed. Her early desire “to go do something adventurous” was fulfilled. Her exploits

included being a guest at a raja’s palace in Bali, traveling Japan by train and living in the Okura Hotel in Tokyo, zip-lining in Costa Rica’s Cloud Forest and walking the Great Wall of China in the snow.

Her love for traveling is surpassed by her pleasure of living in Carmel-by-the-Sea. The hills and mountains of Big Sur and Carmel Valley are as vital to her as breathing. She is an avid solo hiker who enjoys following the bobcats in Palo Corona, and she continues to serve as a docent at Tor House. She keeps her mind, body and soul together, she said, by enjoying literature and music. In the 50 years she has lived in Carmel, she has never missed a Bach Festival.

GATE

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building design concept.”

The document even includes a drawing of a stucco chimney with “floating stones” with a caption that reads, “The random placement of individual stones or clusters of stones on building elements, such as foundations or chimneys, is discouraged.”

Van Rodriguez told the commission she asked her contractor to cover the brick chimney with plaster and the stones because it didn’t match the rest of the home.

And Greg Rodriguez said they installed the gate to keep the deer out of their garden, which generates a lot of compliments from passersby and is a frequent topic of conversation.

“The only way to safeguard the garden is to put up a gate,” he said, “because the deer eat everything.”

Too short

But planning commissioners, who were considering the couple’s requests toward the end of a six-plus-hour meeting, were generally unsympathetic.

“I am not supportive of either, and a gate that is that short is easily hopped by deer,” commissioner Stephanie Locke said. “I don’t think that is really the purpose of the gate.”

She also said if the chimney isn’t going to be stripped back down to brick, it should just be stucco, with no stones.

Commissioner Stefan Karapetkov remarked that the chimney was not “executed correctly.”

“It looks very artificial,” he said, though it’s not visible from the street, so that might matter less. He suggested it be brick, stucco or stone.

Had the couple gotten permits, as required, commissioner Mel Ahlborn noted, they could have saved themselves time and money, since the guidelines are clear on ornate fencing and artificial-looking chimney cladding.

Only chair Michael LePage had no issues with the driveway gate. “The only thing discouraged is the ornate iron, but that’s discretionary,” he said, and considering the stucco wall is topped with wrought iron, “I see a theme here, so I don’t have a problem with it.”

He wasn’t OK with the chimney, though, for the same reasons his colleagues objected.



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Vistra batteries being disconnected

By KELLY NIX

THE PROCESS of disconnecting damaged lithium batteries at the Vistra Energy storage facility in Moss Landing — the site of a Jan. 16 fire that forced about 1,500 people to be evacuated and caused health complaints — is nearly finished, officials said this week.

During a press briefing Wednesday afternoon, David Yeager, Vistra’s director of project management, said that about 90 percent of the remaining batteries — the ones not destroyed in the fire — have been disconnected.

“Weather permitting, the guys on the ground do expect to have that wrapped up in the coming days,” Yeager said.

However, the rest of the cleanup will take significantly longer due to the building’s “compromised nature” and other factors.

“The recovery process and our investigation into the cause — it’s going to take some time,” Yeager explained, adding that a long-term cleanup plan is still in the development stages.

Vistra is working with structural engineers to determine how to access other areas of the heavily damaged building, which will eventually be demolished, he

said.
Ric Encarnacion with Monterey County Environmental Health said the department is continuing to coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to ensure that the cleanup process, including the removal of hazardous materials from the Moss Landing property, is done correctly.

New website

Meanwhile, the county’s Department of Emergency Management and the United States Environmental Protection Agency have developed a website to keep information about the cleanup efforts centralized.

“The website is intended to provide the public with a user-friendly experience with updated information and access” to information about the “cleanup process, safety measures and progress updates,” emergency management director Kelsey Scanlon said.

The website, which is already live, will eventually be the primary source for information on updates for remediation efforts at the Vistra site.

“There will be periods where there are fewer frequent updates, but the intention is to provide truthful, transparent and verifiable information,” Scanlon explained.

The website is here: [Shorturl.at/4Aeif](https://shorturl.at/4Aeif)

P.G. teachers, therapists laid off

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove school board last week voted to lay off several teachers and therapists to help close a nearly \$3 million deficit.

At the March 6 meeting, the board’s five members voted unanimously for the staffing reductions, which included four teachers.

Pacific Grove Unified School District chief human resources officer Buck Roggeman told the board that the layoffs are due to decreases in student enrollment in kindergarten through fifth grade. Pacific Grove’s two elementary schools are Forest Grove on Congress and Robert Down on Pine.

Recognizing the difficulty for those

facing the job losses, school board president Elliott Hazen said that layoffs are “not just numbers on a spreadsheet.”

“I just want to acknowledge the immense difficulty in making these sorts of decisions that impact the lives of our educators and staff,” Hazen said.

The board also voted to lay off three mental health therapists and eliminate an instructional assistant, which Roggeman said would save \$552,885.

Hazen asked how the district would fill the gap if the three therapists it plans to hire next year don’t meet the needs of students.

