

## Pickleball guidelines may be turned into law

By MARY SCHLEY

AMID THE many weighty issues Carmel city officials must deal with — unfunded pension liabilities in the tens of millions of dollars, a badly deteriorating police station that no one seems to know how to remedy, a large backlog of deferred maintenance on public facilities, and even the contentious issue of house numbers — one that can always be relied upon to generate hours of debate is



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

The Forest Hill Park courts were popular with pickleballers Thursday morning — likely to the irritation of some nearby residents. They set up portable nets to play there three days a week.

the game of pickleball.

Residents who live near the Forest Hill Park tennis courts where the game is played complain that the constant pop-pop-pop noise and accompanying raised voices are nails-on-chalkboard-level irritating. Fans of the game insist it's critical to their health, happiness and well-being. Opponents suggest they should find somewhere else to play it, then. And devotees tell them they shouldn't live next to a park if they don't like the sounds of recreation.

At the end of a three-plus-hour discussion last Thursday, the Carmel Forest and Beach Commission decided to ask the city council to impose new restrictions on pickleball play at the park — and to adopt an ordinance that would make violating those rules punishable by fines and penalties.

### 14-year debate

Pickleball players started using the Forest Hill tennis courts in 2011, when the forest and beach commission approved striping two courts for their use, but the grievances didn't start ramping up until a decade later, when the commission OK'd the striping of two more courts as the game continued to gain popularity.

Numerous neighbor complaints regarding noise and parking, countered by those defending the activity, have been fielded at various public meetings, and last year, the city council asked the commission to "find a balance" between the two factions.

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## TRUMP HURTING TRAVEL BOOKINGS, HOTELIER SAYS

By MARY SCHLEY

REACTING TO President Donald Trump's trade policies and his talk of making their country the 51st state, Canadian travelers are canceling plans to visit the United States, including Carmel and the rest of Monterey County, some hoteliers are reporting. Others, however, say they have seen no impacts on occupancy since Trump imposed 25 percent tariffs on many imported items earlier this year.

Mark Watson, general manager of Inns-by-the-Sea, which has three properties in Carmel, said he has seen a huge shift.

Since Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, through March 19, "with respect to Canadian bookings compared to averages in 2023 and 2024," Watson said, new bookings from

Canadian visitors are down 76 percent. As a result, lost revenue is estimated at \$11,411, and money lost from cancellations has totaled \$6,781 more than the same time-frame in previous years.

"In less than one month, we've seen a potential loss of \$18,304," he said.

### 'Unwarranted and demeaning'

The Inns-by-the-Sea GM also provided a comment from a Canadian would-have-been customer who had booked a four-night stay in April but decided to cancel.

"My wife and I were quite excited to be coming back to visit Carmel, as it has been quite a few years since we were last there," the client, whose name Watson withheld, wrote in the note requesting cancellation and the refund of a roughly \$650 deposit. "However, the aggressive, punitive, unwarranted and demeaning actions of your federal government against Canada make a visit at this time unacceptable to us and many other Canadians. Your inn looked wonderful, and we know you would have treated us well. Our complaint is only with your government."

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## Legislature attempts to override local zoning around transit hubs

By CAITLIN CONRAD

STATE SEN. Scott Wiener is hoping the third time will be the charm as he introduces yet another bill in Sacramento to increase housing density near transit sites across California.

SB 79 would allow more homes to be built near major public transportation stops and on land transit agencies own, including apartment buildings up to seven stories tall, essentially eliminating local zoning restrictions in those areas.

"Decades of overly restrictive policies have driven housing costs to astronomical levels, forcing millions of people away from jobs and transit and into long commutes from the suburbs," said Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat.

### Height limits

Unlike his past three attempts to loosen the reins on affordable housing near transit, this bill is more focused. It applies only to neighborhoods around train, ferry and rapid bus transit stations and on land owned by transit agencies. Height limits on potential buildings also scale down as they move away from transit stops.

Developers looking to build up to seven stories would only have the option to do so around train stations in the

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## Revised Pastor project headed for new hearings

### ■ Retail and eight apartments

By MARY SCHLEY

A SCALED-DOWN version of Patrice Pastor's plans to build apartments and shops on three lots next to the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse is set to be presented to the Carmel Planning Commission for review next month. In advance of that, his design team has produced a 3D fly-through video to show how various aspects of the project might look and feel.

"We are pleased to be back before the planning commission to present this important project for both our company and the town," Pastor told The Pine Cone this week. "In response to feedback from the city, neighbors and the wider community, we have thoughtfully adapted our plans. We are confident this design will complement Carmel seamlessly, blending in as if it has always been part of the town."

### Rooftop garden

Named the JB Pastor Building in honor of Pastor's father, the 13,592-square-foot mixed-use development calls for 6,046 square feet spread out among a half-dozen commercial spaces on the ground floor, and eight second-floor apartments ranging from 477 square feet to 1,544 square feet. The rooftop will include solar panels, terraces, trees and plants.

The plans provide for a dozen parking spaces — fewer than what the code requires — while an 852-square-foot

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A still from a fly-through video provides a better look at Patrice Pastor's proposed project for Dolores and Seventh. The planning commission is set to discuss it next month.

## Coastal commission logic: Picnic area needed for road fix

### ■ 'Mitigation' for repairing rockslide

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE CONCEPT might make your head spin, but to compensate for the loss of "coastal resources" to the public when Caltrans cleared the largest rockslide in California's recorded history, the road agency — which is to say, the taxpayers — will have to pay for the development of a recreation site nearby.

### One state agency requires another to pay for it — with your money

Never mind that tons of rocks and mud have been tumbling down Big Sur hill-sides for eons. The California Coastal Commission has determined that Caltrans' efforts to reestablish Highway 1 along a stretch of the pavement that was inundated by six million cubic yards of material in 2017 caused such an impact to "public access and visual resources" that the work needs to be offset with a project that gives people more access to the coast.

While it's unclear what degree of public access previously existed at the location of the slide, known as Mud

Creek, it can be argued that the work by Caltrans has impacted the look of the site. But without their efforts, the slide would still be there. So what options did Caltrans and its contractors have? And why is the public funding what looks like a penalty imposed by one state agency on another?

### Unanimous vote

The California Coastal Commission voted unanimously March 12 in Santa Cruz to require that Caltrans establish a publicly accessible recreational site as a condition for making safety improvements to the section of Highway 1 buried by the Mud Creek Slide. According to Caltrans project manager Ryan Caldera, the slide dumped "enough material on the road to fill the Monterey Airport runway 100 feet high."

In an effort to reopen the highway, Caltrans received five emergency permits to clear the slide. The work included a "massive engineered embankment," along with large catchment basins, rock fall wire mesh, extensive grading and 11 acres of armoring at the bottom of the slide. More work still needs to be done, including realigning the road, making drainage improvements, revegetating slopes and replacing K-rail with guard rails. The highway

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Circus act

Woody is a mix of Chihuahua, Maltese, miniature poodle, bichon frise and, to his people's amazement, American Eskimo dog. Perhaps even more amazing is that, not unlike the American Eskimos of the circus who run into the ring and leap onto the stool under the big top, Woody does the same thing.

"I find it fascinating that such a small part of Woody's DNA, the American Eskimo, is surfacing in his behavior to the point where, without training, he will seek out and perch on a stool," said his person.

Woody doesn't go to Carmel Beach since his person doesn't like getting sand in his shoes, but the dog's sitter introduced the family to the "pebble beach" along Stillwater Cove, which he loves and his people enjoy.

"Woody doesn't seem to mind the larger pebbling along the shore," his person said, "and he adores prancing through the water and interacting with other dogs, all doing the same thing."