Superintendent Linda Adamson suggested Pacific Grove Unified would seek contracted therapists if there was a demand for it.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

Tough Padres-Pirates clashes are in the forecast for lacrosse season

BETWEEN THE two of them, the Stevenson Pirates and Carmel Padres went 18-0 against division opponents last season and qualified for the Central Coast Section playoffs.

Each school captured a championship trophy.

Stevenson won the Pacific Coast Athletic League's toughest division, the Gabilan, with an 8-0 record, the school's fifth crown overall but the first since 2009.

The Padres went 10-0 in the Mission Division to win Carmel's first lacrosse title.

And with a combined total of 19 returning players, they'll battle head-to-head this season as co-competitors in the Gabilan. But, of course, they're not alone.

"I'm kind of scratching my head a little bit, because our league kind of looks like anybody's ballgame. I see a lot of parity right now," said Stevenson coach Cooper Kehoe. "I predict that a lot of teams are going to split the two games they'll play against each other, and we're going to see some closer games than we're used to

tion's Division 1 bracket for the postseason. That's where they lost for the third time to Menlo Atherton in the quarterfinals.

Bufkin leads Stevenson

Heading up a core of 10 talented varsity veterans is the team's 2024 scoring leader, all-county attacker Will Bufkin, who already has an NCAA Division I scholarship waiting at Bryant University as he begins his junior season.

"We graduated a lot of our attackmen from a year ago, so Will is going to be our anchor up there, as well as a leader and facilitator for some of our younger guys who will be stepping up this season," Kehoe said.

"Will is a kid who has always had a love for the game, and that shows up in the way he plays," the coach said. "He's a quiet, calm competitor who lets his actions speak. He doesn't try to be flashy, but has great fundamentals and a certain Will Bufkin kind of flair."

A strong newcomer, Quin Russell, is a left-handed sophomore who is expected to emerge as a scorer. Other contenders for playing time include Connor Aeschliman, a freshman, and varsity veteran Andrew Vanoli, a junior.

Derek Diniz, who earned second-team All-Gabilan plaudits last season as a sophomore, will be a centerpiece among a good



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Bennett Goldberg (left), a Carmel co-captain, is a fast and physical midfielder who scored 19 goals, dealt ix assists, won six of eight faceoffs last season and earned All-Mission Division recognition. Carmel's Noah Scattini (right) ranked among the state leaders with 84 assists as a junior and scored 37 goals to earn Offensive Player of the Year honors in the Mission Division.

group of midfielders for the Pirates.

"He was our transition guy as a defensive middie but is a force for us at both ends of the field, and we'll be expecting him to do a bit more for us offensively this year," Kehoe said.

Talented defenders

He'll collaborate at midfield with two other juniors — Grady Roth, a varsity veteran, and Fin Mink, an all-division quarterback on the football team last fall, plus senior Ian Schindler, who is likely to inject himself into the offense more frequently this year, Kehoe said.

A strong defense will be manned by first-team All-Gabilan pick Laird Welch, a

junior who plays the long-stick position as a defender and midfielder.

A key player on the back line, Mitch Peurach, returns as a back-row defender after earning second-team all-league plaudits as a junior. He'll be joined there by Liam Tilenius, a senior.

The goalkeeper, Jet Jones, is a first-year starter whose athleticism and competitiveness should make him a solid netminder.

"Jet has played the position before but decided to try a different sport last year," Kehoe said. "We're really glad to have him back this season."

Nine varsity letter winners will provide

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

seeing."

Carmel coach Troy Loper mentions Stevenson immediately when asked about the competition but also sees a highly competitive trophy chase this season, with Salinas, Los Gatos, Soquel and Palma as threats.

The Pirates were 14-7 overall a year ago, then were placed in the Central Coast Sec-



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the foundation at Carmel High, including explosive Noah Scattini, a senior who scored 37 goals a year ago and ranked among the state leaders with 84 assists.

“When we need a goal, he’s the one who will put the ball in the back of the net,” Loper said of the All-Mission attackman the division’s Offensive Player of the Year in 2024. Scattini also galvanized the Padres offense by picking up a team-best 88 ground balls, a crucial skill in lacrosse.

“Noah has great field vision and can thread the needle when he needs to score,” the coach said.

His older brother, Jacoby, who led all PCAL scorers last season with 49 goals and was Mission Division Player of the Year, has moved on to play at Santa Barbara City College, but another Scattini — Lucas — is expected to emerge as a freshman attacker for the Padres.

Loper also expects contributions on the front line from sophomore Daniel Bodensteiner, who transferred from Monterey High, and senior Zachary Hinds, a first-year lacrosse player with excellent speed and athleticism.

Padres’ midfield is deep

A strong group of midfielders includes fleet-footed senior Bennett Goldberg, who scored 19 goals with six assists and won six out of eight faceoffs a year ago.

“He’ll be a force out there, a guy who plays the whole field,” Loper said of his co-captain. “He’s strong on defense. He can score and picks up ground balls out

there.”

More varsity-tested middies include juniors Liam Riddolls (20 goals, three assists), Mason Haag, and defense-minded Carson Bates, and sophomores Lucas Foreman and Evan Gaily.