When his people adopted him from Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, the staff told them he was 8 years old, which would make him 11 now. Except his energy level suggests he's much younger, they said.

"I think Woody was loved wherever he was in his past," his person said. "He's amazingly well adjusted. I imagine he was a little sheltered and hadn't done a

lot of walking out in the world, but we've helped him become accustomed to being out and about in various cities and around our home in The Preserve."

And he absolutely loves riding in the car.

Woody is his people's seventh older-dog rescue — beautiful souls, they say, who have been through a lot but are calm and have already learned how to be part of a family.

"They just want to fit in," his person said.

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# City seeks volunteers for boards and commissions

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER BOB Delves and Hans Buder were elected to the city council in November 2024, Mayor Dale Byrne and Delves were tasked with selecting their replacements on the planning commission and forest and beach commission, ultimately picking their top choices from a dozen applicants and bringing them to the full council for ratification in February. Now, they’re on track to pick nine people to fill vacancies on several more city bodies, and applications are due March 21.

The community activities commission, which “encourages community engagement through events and programs,” has been defunct as of late, with three vacancies and just two active members — Donna Jett and Ellen Martin — whose terms are set to expire in May.

Assisted by community activities director Ashlee Wright, the commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and discusses activities like the farmers market, Car Week and other public gatherings, as well as the use of public property for community events. Applicants “should have an interest in the arts and/or parks and recreation” and can reside in the city or its sphere of influence.

### Beaches and parks

The forest and beach commission, which recently gained a new member after Buder was elected to the city council, has one seat — Gerald Montmorency’s — expiring in May. Appointees for this position must live in the city and should have an interest in parks and open spaces.

Succinctly, the commission “advises

on the preservation of the urban forest, parks and beach.” More specifically, commissioners weigh in on everything from whether a person can prune or cut down a tree and how to deal with those who do so without permits, to projects on public property — like the Scenic Road pathway — policy decisions regarding use and maintenance of the beach, management of the urban forest, and even use of the pickleball/tennis courts in Forest Hill

Park. Assisted by acting public works director Mary Bilse and city forester Justin Ono, the commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

### Preservation

The historic resources board, which “implements policies on architectural, cultural and historic preservation,” including deciding whether a structure should be on the city’s inventory of significant properties and if changes proposed for historic buildings will comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, meets the third Monday of each month at 4 p.m.

Member Kathy Pomeroy’s term is ending in May, and prospects must live within the city limits and possess an interest or expertise in historic preservation or architecture. The HRB is assisted by principal planner Marnie Waffle.

Finally, the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees — which “manages library operations and property, and enforces rules, regulations and bylaws of the library,” while also overseeing the budget for library equipment, books and

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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## The motorized shopping cart was missing

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Dispute with a customer and a florist over flower delivery on Dolores south of Vista.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fall on city property on Mission south of Seventh. Subject was transported to the hospital for a laceration to the forehead.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Trespass warning at Dolores and Ninth. Subject left the scene without incident.

**Pacific Grove:** Fall on public property on Lighthouse Avenue. Elderly female was transported to the hospital.

**Big Sur:** Deputies investigated a suspicious circumstance on Highway 1.

**Pacific Grove:** Dog at large was found and brought to the police department. Returned to the owner with a verbal warning.

**Pacific Grove:** Counter report for theft of a license plate on Evergreen Road. No suspect information.

**Carmel area:** Suspicious circumstances on Yankee Point Drive.

**Carmel Valley:** Unlawful invasion of privacy reported on Carmel Valley Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Violation of a restraining order on Carmel Valley Road.

**Carmel area:** Deputies responded to Carmel Rancho Boulevard for an alarm.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

**Carmel area:** Report of financial abuse involving a Corona Road resident.

**Carmel area:** Report of trespassing on Ward Place.

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in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**Feb. 10** — The Hon. Andrew G. Liu sentenced 31-year-old Joshua Bigelow of Salinas to one year and four months for bringing methamphetamine into the Monterey County Jail. This sentence will be served in the Monterey County Jail pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(h).

On Nov. 24, 2024, Bigelow was found holding a small plastic bag within the Monterey County Jail. Deputies conducted a search of the bag and located 0.3 grams of methamphetamine.

This case was investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Gonzales.

**Feb. 19** — Jose Luis Meza, 42, of Salinas, was sentenced to seven years and four months in state prison for domestic violence and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On March 8, 2024, officers responded to a

call regarding domestic violence where Meza was seen hitting and strangling a victim on the front lawn of a residence. Officers contacted the victim, identified as Jane Doe, who confirmed her romantic relationship with Meza. She stated they had a verbal argument that turned physical when he pushed her down the front steps of the house and caused her to fall backward into a truck, causing a laceration to her finger.

On May 22, 2024, officers responded to a call regarding Meza being at Doe's house in violation of a restraining order. Officers deployed a drone to observe Meza's movements. Officers observed Meza attempting to break in Doe's front door. When officers approached Meza to apprehend him, Meza

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# C.V. baseball fields vandalized

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE BASEBALL fields at Dampierre Park in Carmel Valley are temporarily out of commission after someone vandalized them with a golf cart.

Due to the damage, Carmel Youth Baseball has been forced to scramble to find fields to play some of its games and host practices.

Melissa Anderson, the president of Carmel Youth Baseball, reported details of the incident in a message she shared with parents.

“Dampierre Park was broken into and vandalized Friday overnight,” Anderson wrote. “Significant damage was done to our Bronco Field, while minor damage was done to our Shetland Field. Our league puts in much time, money and resources to keep our fields nice and in playable condition for our athletes — it will take a significant number of supplies and resources to get them back up and running.”

### Driver identified

While Anderson didn’t say who committed the vandalism, she did say that the owner of the cart — along with one suspect — has been identified. She said the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office “is taking the crime seriously and doing their part to hold the perpetrators accountable.”

Security footage posted online by Anderson showed a golf cart with a driver and at least three passengers driving through the park March 15 at 1:23 a.m. They appear to be wearing masks.

Anderson reported that the one suspect “didn’t give up” his accomplices. She noted that the vandals started their late-night joy

ride from the mid-Carmel Valley area, and entered the park around midnight.

“The family isn’t complying,” she said. “It’s going through the juvenile legal process.”

Sheriff’s Cmdr. Joseph Banuelos confirmed that one suspect has been identified, and they’re still working to ID the



PHOTO/FACEBOOK

Someone used a golf cart to tear up the ballfields at Dampierre Park in Carmel Valley.

other three. He said they are believed to be minors. The investigation is ongoing.

Anderson said the league is hoping to make repairs to the field as soon as possible.

“We will work as fast as we can to get the field back in playing shape,” she announced.

“In the interim, we ask for your patience and flexibility as we work to reschedule games and practices.”

She told The Pine Cone that the league is working out details to play some of its games in Pacific Grove.

Many residents commented on Facebook’s Carmel Valley Locals page, including one who noted that the fields “were

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# Permit applicants — including a school — targets of scam

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN IT comes to bad guys figuring out new ways to separate people from their cash, it seems there’s always more than enough innovation to go around. Last Thursday, Monterey County officials warned that scammers are sending fake invoices to people who have applied for planning permits — including a Carmel Valley school.

The housing and community development department, county counsel, county administrator’s office and sheriff’s department “are alerting the public to a fraudulent scheme in which fake invoices, falsely appearing to be from the county, have been sent to individuals and businesses involved in projects pending before the county’s planning commission,” public information officer Nick Pasculli said. Three of the fake bills, which demand payments in excess of \$14,000, had been reported so far.

All Saints Day School on Carmel Valley Road received an invoice listing more than \$14,000 in permit fees for a project scheduled to go before the planning commission, according to Pasculli.