Connor Reilly, an aggressive junior, is a first-year varsity midfielder who was the third-leading rusher last fall on Carmel High’s 15-0, state championship football squad. Eight current lacrosse players were on that team.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson’s All-Gabilan Division attackman, Will Bufkin, may be a junior, but he already has an NCAA Division I lacrosse scholarship waiting for him. Bufkin scored 13 goals in his first two games this season.

Loper’s roster of middies also includes two talented freshmen, Matthew Ellis and Bennett Nolan, both of whom are expected to take some faceoffs this year

A force on defense

The defensive line will be manned by co-captain Tallinn Loberg, who already has committed to play lacrosse next year at Goucher College, and fellow senior Luke Hawker, an intimidating force as the Padres biggest and fastest player, plus hard-nosed sophomore Skyler Madsen, a varsity wres-

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Monterey symphony welcomes violinist, celebrates Beethoven at Sunset

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"Beethoven's masterful Violin Concerto casts the soloist as hero, striving to succeed and be heard despite adversity," said the symphony's music director and conductor, **Jayce Ogren**.

The program also includes Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite*, Jean Sibelius' *Finlandia* and contemporary composer Jessie Montgomery's *Soul Force*. Ogren described the last piece as "a moving tribute to the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr."

This Saturday is the symphony's 7th annual Women's Night Out, with cocktails, small bites, tarot and palm readers, and an array of surprises.

Tickets start at \$45, with \$12 tickets available for students, teachers and active military. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 646-8511 or visit montereysymphony.org.

and the event coincides with Carmel-by-the-Sea's Farmers Market. Singer and guitarist **Sabelle** will open the show for Bohler.

"Third Thursdays are back," Sunset Center announced. "Kaye is a triple threat as a singer, songwriter, bandleader — she continues to build her reputation as one of the best American roots and soul singers working on the West Coast."

■ In our backyard

A busy stop on the Celtic music circuit, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove hosts its annual Party for Paddy Sunday with a concert by **The Weeds** at 4 p.m. The group features **John Weed** and his two sons, **Tyler** and **Evan**. "We are so fortunate to have these phenomenal local talents right here in our backyard," said Jackie Pierce of St. Mary's.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children. The church is located at 12th and Central. For more details, visit celticsociety.org.

■ Emotion, artistry and energy

River Voices shares the stage with **Ripatti & Rose** Friday, 7 p.m., at Wave Street Studios.

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Violinist Simone Porter joins Monterey Symphony when it performs Saturday and Sunday at Sunset Center.

Hope and **Linda Arceo**. "This 7-piece ensemble brings an unforgettable fusion of emotion, artistry and energy to every stage they grace," music promoter **Steve Vagnini** said.

Ripatti & Rose showcases singers and

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The violinist, **Simone Porter**, made her debut with the symphony three years ago. The piece, which was only successful after the composer's passing, is considered



Singer Kaye Bohler and her band present a free outside concert Thursday, 4 p.m., at Sunset Center.

■ Triple threat

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New face at the forge, St. Pat’s throwdown, wine and chocolate

ACCORDING TO paperwork filed with the Secretary of State and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, chef Justin Cogley of Michelin two-star Aubergine restaurant will be taking over the space formerly occupied by the Forge in the Forest. Patrice Pastor’s local company, Esperanza Carmel, purchased the property at Junipero and Fifth, including its three apartments, for \$5.4 million in February 2023.

The new enterprise will be called Corner Market Carmel. State records indicate the Forge in the Forest’s liquor license is being transferred to a entity by that name in which company’s owned by Cogley and Pastor are partners. The alcohol control board late last month issued a four-month temporary permit to Corner Market Carmel LLC while the transaction involving the perma-

nent license is underway. On Monday, Cogley said it’s too soon to share any details about the new restaurant. “Lots of exciting plans, but too early to talk about just yet,” he said. Pastor was similarly brief, although enthusiastic. “I don’t have much more to add on the

Soup to Nuts

subject, except to confirm my enthusiasm in supporting Justin’s project,” he said. “I truly believe it will be a positive contribution to Carmel and is in line with the level of excellence that we consistently apply to our projects.”

Commenting to a community group in Pebble Beach last week, Pastor said he believed the new restaurant taking the place of the Forge in the Forest would open “next year.”

■ St. Pat’s bartender battle

Following the face-off between the gifted mixologists from Vesuvio and Barmel earlier this month — Baylie Barba of the Italian eatery on Sixth Avenue was the victor — the Links Club in Carmel Plaza is presenting the next round of its Battle of the Bartenders competition as a St. Patrick’s Day show-down. Set to step up to the bar are defending champion Amy Felsing from Sade’s and

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Local mixologists Christian Pepe and Baylie Barba are two of the many competitors in the Links Club’s Battle of the Bartenders, which continues on St. Patrick’s Day.



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The event not only gives the best bartenders in Carmel to compete, she said, it offers attendees a chance to vote for the winner while enjoying “mouthwatering Irish-inspired dishes and some of the finest Teeling Irish Whiskey.”

At the previous battle March 3, competitors presented a range of cocktails, including drinks incorporating sponsor Irish distillery Glendalough’s products. Judges were asked to score them based on taste, presentation, creativity, and use of ingredients, as well as offer their overall impressions and suggestions for improvement. Finally, they were asked whether they would recommend adding the cocktail to a menu.