**Almost paid**

A letter accompanying the bill attributed the total to various stages of project approval, including application review, site inspections and assessments of the impacts on infrastructure, and directed the school to confirm payment via email, “claiming that all inquiries must be handled digitally for auditing purposes.” The associated email address mimicked official county formatting and language but was illegitimate.

And All Saints nearly paid it.

“The school’s chief financial officer identified and

flagged the suspicious invoice before payment was made,” Pasculli said. “However, the fraudulent email had already passed through two levels of internal review before being caught, highlighting the sophisticated nature of the scam.”

County administrative officer Sonia De La Rosa warned people to verify invoices before paying them by validating the source or contacting the county directly. She also said they should report any suspicious activity and not reply to suspicious emails. The housing and community development department accepts payment in person or online through accelac.com.

Meanwhile, county officials are working with the sheriff’s office and other law enforcement to try to identify the fraudsters. For additional information or to report a fake invoice, call (831) 647-7770 or email consumercomplaints@countyofmonterey.gov.

# CITY TABLES PUSH TO USE TAX \$\$ FOR TRIP

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PROPOSAL to spend up to \$9,500 from Monterey taxpayers on travel expenses for Mayor Tyller Williamson and city councilmember Kim Barber to visit the sister city of Isola delle Femmine, Sicily, was tabled Tuesday after a number of residents spoke out against it. The vote to revisit the proposal at a later date was 4-1, with councilmember Ed Smith voting no.

Several residents opposed spending city money for the travel, even though they back the sister city program. Perhaps the most compelling testimony came from former councilmember Nancy Selfridge.

“I’m very strongly in favor of the sister city program, but one of the conditions I was told when I helped start this program was that it could be with no city money,” Selfridge said. “I have been to Azerbaijan four times and Turkey twice,” and the destination cities paid for the trips.

“I do feel it’s important for groups here to raise money to keep these programs together,” she added.

Another former councilmember, Carl Outzen, spoke

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# City seeks advice on possible \$3M

By KELLY NIX

IT DOESN'T yet have the cash, but the City of Marina is asking its residents for advice on how to spend a possible \$3 million windfall.

Officials Tuesday announced two workshops next week based on a "what if" scenario, since the millions of dollars Marina could receive hinges on the construction of Peninsula utility California American Water's proposed desalination plant on the city's property. While Marina has long protested the facility, it will benefit financially if it is built.

"Although the city continues to strongly oppose the project for many reasons, it believes it is important to conduct community outreach regarding this condition, which would involve payment of \$3 million at a later time if the project is fully approved and developed," Marina said this week.

The California Coastal Commission OK'd the desal plant, provided Cal Am meets numerous conditions, including paying Marina \$3 million.

"These potential funds may be spent on improving public access, public facilities, recreational opportunities and restoration

within the coastal zone of the city," Marina explained.

The city contends that the desal plant could contaminate its water supply with saltwater, damage wildlife habitat, limit access to some beachfront property, and blight its coastline.

**Wants feedback**

"Since the city's government and residents are the most knowledgeable about what the city's long-term needs are, it is critical that we ensure that these funds are used in ways that truly reflect the priorities and needs of our residents," Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado said this week. "This is why we are inviting our community members to share their input with the city on how they'd like to see these potential funds invested."

The first public workshop, a virtual meeting on Zoom, is Tuesday, March 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. A second in-person workshop is March 29 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Marina City Council chambers at 211 Hillcrest.

Marina said it will include feedback from the workshops in an April report to

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# MARINA COUNCIL GIVES SELF 10X RAISE

By KELLY NIX

MEMBERS OF the Marina City Council recently did something that their counterparts in Pacific Grove couldn't do several years ago — they gave themselves pay raises. Will it spark elected officials in P.G., who faced significant public opposition to the idea three years ago, to have another crack at it?

On March 4, Marina councilmembers voted 4-1 to hike their pay from \$200 to \$2,000 monthly, a tenfold increase, and the mayor's pay from \$250 to \$2,250 per month.

The last increase for the Marina council and mayor, according to that city's agenda report, was in 1990.

"Since that time, the cost of living alone has increased more than 300 percent," the report said, also noting that Marina has "grown in population and complexity, the hours required and resources needed to prepare for and attend city council meetings and perform other functions of the city council have increased significantly."

Longtime Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado opposed raises for himself and his colleagues, saying many Marina taxpayers have expressed "shock" at the idea.

"I think the sticker shock feelings are going to continue to increase and have an impact on our success with bonds and other things we want to do," Delgado said.

Most Marina residents who addressed the issue at the Feb. 19 Marina council meeting opposed a pay hike.

**Try it again?**

While it's not known if the P.G. City Council will wage another effort to raise its stipends, Mayor Nick Smith, who was elected to the role in November 2024, said

he likes the idea.

"I do support a council pay increase," Smith told The Pine Cone. "My recollection is that it has been approximately 30 years since the last increase. In that time, the responsibilities of a council member have become more complex."

Smith — who supported an effort by former P.G. City Council member Jenny McAdams in 2022 to raise councilmembers' pay — also noted this week that "the time required to prepare for meetings is substantial," and that the cost of living has gone up dramatically.

However, the P.G. City Council won't be working as much as they did before. In February, the council voted to cancel four meetings this year and four meetings in 2026.

## Overwhelming opposition

In any event, Smith said there are no plans to put a pay hike proposal on a council agenda.

McAdams, who moved to Marina and is now a member of that city council, and her council colleague Kathy Biala, were behind the effort to increase pay for members on that city's council.

At the time, McAdams proposed stipends go from \$420 to \$840 and \$700 to \$1,400 for the mayor. She also wanted to give the council medical benefits, which were expected to cost \$950 to \$1,700 per month per member.

Facing overwhelming opposition from residents to the idea, the council in March 2022 decided to postpone a vote on it. At that time, councilman Chaps Poduri — who is still on the council — and Smith voted to revisit the idea later that year, while councilman Joe Amelio, who is also still a council member, opposed the move.



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# P.G. to get new police chief soon

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE is getting a new police chief more than five months after the former chief retired following an on-the-job injury that forced her to work from home for many months.

City manager Matt Mogensen said he selected Casey Day, a law enforcement officer with about 25 years of experience who’s spent the last five years as the chief for the City of Fortuna in Humboldt County. Day will start the job March 31 and will be sworn in April 2 in P.G. City Council chambers.

“Chief Day leads through the philosophy that ‘policing is about building trust, fostering partnerships, and ensuring the safety of every member of our community,’” Mogensen said.

Day’s starting salary will be \$211,473, the city said. Day, 48, will also receive benefits, including medical, dental and vision coverage and a generous pension.

Before his stint in Fortuna, Day — a United States Marine Corps veteran — spent nearly two decades with the police department in Anderson, a city in Shasta County. He has a master’s degree in criminal justice and a bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership.

### Mysterious injury

Fortuna will replace former PGPD Chief Cathy Madalone, who said on Sept. 27, 2024, that she was retiring after five years at the department. Madalone’s retirement came after she suffered an undisclosed injury in late 2023 and worked from home for months. Madalone, 56, eventually went on paid leave for about six months before retiring. She declined to disclose the nature of her injury. Brian Anderson has been the acting chief since her departure.

Mogensen said he couldn’t disclose whether any PGPD employees applied for the chief’s job, but said he received a total of 16 applications.

# DEI GROUP OKs INCLUSIVE EVENTS

By KELLY NIX

IT LIKELY won’t satisfy everyone, but a Pacific Grove panel has adopted a “cultural calendar” it says is meant to highlight local, regional and international events and holidays.

At the March 10 meeting of the city’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force, members OK’d the list, which includes mainstream events like Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Christmas and Yom Kippur, but also lists lesser-known observances such as International Pronouns Day and World Hijab Day. The task force forwarded the document to the P.G. City Council.

Task force member Bruce Doneux, who helped put together the list of more than 90 events, said he wants council members to

acknowledge them monthly.

“I would like to see the various events each month presented at the city council meeting closest to the beginning of the month,” he said at Monday’s meeting.

Doneux also explained its purpose.

“Cultural calendars highlight and celebrate dates, holidays and observances from various cultures and spiritual traditions around the world. They promote cross-cultural awareness, inclusivity and understanding by recognizing our diverse backgrounds.”

### ‘Broaden our outlook’

He went on to say that the list is a chance for residents to “broaden our outlook and

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# Overworked Stoldt to get help

By KELLY NIX

A LONGTIME employee with the regional sewer agency has been selected to help lead the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the government agency tasked with augmenting the Peninsula’s water supply.

Water district general manager Dave Stoldt announced Monday that Mike McCullough will be the assistant general manager — a newly created position for the 47-year-old water district. McCullough, who starts in early April, is the director of external affairs at Monterey One Water, where he’s worked for 13 years.

Stoldt explained the need for the new position, for which McCullough will be paid \$240,000 per year plus benefits.

“We are normally too small for an assistant general manager” position, Stoldt told The Pine Cone. “But our issues, engagement and initiatives are bigger than usual.”

### ‘Share the workload’

The district has a lot happening. It’s involved a voter-driven eminent domain process to acquire California American Water, the Peninsula’s private water utility, an expansion of water reclamation project Pure Water Monterey, and other endeavors.

The district’s board of directors in July 2024 talked publicly about the possibility of hiring an assistant to help Stoldt, who hinted this week that McCullough could

end up being his replacement.

“He is here to share the workload and make us more effective in several areas right now,” Stoldt said. “Yes, he will apprentice for the general manager job, but it will be up to his performance and the board’s relationship with him in the future.”

Stoldt said the water district picked six candidates and interviewed three. He also said McCullough’s “established reputation, local understanding of water issues and professional contacts across a variety of state and federal organizations” will be assets for the agency and its constituents.

McCullough has lived in Monterey County for more than 25 years and “understands how important the management of local water resources is for the local communities,” the district added.

Water district board chair George Riley credited McCullough for his involvement with the Pure Water Monterey facility at Monterey One Water.

“Mr. McCullough was an integral part of this successful project, and we welcome him to the MPWMD team,” Riley said in a statement.

Stoldt, 67, who was hired in 2011, told The Pine Cone last year that he had no immediate plans on retiring and would wait to do so until the State Water Resources Control Board lifts a cease-and-desist order requiring Cal Am to reduce pumping from the Carmel River, or the effort “proves un-doable.”

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# Supes OK 132-unit low-income housing

By CHRIS COUNTS

IT’S A long way from being built, but in contrast to other projects that never seem to get off the ground, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously March 11 to OK a 132-unit, 100 percent affordable housing complex in Salinas.

It’s too early to say how much the project will cost, but county papers show a preliminary estimate of \$42 million — or \$779,000 per unit. Most of that is anticipated to be provided by taxpayers.

It’s also uncertain when the work will even start, much less be completed.

Located on a 5-acre site at 855 East Laurel Drive, the complex will include four buildings. It’s located in the north-eastern part of the city, near Natividad Medical Center and the First Tee Monterey County golf course.

Of the 132 units, 53 will be reserved for low-income residents, 48 will be set aside for very low-income residents, and 29 will provide housing for extremely low-income residents. Two units will house managers.

Plans also call for creating 180 parking spots, along with a playground and space for a community garden.

### Long lease

The land is owned by the county, which has agreed to lease it for 99 years to Eden Housing Inc. for \$1 each year, with 55 years of “affordability restrictions.”

At the hearing, Tony Uzzle of the Nor Cal Carpenters Union expressed his concerns that the county hasn’t committed to using union labor to build the complex.

“I ask the county supervisors to recommend that the developer utilize a responsible contractor,” Uzzle said. “If the contractor pays a living wage, there will be less workers dependent on low-income

housing.”

Louis Liss, an official for Eden Housing, responded to Uzzle’s comments. Liss noted that he has been in close contact with the union, and he wasn’t aware of any opposition. He also noted that a contractor hasn’t yet been selected.

“We are required to pay prevailing wages,” he said. “We will certainly be considering contractors with union workforces.”

District 5 Supervisor Kate Daniels chimed in, suggesting that “state dollars might actually require” the contractor to work with union carpenters. Daniels also encouraged Eden Housing to “balance the total costs of the project, not just the dollars and cents.”

### Rising costs

District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo said he has concerns about the rising costs of materials due to increased tariffs. But he made a motion to approve the development, which Daniels seconded.

“I’d like to commend the city for partnering with the project and putting up substantial money,” he said.

“It’s an example of how difficult it is to build affordable housing. We’ve been in this process for three or four years, and we’re still many years away from doing this.”

District 4 Supervisor Wendy Root Askew noted that the housing will be located near schools, infrastructure and services. “It makes sense for all the right reasons,” she said.

And District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez also complimented the development, which he predicted will be “one more jewel in the neighborhood’s crown.”

“We’ve got a great project in front of us,” Lopez added. “This is the level of housing we want to bring to our community — we want to show real investment.”

132 units will be ‘one more jewel in neighborhood’s crown’

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# FIX

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opened in July 2018.

At the March 12 hearing, California Coastal Commission transportation analyst Eric Stevens explained why mitigation with a new recreation area is necessary. Stevens said the recreation site would be located at Shale Point/Alder Cove — about a mile south of Mud Creek.

“Although the project is partially self-mitigating in terms of simply reopening the highway for residents and visitors, there are public access and visual resource impacts from the overall development, mostly as it pertains to the armoring structure that stretches along approximately a third of a mile of coastline,” Stevens told commissioners. “Fortunately, these impacts can be further offset via some improvements at the site, as well as at the Shale Point/Alder Cove location.”

In a letter Stevens and others sent to the commission March 10, the Shale Point/Alder Cove site is described as “an existing public access way” that is “lacking in basic improvements.”

“The intent here is not to create a significant new access point that might generate its own potential issues, but rather to provide some modest enhancements to the existing access way already present there,” the letter states.

**In-lieu fees an option**

Stevens reported that the idea of creating public access to mitigate road safety projects has been around for some time. In-lieu fees — in this case, state agencies using tax dollars to pay each other — have also been discussed.

“Caltrans and commission staff have long discussed implementing a mitigation framework for ensuring that Caltrans projects in Big Sur include a combination of public recreational access components as part of the project design — and in lieu-fees when such project components aren’t feasible and/or appropriate,” he explained.

It’s unclear who would manage and maintain the new recreation site and how much it would cost to establish it. But coastal commission papers say that “all such enhancements shall be completed and available for public use prior to Memorial Day weekend in 2026.”

Keep Big Sur Wild contends that the approval of the mitigation measure violates the Big Sur Land Use Plan and sets a bad precedent that will encourage the powerful watchdog agency to put similar conditions on future road safety projects. “It’s setting a precedent that all work on Highway 1 has to create public access sites to get approved,” Marcus Foster of Keep Big Sur Wild told The Pine Cone.

Foster, also a member of the Big Sur Land Use Advisory Committee, said the Big Sur Land Use Plan never intended to lure visitors off the highway with expanded recreational development, which he contends is causing congestion and public safety issues at several sites down the coast. He pointed to language in the plan stating that public access in Big Sur primarily refers to visual access, not physical access.

“Visual access should be emphasized throughout Big Sur as an appropriate response to the needs of visitors,” the plan reads.