The winner on March 17 will advance to the semifinals, with the championship round set for April 7.



Wine and chocolate bring together great flavors and great people, as the folks at Dawn’s Dream know — they’re celebrating the synergy this weekend with a tasting of some special pairings.



Jose Andres is the world-renowned chef who founded the nonprofit World Central Kitchen with his wife, Patricia, in 2010. A benefit for the group will be held at Bernardus Winery next week.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m., and tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Find more information at linksclubgolf.com.

■ Dawn of chocolate

Grapes and cacao beans can create sublime harmonies after they’ve been transformed into wine and chocolate. Dawn’s Dream Winery is presenting a “Wine and Chocolate Passport” celebrating the remarkable pairing all weekend at its tasting room at Seventh and San Carlos. For \$45 per person (\$15 for wine club members), you can taste five wines alongside a variety of chocolates specially selected for the occasion. No reservations are required for what organizers are calling a virtual “trip around the world” with international chocolate treats. Tasting room hours are noon to 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 6:30 p.m. Sunday. If you’re bringing a party of seven or more, the tasting room staff would appreciate a heads up — call (813) 659-2649 to let them know. Visit dawnsdreamwinery.com to learn more about the winery and upcoming events.

■ Helping friends in need

To help their friends in the hospitality industry who have suffered great losses due to the Southern California wildfires earlier this year, Bernardus Winery and Jerome’s Carmel Valley Market are teaming up for a fundraiser at the winery’s tasting room in C.V. Village March 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The event will direct funds toward World Central Kitchen, the nonprofit started by renowned chef José Andrés and his wife, Patricia, in 2010 to feed people in crisis. Their mission began with providing sustenance and support to Haitian earthquake victims and has expanded to include resilience programs and longer-term solutions, but providing for those devastated by natural disasters, war and disease remains their No. 1 goal.

The WCK wisdom observes that medical needs call for doctors and nurses, infrastructure rebuilding demands engineers and architects — and feeding large numbers of people requires professional chefs.

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■ Short but sweet

“GB’s Café: The Bakery” is a cookbook honoring the former Carmel Valley Village restaurant, Ginna’s Café, that brought its warmth, flavor and home cooking — but especially baking — to our neck of the woods. “It was a short-run little opera,” explained Ginna BB Gordon, the cookbook’s author and café’s namesake. While the



Longtime cook Ginna BB Gordon, who once owned a namesake café in Carmel Valley, has published a cookbook featuring some of her — and locals’ — favorites, like these ginger cookies.

spot was only open for about a year in 2000, its memory lives on in highly sought-after recipes that made it a local favorite.

“I still have people and stop me on the street and tell me they miss my scones. That’s what prompted me to do the cookbook,” Gordon said. It features “100 sweet and savory recipes from a lifetime of baking,” such as lemon zest scones, molasses gingerbread cookies, all sorts of breads, cakes and more.

The Pacific Grove resident has had a lifelong career in the food industry, from writing, to owning the café, to being a retreat cook for many years, including for Deepak Chopra, the Indian-American author and spiritual guru. She mostly writes about food now, “and I really enjoy that,” she said.

The cookbook suggests gluten-free alternatives, and, said Gordon, “Almost all of the recipes can have the sugar swapped out for monk fruit or some other ingredient that works with baking.” (Monk fruit is a natural sweetener with no calories, available in many grocery stores.)

Ginna’s Café was open for breakfast and lunch and served sandwiches and salads in addition to the popular sweet treats that she changed up regularly — and you can find all those recipes in her book.

She poured her considerable artistic talent into the venture, too, making all the ceramics used and sold in the restaurant. Gordon said that the café “was one of my most favorite projects.”

With her husband, David Gordon, she runs Lucky Valley Press, helping independent authors prepare, publish and distribute their books. Gordon herself has authored 11 works including six cookbooks. To learn more, visit luckyvalleypress.com/bakery.

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



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MUSIC

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guitarists **Alisha Ripatti** and **Dylan Rose**.
Tickets are \$25. The venue is located at 774 Wave St.

■ Still swingin’

A retro jazz band that found success during the swing revival in the 1990s, **The Squirrel Nut Zippers** play Wednesday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey. Tickets start at \$49. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Live music March 14-20

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.
Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — singer and guitarist **Jimbo Scott** (Saturday at 10 p.m.), **Londonderry Airts** (Irish music, Monday at 11 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Sunday 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 Lok-**

The Weeds celebrate St. Patrick’s Day Sunday, 4 p.m., at St. Mary’s by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove.

tionov 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 — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.
The Links Club — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **The Bounce Kitty Buskers** (Dixieland jazz, 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.
Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula — singer **Shannon Warto**, harpist **Amy Krupski**, flutist **Camellia Latta** and actor **Taelen Thomas** celebrate St. Patrick’s Day (Celtic, Saturday at 2 p.m.) 490 Aguajito. Tickets are \$20, with discounts for seniors, military, students and kids.