Foster noted that the coastal commission certified the plan, which he said “prioritizes visual access as its primary goal” in an effort to protect Big Sur’s viewshed. In his view, driving is the mode of access. “Public access in Big Sur is the highway,” he insisted.

Another Big Sur resident, Anneliese Agren, suggested that public restrooms be installed at the recreation site. She noted that there are none nearby. “Restroom facilities are an obvious need for a public recreation site,” Agren wrote.

### Getting the word out

Also speaking out was advisory committee member Steve Beck, who accused the coastal commission of not properly noticing the hearing.

“This project should have been noticed and explained to the public months ago,” Beck wrote in a letter to the commission. “Instead it is going to the Big Sur LUAC the day before the coastal commission hearing.”

Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Kate Daniels agreed that there needs to be better public outreach regarding the project.

“This is what the Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council is for,” Daniels told The Pine Cone. “The coastal commission sits on the council, as does Caltrans. I’m surprised we never heard about it — we have rules and processes in place. It’s unacceptable that these conversations don’t happen.”

Construction is underway on an \$81 million project to stabilize the Shale Point/Alder Cove, which suffered “significant damage” to its rock slope when “large swells and high tides hit the Central Coast” in late 2023 through early 2024. The contractor is John Madonna Construction in San Luis Obispo.

According to Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans, 245,000 tons of material, including large boulders, have been trucked in from as far away as the Sierra Nevada foothills. Drabinski said the work is necessary to prevent Highway 1 from being undermined — this stretch of the scenic route comes very close to the water.

At the March 12 coastal commission hearing, Stevens said the site “provides a ripe opportunity for recreational improvements.” A

According to a coastal commission report, planned improvements include “parking/pathways/overlook areas, benches, picnic tables, bicycle racks, interpretive signage, waste and recycling receptacles, doggie mitt stations, etc.” There was no mention of restrooms.

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## BOOKINGS

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In response to an inquiry regarding bookings by visitors from Canada, Brett Bird, general manager of La Playa Hotel at Camino Real and Eighth, simply said he does “not have any information on this,” but John Lloyd, GM of the Pine Inn and Tally Ho, said he has seen some impacts.

“We have had more cancellations than what would be normal for this time of year, not only from Canada, but from our major feeder markets such as the San Francisco Bay area and Central Valley,” he said. “Most are citing the uncertainty of the economy.”

In addition, Lloyd said, “We have seen a decline in bookings for February and now for March. We are somewhat optimistic that bookings will increase entering spring.”

### ‘No. 1 Market’

Rob O’Keefe, executive director of See Monterey, formerly the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau, said he’s heard from some hotel operators who have seen marked declines and cancellations — including one small inn that lost 20 room nights due to Canadian travelers rethinking their plans.

“Canada is the No. 1 market for Monterey County,” he observed, so visitors from the north deciding to remain at home or go elsewhere could have a significant impact on local tourism.

“I’ve heard from a number of hotels that have lost business,” he said.

But countywide, the impact so far is less so, and O’Keefe said many people in the travel industry in Canada still view California and Monterey County in a positive light. A See Monterey representative

who recently participated in a webinar with 80-plus travel planners from across Canada told O’Keefe that he “obviously heard some feedback, but overall heard favorable comments regarding California, and Monterey County specifically.”

### Feeling patriotic

Amy Herzog, executive director of the tourism group Visit Carmel, said she has received a couple of comments from Canadian visitors who decided to forego planned trips here.

“One traveler shared, ‘As Canadians, we no longer feel welcome in the United States. Although we love visiting Carmel-by-the-Sea, we will no longer be planning vacations in the United States,’” she



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Carmel’s Wayside Inn, where bookings from Canada have been seriously impacted by President Donald Trump’s tariff policies, according to the inn’s general manager.

recounted.

Herzog said she also attended Visit California’s annual Outlook Forum in Los Angeles earlier this month, and “the Canadian representative noted that ‘Canadians are feeling very patriotic these days.’”

Canada is consistently California’s second-largest international market, after Mexico, according to Herzog. And while the Golden State is often perceived as distinct from the rest of the United States

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“due to its reputation for being welcoming and inclusive,” some Canadian visitors are rethinking their travel plans here.

A Bloomberg report indicated Canadian return trips from the United States by car and air have declined from a year ago, in part due to the trade war and Trump’s comments about annexing their country.

Specifically, Statistics Canada reported that in February, Canadian-resident return trips by air stood at 1.8 million, down 2.4 percent from the same month a year earlier, and “the number of Canadian-resident return trips by automobile from the United States totaled 1.2 million, a steep decline (-23 percent) from the same month in 2024.”

Bloomberg reported the United States “is the most popular destination for international trips among Canadians,” and that the country “consistently posts a services trade deficit with the United States, mainly because of travel services.”

Herzog said Carmel has some insulation from the Canada effect, since much of its tourism relies “primarily on drive-market visitors from the San Francisco Bay area, Los Angeles/Southern California, and the Central Valley,” and travel within the country is expected to remain robust, “with many Americans opting for domestic trips over international travel.”

**Not so much**

Carrie Theis, whose family owns the Hofsas House hotel on San Carlos north of Fourth, said she hasn’t seen any impacts on bookings as a result of the latest trade decisions in Washington.

“I really do not get many Canadian guests, so I really cannot comment on this issue,” she said. Aside from domestic visitors, Theis said her hotel principally sees travelers from Germany, the United Kingdom, Brazil, France, Italy and the Netherlands.

“I have not seen the frequency of cancellations increase in the last month, so I

am not seeing that Canadian travelers are impacting my business,” she said.

Similarly, Mark Stilwell, who owns the Stilwell Hotel and the Tradewinds a few blocks away with wife Susan, reported no impacts on international bookings.

“No Canadian cancellations we are aware of yet,” he said.

A February analysis by the U.S. Travel Association noted that Canada accounts for the highest number of foreign visitors to the United States, with 20.4 million people coming here in 2024, accounting for “\$20.5 billion in spending and supporting 140,000 American jobs.”

**‘A leg up’**

Before he stepped down earlier this year, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau encouraged his country’s residents to vacation at home rather than abroad, saying, “Now is the time to choose Canada.” Statistics indicate Canadians’ top five destinations for travel in the United States are Florida, California, New York, Nevada and Texas, according to the U.S. Travel Association.

“Given the ongoing political and economic uncertainties, it will be interesting to see how these factors influence travel patterns,” Herzog commented.

O’Keefe said his organization will continue to track the data while still focusing on marketing the area as a travel destination for residents of Canada, Mexico and other countries.

“We have the experiences people are looking for, and that gives us a leg up,” he said.

O’Keefe also noted that international travelers account for 7 percent of visitors in the county, compared with 13 percent before Covid, so reactions to the tariff issues and more recent events are just part of the mix.

“We’re still looking to recover,” from the impacts of the pandemic, particularly regarding visitors from China, he said.

“This added challenge is something we will continue to monitor and deal with,” O’Keefe said.



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# PICKLEBALL

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Public works staff researched the issue and how it might be addressed by city policies and regulations, sought input, and researched other cities’ rules, along with sound-dampening materials and methods.

“Other cities used measures like quiet paddles and balls, limited hours and sound barriers,” administrative analyst Tom Ford told the commission March 13.

Over the course of a couple of meetings, commissioners received the information and provided additional feedback, including asking for noise testing by staff rather than commissioning a sound study that could run in the tens of thousands of dollars.

“We took seven measurements on seven different days,” Ford said, cautioning the commission that the data were not scientific or official. While noise generated by tennis did not register on the sound meter, readings in two of the three testing locations around the courts during pickleball play occasionally spiked above 60 decibels, the upper limit of what the city considers “the normally acceptable threshold” for residential areas.

Levels between 60 and 70 decibels are considered “conditionally acceptable” under certain circumstances, and Ford said the general plan indicates that noise levels up to 70 decibels are considered acceptable at playgrounds and parks.

### ‘A delicate dance’

He also cited the general plan’s public facilities and services element, which states a goal to “recognize the unique social, cultural and recreational aspirations and activities

which contribute to the vitality of Carmel-by-the-Sea; to provide a range of public and semi-public facilities and programs responsive to those aspirations; to provide public service to ensure each resident a safe, healthful and attractive living environment; and to maintain both facilities and programs so as to exemplify the highest standards for the community.”

“This is a delicate dance that we’re addressing,” Ford said.

Last December, commissioners enacted a 90-day plan to restrict pickleball play to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and the new rules were posted five days before Christmas. But Ford said that over the next several weeks, numerous complaints of non-compliance were reported to public works and the police department.

In January, the commission ramped up efforts to control pickleball play by reducing the hours to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and locking up the nets when they aren’t in use.

But locking and unlocking the nets has been “problematic and costly,” Ford said, “particularly on the weekends and in the event of an employee’s absence or sickness,” and players continue to ignore the rules.

As a result, the struggle to balance pickleball play with the rights of residents to have “quiet enjoyment” of their homes remains, and Ford recommended the forest and beach commission ask the city council to approve several permanent changes.

While the courts are striped for tennis and pickleball, portable nets are needed when people are playing the latter, and Ford recommended removing one tennis court to install two pickleball courts with permanent nets owned and maintained by the city, designating the other side for tennis only, and installing a fence to separate them.

Pickleball hours would remain 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, while tennis could be played during those same hours seven days a week. He also recommended installing automatic locks so city staff and contractors would no longer have to open and close the courts.

### Heard it before

Pickleball proponents asked commissioners not to bend to the will of “a vocal minority” and to let them continue to play a fun, physical, social game.

Barbara Lang, who said she has attended all the meetings, criticized Ford’s analysis and recommendations as not being “accurate or fair” and said he interpreted the results of the noise testing to favor the neighbors. She also complained he didn’t do enough research on acoustic fencing that might reduce noise impacts.

Lang noted that courts on Via Paraiso in Monterey allow unlimited play seven days a week and said if the city reduces the number of courts from four to two, “then don’t limit our days and times.”

“Don’t make us the most restricted of everything,” she said. “And don’t change it after three weeks because some people complain.”

Martin Camsey told commissioners he bought his house at Vista and Junipero near the park in 1999 and has therefore witnessed the rise of pickleball there.

“It’s frustrating that there has been a compromise and new rules, and a lot of people are not following the new rules,” he said. “I have not heard anyone come up and say, ‘I love pickleball so much, I want to have it across from my house.’”

He also acknowledged that yes, opponents are a vocal minority, because they’re the only ones who live within

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The Lift Summit will be hosted by Monterey Bay Drone, Automation and Robotics Technology, which “is dedicated to shaping the future of advanced air mobility and uncrewed aerial systems,” and has organized the event “to bring together industry innovators, policymakers, educators and workforce development experts to drive growth in California’s AAM ecosystem.”

The lineup of 55 speakers set to participate throughout the summit includes aerospace and robotics industry experts, government officials, educators, innovators, investors and airport executives, among others.

Tickets run \$250 for students and \$400 for everyone else, and can be ordered through eventbrite.com.

# CALENDAR

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enhance our lives” by learning more about other cultural traditions.

“This calendar is not designed to force anyone’s beliefs on others,” Doneux explained, “just as the P.G. special events holidays’ calendar is not meant to either offend or be at odds with personal beliefs.”

A former DEI Task Force member started crafting the calendar before she left the panel. Doneux and another former task force member continued compiling the list but omitted Christmas and Easter and did not include Muslim observances Eid al-Adha and Ramadan, which sparked some criticism.

The new version contains the Christian and Muslim events. While the calendar lists Mexican Independence Day, it does not include the United States’ Independence Day.

While one resident celebrated the calendar, another woman said she would have liked to have seen Memorial Day, Labor Day and Ash Wednesday on the list, too.

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earshot of the courts and are impacted by the noise “all the time.”

“They can outnumber us, so that really isn’t a valid point,” he said.

Following public comment, commissioners spent an hour-and-a-half grappling with the issue. New commissioner Neal Rutta argued for an official sound study to provide useful data before implementing a new policy — but he and other commissioners later rolled back that request following discussion of how much it might cost.

Commissioner Tamara Michie said other cities have commissioned environmental studies on pickleball facilities and wondered if Carmel should do the same. Ford said staff doesn’t consider the proposed pickleball policy a

“project” under the California Environmental Quality Act but that the council could allocate money to conduct environmental review — which can run from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars — if it wants to.

Michie also said the rules should be codified in an ordinance, not just stated in a policy, so they can be enforced through citations and fines.

Otherwise, “when police are called, people carry on playing,” she said.

Ultimately, the commission unanimously voted to ask the council to adopt Ford’s recommendations, with the addition of an ordinance to codify the hours and days when play is allowed, and to continue researching acoustic fencing and other noise-reducing barriers that might work on the courts.

In the meantime, the restricted hours will continue, with the added new ones for tennis, and public works will implement the other changes, like installing automatic locks, when possible.



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# TRANSIT

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state. Those train stations include Bay Area Rapid Transit Stations, CalTrain Stations and in Southern California around the Burbank Metrolink and the LA Metro, and seven story apartments would only be allowed within a quarter mile of those stations.

### Local implications

While the Monterey Peninsula does not have a train station, we could still see impacts if SB 79 becomes law.

CEO of Monterey Salinas Transit, Carl Sedoryk, said there is a site in Marina where homes could be built. “MST owns property adjacent to the Marina Transit Center that could potentially support housing,” said Sedoryk.

MST is already in the process of developing a land-use strategy for parcels it owns, which Sedoryk said the agency plans to present ideas to its board of directors later this year.

Based on the limitations of SB 79, any potential housing built on land near the Marina Transit Center on Reservation Road won’t go up to seven stories, because it is not a train station. However, under the new bill it could be as high as four stories. The upzoning allowed in the legislation would provide greater housing density than seen in most apartment buildings around the Monterey Peninsula, including some of the new affordable housing built at sites like University Village Apartments in Marina, where the buildings are three stories high.

Under SB 79, anything built on surplus transit owned land would have restrictions. Development could include some commercial use on the ground floor, but 100 percent of residential units would need to be for moderate to low-income residents, with at least 25 percent going to lower income households.

### Monterey and Marina

The bill would also allow increased density within half a mile of major transit stops. Sedoryk said in Monterey County qualifying locations would likely include areas around the Monterey Transit Plaza in downtown Monterey, the Sand City Station, the Marina Transit Center and the Salinas Transit Center.

“By focusing on building near major transit stops, we can tackle our housing shortage while supporting our public transportation systems with an infusion of new riders,” said Wiener.

Since arriving in Sacramento, Wiener has made it his mission to override local zoning and allow taller and denser housing projects near transit stations, but has yet to realize success. In 2018 he introduced a measure to allow five-story apartments near transit hubs, even if the area was zoned single-family-residential, but the bill died in committee. Two years later he tried pushing through SB 50, which would have upzoned all of San Francisco to a five-story height limit. The bill faced significant opposition at the time, but since its failure on the Senate floor, the state has pushed through other key housing bills that may make Wiener’s latest attempt more palatable.

In 2021, SB 9 was signed into law allowing homeowners to subdivide their lots into duplexes or fourplexes, even in areas locally zoned as single-family residential. Additionally, last year’s AB 1893 allows for increased density, up to 80 units per acre, within half a mile of major transit stops, but only if local cities have failed to get their housing plans approved by the state.