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.
Folktales Winery — violinist **Chris Lynch** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **The Jesse DeCarlo Trio** (jazz and funk, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.
Massa Tasting Room — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.
The Running Iron in Carmel Valley — Open Mic Night (Sunday at 8 p.m.). 24 E. Carmel Valley Road.
Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist

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LIVE

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Scott Fenton (“acoustic alternative,” Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singers and guitarists **Maya**



Singer and guitarist Luna Worldcast plays Saturday, 8 p.m., at Pop & Hiss in Pacific Grove.

Rayburn and **Keith Rayburn** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.
Bon Ton LeRoy’s Smokehouse — Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.
Bulldog Sports Pub — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly Community Jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.
Cibo — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Tuesday at

7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Sean Ryan** (Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Melville Tavern — **Wild at Heart** (new country and classic rock, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484 Washington St, Ste A.

Midici Pizza — **Heart-strings** (Celtic, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Stu Reynolds Saxtet** with guitarist **Adam Astrup**, bassist **Tony Bianchini** and drummer **Patrick Tregenza** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Sunday 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.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Joyce Sampson** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Gin Fragonard** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub — **Blind Pass** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **Rachel Sprung & Soul Service** (r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Sunday at 4 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.

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Artist celebrates Big Sur homecoming

AFTER LIVING in Hong Kong for 10 years, a one-time local, painter Margaret Goeden, is sharing a striking series of landscapes at Fernwood Resort that capture Big Sur’s famous moods. Titled “Big Sur Revisited,” the show is Goeden’s first solo exhibit in the United States. It opened

had mixed feelings about the pieces, as her painting style had evolved over time, and was influenced by her experience in Hong Kong. “Asia helped me simplify,” she told The Pine Cone.

Borrowing a practice that she learned from Choley, Goeden put many of her Big Sur pieces back on the easel, where she “enhanced” them with her more advanced painting skills.

Today, she paints full-time. Her work is shaped by the natural world and a contemplative Zen practice.

Goeden said she’s happy to see her old Big Sur paintings take on new lives — and find new homes. She said they’re priced to sell, starting at just \$200.

Fernwood is located in Big Sur at 47200 Highway 1.



Painter Margaret Goeden has an exhibit of her Big Sur landscapes on display at Fernwood Resort through the end of May.

MORE SPORTS

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tlter with a good head for lacrosse.

The first-year goalkeeper, Andrew Alvarado, was a lineman on the football team, and the younger brother of former Carmel goalie Aaron Alvarado.

“Andrew is a big guy who is imposing in front of the net. He didn’t play lacrosse last year, but we’re really glad he stepped up this season,” said Loper, who sees exceptional enthusiasm from his team.

“These kids are stoked. It’s a great group of guys, and they’re out there loving it and having fun.”

The Padres play a home game Thursday against Palma, and will host Stevenson on March 27. Both games have 3:15 start times.



Stevenson’s Laird Welch is a powerhouse long-stick midfielder and defender who earned first team All-Gabilan plaudits last season as a sophomore.

PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

CALENDAR

March 15 – UC Santa Cruz Arts Division Theatre Arts Program of the Department of Performance, Play & Design and the **African American Theater Arts Troupe** present **Paradise Blue by Dominique Morisseu**, directed by **Don Williams**. 7:30 p.m. at Oldemeyer Center, Seaside. Free admission. For details visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paradise-blue-a-play-by-dominique-morriseau-tickets-1207999662509>

March 15 and 17 – O’Baum & O’Blume’s St. Patrick’s Feast! Come get your Irish up! Dine in or take out, March 15 AND 17, noon to 8 p.m. Enjoy the BEST corned beef and trimmin’s west of Ireland! View menu @ www.baumandblume.com. Call to place orders or for reservations. (831) 659-0400. 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley.

March 16 – St. Patrick’s Day bingo and lunch at Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road. \$25 includes bingo, corned beef sandwiches and all the fixins, beverage and dessert. RSVP to Pam (831) 595-9752

March 16 – Matinee Party, 4 p.m. Show, Let’s Celebrate the Season of Green! Led by super-talented and lovable fiddler, **John Weed**, this show will be fantastic, and the best way we can think of to celebrate the season of green. Bistro will be in full swing with Guinness, other seasonal libations and snacks, and our world famous “Tatties with Toppings.” So, please join The Weeds in celebrating St. Patrick’s month with **Party For Paddy**. Tickets at <https://www.celticsociety.org>

March 17 – “Carmel’s True Beginnings.” Jack Galante will speak about the vision and influence of **James Franklin Devendorf** on the design of Carmel. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman’s Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Open to the public. \$10 guest/members free.

March 18 – Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) demo. will be held on March 18 at 12:30 p.m. at Buddhist Temple at 1155 Noche Buena St., Seaside, CA 93955. Parking in the back of the building.Refreshments following the demo. Guest fee is \$5.

March 20 – B4Noon Community Recital, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean & Junipero, SE corner, every Thursday through April 24.

■ NorCal boys basketball

Christian Bros. eliminates Padres: After battling Christian Brothers Academy to a first-half tie, the Carmel Padres faded in the third quarter and were eliminated, 67-55, in the quarterfinal round of the CIF NorCal Division 3 boys basketball playoffs on March 6 in Sacramento.