### ‘Private amenity’

Wiener’s new bill already has the support of California YIMBY, (Yes in My Backyard), a pro-housing organization, which argues that it’s not only good to build more housing but to do it near transit.

“California taxpayers have poured billions into public transit, yet too many neighborhoods treat it like a private amenity, it’s unfair to take tax dollars from everyone to run trains, then ban housing nearby and lock people out,” said Brian Hanlon, CEO of California YIMBY.

However, in order to see SB 79 become law, Wiener will have to broaden his coalition beyond the YIMBYs and win over fellow democrats who shut down his last two attempts to increase density near transit. One major sticking point will likely be the seven-story limit near train stations, which will likely face opposition from suburbanites living near stations.

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## BARBARA NEUKOM BOHN

After a life of giving and inspiring others, adventures around the world, and a number of singular personal and professional accomplishments, Barbara Neukom Bohn slipped away after a protracted illness on Nov. 20, 2024, at the age of 85 at her home in Carmel, California, which she helped design and build. Barbara was a tirelessly devoted wife and inspiration to her husband of 63 years, John; and a loving mother to their four children, daughters, Linnea, Maya, and Cameron; and son, John, who were the pride and sparkle of her life.

While her family was her greatest treasure, Barbara's passions extended far beyond her home. She possessed an insatiable curiosity and a passion for life's adventure that inspired those around her. Raised in San Mateo Park and San Francisco, Barbara was an intense world traveler, economist, securities associate, diplomatic hostess and advisor. She explored diverse cultures and landscapes, lived and worked on both coasts and in several foreign countries and left a lasting impression on everyone she encountered.

In addition to her husband, John; Barbara is survived by her four children; by her six grandchildren, Nikayla, William, Jaxu, Julian, Ethan and Sandor; step granddaughter, Neipori; and by her three brothers, Bill Neukom of Seattle, David Neukom of Novato and Dan Neukom of Sacramento.

Given Barbara's abiding interest and involvement in international affairs and particular support for cultural interaction between the U.S. and Japan, an effort is underway to name a meaningful space in Barbara's memory at Pomona College, Barbara's alma mater, in the new, CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT.

The family asks that any charitable donations be made toward this effort: <https://bit.ly/BarbaraNeukomBohn>. Donations can be mailed to: Pomona College, 333 North College Way, Claremont, CA 91711: ATTN: Kyle Hines, Advancement Services.

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## School district media literacy talk

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE NONPROFIT Carmel Public Library Foundation and Carmel Unified School District are collaborating on a program, "Media Literacy in the Age of Misinformation," with University of Washington professor and Center for an Informed Public co-founder Jevin West at 6:30 p.m. April 3 in the Carmel High School Performing Arts Center at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Guests will "hear a thought-provoking discussion on the impact and influence of AI and media misinformation — and what we as a community can do to address those concerns," according to the library foundation.

"From falsehoods posted on social media sites to the polarization of news sources, the dangers of undetected and

uncontested misinformation in the media have real world consequences, including social unrest and even violence," the event hosts say. "As media consumers, it can be difficult to discern what information is genuine and which sources to trust."

### AI education

Over the years, media literacy has become the subject of state legislation, including laws calling for AI and media education training as part of the classroom curriculum. West will lead discussions with CHS students during the day and present the free program that evening.

Registration is required at [carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org/upcoming-programs-events](http://carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org/upcoming-programs-events).

More information can be found at [carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) or by calling (831) 624-2811.

## BETSY OLSON

Betsy Olson, age 86, a long-time resident of Carmel, passed away on March 11, 2025. She is survived by her daughter, Leslie; son-in-law, Marty Zemanek; grandsons, Carl Sade and Erik Sade. She was preceded in death by brothers, Everett, Howard and Ronald and sister, Margie.

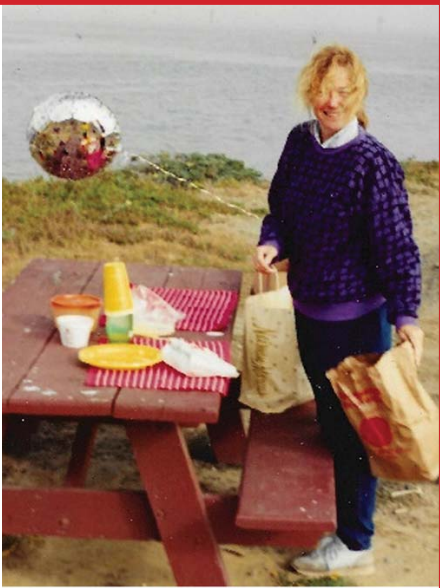
Betsy was born on April 30, 1938, in Big Lake, Minnesota. She worked in the lodging industry for most of her life, having been a general manager of the Holiday Inn in Santa Cruz for many years and finishing her career at the Lincoln Green Inn in Carmel.

She loved animals and enjoyed gardening, music, watching golf, socializing at Mission Ranch, reading and spending time with her beloved cat, Chester.

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# GAVEL

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pulled an item from his pocket and threw it over the neighbor’s retaining wall. He then took an aggressive posture and advanced toward officers, failing to obey their directives and forcing them to use a taser to gain his compliance.

The item Meza threw over the retaining wall was a loaded .22 caliber handgun with two live rounds. Meza is a convicted felon

who is prohibited from owning or possessing firearms.

Judge Rafael Vazquez sentenced Meza to 3 years in prison for his domestic violence conviction and eight months in prison for his firearm possession conviction. Each of these terms are doubled and will run consecutively for a total prison term of seven years and four months because Meza has suffered two prior strike convictions under California’s three strikes law.

These cases were investigated by Officers Marfia, Kinney, Magana, and Wayman of the Salinas Police Department.

# TRAVEL

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out against spending city money for the trip.

Before public comment, Williamson suggested the agenda item be tabled. He said that the city needs “a really clear policy” to address the issue.

Smith responded by referring to a 2017 resolution that states that no city money can be used for sister city travel.

It’s unclear if or when the proposal will be brought back before the council. While Jean Rasch voted for tabling the topic, she signaled she won’t back it. “I won’t

be supporting any taxpayer money going to payments for international travel, even though it’s a great concept,” she told her colleagues.

Monterey has seven sister cities, including Tainan City in Taiwan, Lleida in Spain, Nanao in Japan, Dubrovnik in Croatia, Kusadasi in Turkey, Lankaran in Azerbaijan, and Isola delle Femmine, Sicily. The first, Tainan City, was established in 1963, while most recent, Isola delle Femmine, was done in 2017. According to the city, the program “creates relationships based on cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges, creating lifelong friendships that provide prosperity and peace through person-to-person citizen diplomacy.”

## ARTHUR T. TAYLOR, JR.

Art Taylor was born July 26, 1931, the fourth of six children born to Arthur T. and Ruth E. Taylor and grew up in St. Paul, MN. He died Feb. 16, 2025, of complications of hip fractures and pneumonia. Art graduated from Cretin High, a Catholic Military Academy, in 1949. The Korean war began in 1950, and as Art did not want to be drafted into the Army, he elected to enlist in the Air Force. After completing basic training, he was transferred into the Strategic Air Command and assigned to the 68<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing of B-29 aircraft.

He completed four years of military service, returned home, and enrolled at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. In November 1954, Art stopped



at a small library on campus to research a school project and met his future wife and love of his life, June Lorraine Luedtke, who was working part-time at the library while attending Macalester College. They married in September 1955. The first of their nine children was born in 1956.