The Falcons (27-7) outscored Carmel 16-8 in the third quarter, and 25-21 in the final eight minutes.

Padres senior Simeon Brown led all scorers with 25 points, while Warren Blut and Hudson Rutherford contributed 10.

Carmel, who qualified for NorCals for the second straight year, finished with a 21-7 overall record.

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

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

March 7 and will be on display through May.

Goeden’s creative journey took flight in the 1990s while she was living down the coast. She explored California’s plein-air landscape tradition, studied with Big Sur painter Ronna Rio Emmons, and drew inspiration from the late Big Sur painter George Choley. She also worked for nine years in the Phoenix Shop, a veritable marketplace of Big Sur creativity.

Old work, new life

When she moved from Hong Kong to San Francisco last year, Goeden was encouraged by Diane Ballantyne of Fernwood to put together a show of her paintings and display them in the resort’s restaurant. The offer inspired her to revisit a series of paintings of Big Sur that she did nearly two decades ago. She

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250250
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MOSAIC ACUPUNCTURE & WELLNESS CLINIC, 582 LIGHTHOUSE AVE SUITE 12 PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950**, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): KAREN ANN CHAMBERLAIN, 230 GROVE ACRE APT. 229 PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE S/ KAREN ANN CHAMBERLAIN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/03/2025
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CARMEL PINE CONE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250304
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALL SEASONS HEATING & COOLING, 1171 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.
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.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Zachary Humason
Date signed: Feb. 11, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 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. 20250268
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BLACKBIRD RANCH, 38679 Tassajara Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924**.
Registered Owner(s): AUDREY LYNN WARDWELL, P.O. BOX 2227778, Carmel, CA 93922.
JEFF DUANE WARDWELL.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 13, 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/Audrey Wardwell
Date signed: Feb. 6, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 6, 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. 20250203
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SEASIDE CHEVROLET, 1735 Auto Center Parkway, Seaside, CA 93955**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
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
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Don Groppetti
Date: Jan. 27, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 29, 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. 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.
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. 20250341
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. SCOOP SQUAD MONTEREY 2. VERIFIED IDENTITY PRINTS 486 Sloat Ave., Monterey, CA 93940**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): RHOMMEL DELA CRUZ 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/Rhommel Lopez
Date signed: Feb. 18, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 18, 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. 20250337
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LILI’S, 1473 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93905**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ANA LILIA DURAN OKUMURA
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/Ana Lilia Duran Okumura
Date signed: Feb. 18, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250342
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOBILE AUTO CARE, 200 Fred Kane Dr., Suite 106, Monterey, CA 93940**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): GAVIN D. BROWN, 1811 Prune St., Hollister, CA 95023.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 18, 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/Gavin D. Brown
Date signed: Feb. 18, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250332
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CASTROVILLE PHARMACY, 10685 MERRITT ST, CASTROVILLE, CA 95012** County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): CASTROVILLE HEALTHCARE INC, 15859 CALISTOGA AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
CASTROVILLE HEALTHCARE INC S/ RAJESH KHOSLA, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/14/2025.
2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/25
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CARMEL PINE CONE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250327
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MEDRANOS, 1147 Raven Ct., Salinas, CA 93905**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ESTHER MEDRANO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
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S/Esther Medrano

Date signed: Feb. 14, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 14, 2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250360
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FABI’S DAYCARE, 613 Roosevelt St., Salinas, CA 93905**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): FABIOLA RAMIREZ MARTINEZ.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 20, 2025.
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S/Fabiola Ramirez Martinez
Date signed: Feb. 20, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 20, 2025.
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Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 241)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250275
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WAVES OF CHANGE COUNSELING SERVICES BY KILSIS, 116 Mervine Street, Monterey, CA 93940**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): KILSIS JULIA TUGORES, 565 Hartnell St., Number 1093, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 6, 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/Kilsis Julia Tugores
Date signed: Feb. 6, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 6, 2025.
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Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 242)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250230
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CANDY JP DISTRIBUTIONS, 12081 Rogge Village Loop, Apt. E.37, Salinas, CA 93906**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: J & L 090507 DISTRIBUTION LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250230
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CANDY JP DISTRIBUTIONS, 12081 Rogge Village Loop, Apt. E.37, Salinas, CA 93906**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: J & L 090507 DISTRIBUTION 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 Jan. 15, 2015.
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/Jamil Piedra Salomon, Manager
Date: Jan. 10, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 10, 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: 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC 243)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250414
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DAYDREAM PASTRY CREATIONS, 515 Front St., Soledad, CA 93960**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: DAYDREAM PASTRY CREATIONS, LLC, 455 Market St., Ste. 1940 #544245, San Francisco, CA 94105.
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/Cinthia Karely Duarte, Managing Member
Date: Feb. 27, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 27, 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. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC 244)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV001008
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, SUSAN ANITA LEWIS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: SUSAN ANITA LEWIS
Proposed name: SUSAN LITTLE SPARROW
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: April 15, 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. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 20, 2025
Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC 245)

NOTICE OF VACANCY

INVITATION TO RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON THE CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Cypress Fire Protection District desires to make an appointment of a qualified person to fill a vacancy on the Board. The five-member Board is the governing body of the district. Its members are elected to serve four-year terms of office. The person appointed to fill the vacant board member's position will remain in office until the next general election and must stand for election by district voters in the November 3, 2026, election if they wish to continue to serve on the board. Any other qualified candidates may also seek the office in the November 2026 election.

The Cypress Fire Protection District (CFPD; a local government entity) encompasses the areas of unincorporated Carmel, Jack's Peak/Aguaquito and Josselyn Canyon/Del Monte Fireways. The district is responsible for providing fire protection, fire prevention, and first responder emergency medical services. The board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Rio Road fire station, 3775 Rio Road, Carmel, CA.

Candidates must be a resident of the district, a citizen of the United States and a registered voter. Letters of interest for the position and resumes will be received until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025, at the district's office.

For more information, interested individuals may contact the Cypress Fire Protection District, Leslie Baek, Secretary of the Board at (831) 333-4621 or stop by the district's office at 2221 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

Jeanne Krener
CFPD Board President

Chief Nunez
BEU Unit Chief

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(PC218)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250371
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOSES DISTRO, 804 Garner Ave, Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MUTZ SALIH, 271 E. Workman St., Ste 106, Covina, CA 91723.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 15, 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/Mutz Salih
Date signed: Feb. 4, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 0, 2025.
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Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 246)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250381
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EL PATRON AUTO DETAILING, 3109 Seacrest Ave, Apt. 04, Marina, CA 93933.**
Registered Owner(s):
CHRIS ECHEVERRIA VALDEZ.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 19, 2019.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Chris Echeverria Valdez
Date signed: Feb. 21, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 21, 2025.
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(See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 248)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250383
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous 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.:
THE BYERLY FAMILY TRUST, 3101 Hacienda Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a trust.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 30, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Susan Alene Byerly
Date: Feb. 24, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 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: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 249)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250279
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ANGUANO PILAR CLEANING SERVICES, 11120 Haight St., Castroville, CA 95012.**
Registered Owner(s):
PILAR ANGUIANO FARIAS.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 7, 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/Pilar Anguiano Farias
Date signed: Feb. 7, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 7, 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. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 250)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250388
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HKC PROTECTIVE SERVICES, 1263 Elm 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.:
HKC ENTERPRISES INC.
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 Feb. 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).*
S/Hector Francisco Cardenas
Date: Jan. 24, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 24, 2025.
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Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 251)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250359
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOWELL DISTRIBUTION, 19 QUAIL RUN CIR SUITE A SALINAS, CA 93907,** County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CYPRESS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 20 QUAIL RUN CIRCLE SALINAS, CA 93907, CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 06/01/2021
S/ MARK AINSWORTH, MANAGER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/19/2025
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28/25
CNS-3900946#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 301)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250359
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LOWELL DISTRIBUTION, 19 QUAIL RUN CIR SUITE A SALINAS, CA 93907, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CYPRESS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 20 QUAIL RUN CIRCLE SALINAS, CA 93907, CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 06/01/2021
S/ MARK AINSWORTH, MANAGER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/19/2025
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28/25
CNS-3900946#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 302)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250358
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
INN AT MOSS LANDING POINT, 8425 MOSS LANDING RD, BLDG D, MOSS LANDING, CA 95039, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
BAVS COASTAL VENTURES LLC, 18110 PORTER ST, EAST GARRISON, CA 93933, CA
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ BHAVIK PATEL, MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/19/2025.
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28/25
CNS-3901721#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 303)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and /or other misc. items. Auction to be held at **4:00 pm on March 24, 2025:**
www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Leonard's Lockers Self Storage
816 Elvee Dr, Salinas, CA 93901
Name of Tenants
Jugjit Singh Johal
3/14/25
CNS-3901565#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 14, 2025 (PC 304)

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that undersigned intends to sell the abandoned personal property described below pursuant to Sections 1983 and 1988 of the California Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on MARCH 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at WWW.SELFSTORAGEAUCTION.COM, CALIFORNIA the following described goods:

AMADA AINA F32 - MISC GOODS
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
3/7, 3/14/25
CNS-3901564#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 7, 14, 2025. (PC 305)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV001176
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JOSE HERNANDEZ SORCIA and EDIBERTA GUTIERREZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: JACOB DE JESUS GUTIERREZ
Proposed name: JACOB DE JESUS GUTIERREZ HERNANDEZ
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: April 22, 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. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 3, 2025
Publication Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 306)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250433
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. ARTISAN WORLD MARKET
2. FLYING PIG
2270 Perez St. #207, Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
GEORGE W. BEECHUM III.
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/George W. Beechum III
Date signed: March 3, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2025.
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Publication Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 (PC 307)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250445
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ART SCOUT, 826 Parcel Street, Unit B, Monterey, CA 93940.**
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/Oren Laufer
Date signed: March 4, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 4, 2025.
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Publication Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 (PC 310)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250410
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VIVA CARMEL, SW Corner of 6th & Dolores, Carmel, CA 93921.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
JULIE KENNER, PC, 502 Pierce St., Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: NV
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Julie Kenner, C.E.O.
Date: Feb. 26, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 26, 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: March. 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025. (PC 312)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250469
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. MONTEREY GOLD AND COIN EXCHANGE
2. MONTEREY GOLD
3. MONTEREY GOLD BUYER
153 County Club Gate Center, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
DAVID NEWELL JOHNSON.
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/David N. Johnson
Date signed: March 6, 2025
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Publication Dates: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025 (PC 313)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250427
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MONTAGE ORTHOPEDICS AND SPORTS MEDICINE, 23625 HOLMAN HIGHWAY, MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA 93940, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MONTAGE SURGICAL GROUP, PO BOX HH, MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA 93942
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ MATTHEW MORGAN, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/28/2025
3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4/25
CNS-3904057#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025. (PC 314)

APN: 015-031-074-000 FKA 015-031-074 TS No: CA09000241-23-4S TO No: 2410911CAD-A
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
(The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 14, 2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM, Main Entrance, Monterey County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on May 20, 2015 as Instrument No. 2015026405, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by YOUNG KOH and CHUNG J. YOON KOH, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for OPTIMUM FIRST, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 24809 OUTLOOK CT, CARMEL, CA 93923-8936 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$345,625.01 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorse as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA09000241-23-4S. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA09000241-23-4S 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 28, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA09000241-23-4S 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 BY: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0471818 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 03/14/2025, 03/21/2025, 03/28/2025
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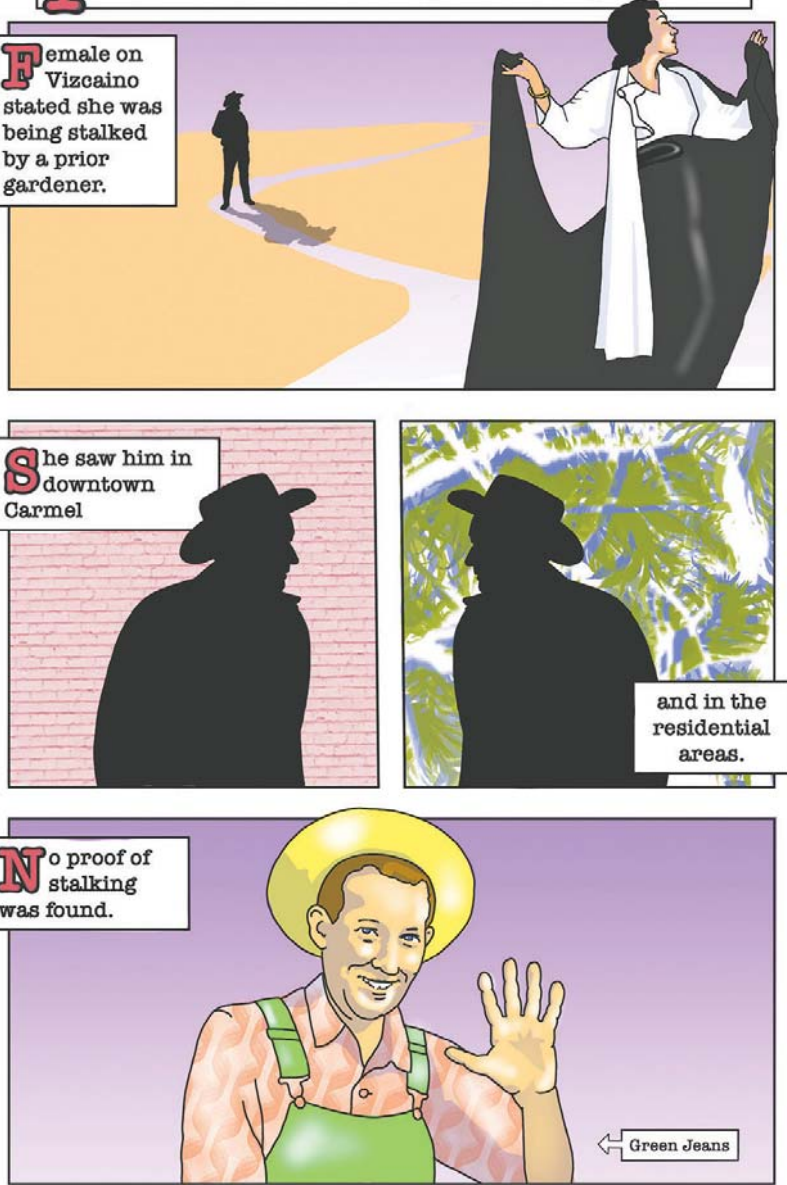
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CONCERTS

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The Center for Spiritual Awakening — **The Dave Holodiloff Celtic Band** celebrates St. Patrick’s Day (Friday at 7 p.m.). 522 Central Ave. Tickets are \$40.

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.

PG’s Meetinghouse — **The PG 3** (“high-energy dance rock,” Friday at 6:30 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** and others pay tribute to Duke Ellington (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Cioper** pays tribute to Bob Dylan (Sunday at 11 a.m.), Open Mic (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — singer and guitarist **Luna Worldcast** (Saturday at 8 p.m.), weekly bluegrass jam with **The Otter Opry** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

Sand City

The Sand Box — **Musikiwest** (classical, Friday at 7 p.m.). 440 Ortiz Ave., tickets are \$40 for general admission and \$25 for students and active military.

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