In 1967 Art took a new job opportunity as the western division purchasing & traffic manager for an electrical conduit and cable manufacturing company based in Pittsburg, California where he worked until he retired in 1989 — a

major move to make from Minnesota with eight kids under age 12 and one on the way. Art was extremely family-oriented, coaching his four sons’ Little League baseball teams, participating in Boy Scout activities, attending his five daughters’ dance recitals and theater productions, and being very active in the local Catholic church. Art was extremely handy and could fix just about anything, all before the days of Google and YouTube.

Upon retirement, with the children off to college or married, he and June relocated to Carmel Valley where they built the home they lived in for the next 35 years, doing much of the construction themselves. He loved their home and did virtually all the upkeep of their four-acre lot with more than 100 oak trees until he was in his early 90s. He was active in several organizations: The Knights of Columbus, including two years as Grand Knight, board member and treasurer of the Carmel Valley Historical Society for 10 years, docent at the former Monterey Maritime Museum for 18 years, and helped with the Kiwanis annual Fiesta. June and Art loved to take driving trips and visiting history museums, especially Civil War and air flight museums. Art was very involved in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Carmel Valley, CA for more than 40 years, and a regular daily Mass attendee.

Art leaves behind his wife, June, married for more than 69 years; and seven children, Art III (Elaine), Dianna (David), Michael (Jill), Jennifer, Judy (Brad), Terrance (Cheryl) and Kerry (Tom). Daughter Jill Taylor Langhi, son Jeffrey Taylor, and grandson Trevor Barroso, preceded him in death. Art also leaves behind 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and his brother, Robert (Virginia.)

**At Art’s request, a private Mass and burial service were held. Art is interred at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery in Seaside. Donations in Art’s name can be made to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church or the Carmel Valley Historical Society.**

# MONEY

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the coastal commission.

Both workshops will be recorded and made available to “ensure transparency and accessibility for all stakeholders,” the city said, adding that it “values resident input

and looks forward to shaping the future of the use of these potential funds together.”

Information and Zoom link: [cityofmarina.org/formarinabymarina](https://cityofmarina.org/formarinabymarina).

Marina voters last November voted rejected a \$50 million facilities bond, Measure U, which among other things would have funded new fire and police stations. The measure failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority vote.

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## DR. G. TYLER MILLER, JR.

Dr. G. Tyler Miller, Jr., a premier environmental educator, died at his home in the Cypress of Raleigh, a senior living community in Raleigh, NC, on May 6, 2024, after a long battle with multiple illnesses. He was 92. Tyler was a former resident of Carmel, and he and his wife Kathleen had long hoped to return some day.

In 1975, Tyler authored the textbook that first defined the introductory environmental sciences courses for colleges and universities. That book, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> edition, evolved to cover a growing list of environmental issues. Over the years, it was used by millions of students, influencing many of them to take up careers in environmental science, policy, education and related fields.

Tyler was born in Winchester, Virginia in 1931. He graduated with honors from Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA, and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He taught in college for 20 years and received two honorary doctoral degrees for his contributions to environmental education.

Before launching his textbook writing career, Tyler taught at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and from there had moved on to teach chemistry courses at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, NC. He became interested in environmental issues and eventually chose to dedicate his life to studying and writing about them.

Tyler had a habit of rising early every day and perusing several major newspapers and websites to glean news about environmental issues. He voraciously consumed dozens of books per year. His coauthor reports with some amazement that Tyler would literally tear into these sources, ripping pages from books and newspapers, to create enormous files organized according to the issues he covered in his book, such as air and water pollution, food production, climate change and several more. “I’ve worked with many authors,” says coauthor and science writer Scott Spoolman, “and none has done nearly as exhaustive a job of continuously updating their books as Tyler did.”

For his last 27 years, Tyler had the unwavering support of his life mate and wife, Kathleen Miller, who assisted him with research and served as a sounding board for his ideas while providing some of her own. He would often refer to her as “beautiful outside and inside – the love of his life.” Kathy had to develop extraordinary patience with her husband, whom she said was as driven as anyone she had ever known. Helping him to find balance in his life between work and leisure was a never-ending challenge for her.

Dr. Miller observed four key “principles of sustainability” that he argued allowed the planet’s biosphere to evolve and thrive over the 3.5 billion years since life began. Miller sought to inform as many people as possible about these scientifically derived principles, about present-day threats to our sustainability and about how his principles could be applied to dealing with them. He hoped that by doing so, he might help to stave off threats such as pandemics, depletion of water supplies and destructive climate change. Miller’s principles provided the structure for many thousands of college and high school courses on the environment.

Before meeting and marrying Kathy, Tyler spent 10 years living in the deep woods of North Carolina in an old school bus that he converted into a home and laboratory. He experimented with solar energy, geothermal cooling, energy-efficient windows and appliances, composting, biological pest control, organic gardening and a host of other potential solutions to our environmental challenges.

In conversations with Spoolman, Tyler confided that he took an ecological view of human life itself, including his own. One of his principles of sustainability is that all living matter partakes in great cycles of life-sustaining chemicals such as water and carbon. He felt that upon his death, he was bound to return to those cycles. Spoolman quotes him as saying, with a characteristic twinkle in his eye, that he would be “happy to get back out there in circulation when the time comes.”

Tyler was preceded in death by his brother, William Weaver. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; step-grandson, James Paul; three sons, Bill, David and Greg (Susan); sister, Elise; and several nephews and nieces. Kathleen can be reached at the Cypress of Raleigh, Raleigh, NC.



Editorial

Natural phenomena

YOU HARDLY hear about pitch canker any more, but just 25 years ago, predictions emanated from nearly every corner that the Peninsula’s popula- tion of Monterey pines (*Pinus radiata*) was about to be wiped out because of the disease.

According to a 1999 letter from then-Assemblymember Fred Keeley to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, pitch canker was “expected to eliminate 85 percent or more of the pines on the Monterey Peninsula.”

He wrote the letter to support a petition from the California Native Plant Society to have the Monterey pine declared a threatened species, and numer- ous other community leaders of that era agreed that the listing was war- ranted, including Big Sur Land Trust executive director Zad Leavy, Carmel Forest and Beach Commission Chair Karen Ferlito, LandWatch director Gary Patton, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District general manager Joseph Donofrio, Rep. Sam Farr, and county supervisor Dave Potter.

“Mortality from pitch canker infestation in native Monterey pine stands is expected to approach that of planted stands, where 85 percent tree loss has been reported,” the native plant society claimed. The 85 percent mortality prediction, the CNPS said, was based on “extensive studies of pitch canker’s effect on Monterey pines in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties” — research the group said was conducted by some of the state’s preeminent forestry experts, including Tom Gordon, Ph.D., a professor of plant pathology at U.C. Davis, and Andrew Storer, Ph.D., at the time an assistant professor at the University of California at Berkeley who earned his doctorate in forest entomology at Oxford University.

But when The Pine Cone contacted the two scientists to verify the claims that the Monterey pine should be declared an endangered species, the men were adamantly opposed.

“There is hardly any chance that the Monterey pine will become extinct — in fact I don’t think it would be possible to eradicate it if somebody wanted to,” said Storer.

“Is the Monterey pine a threatened species?” Gordon said. “We don’t have any evidence that it is. The 85 percent mortality claim is a complete misrepresentation of our research.”

And they weren’t the only ones who said there was no doubt that the Monterey Peninsula’s most plentiful tree would survive pitch canker.

“I’m very much in sympathy with the people who want to preserve the Monterey pine’s native population, but I don’t think, by any stretch of the imagination, that the tree is in danger of becoming extinct in California,” said William J. Libby, Ph.D., a professor of genetics and forestry at the Uni- versity of California.

And according to David Wood, a U.C. Berkeley professor of entomology specializing in tree diseases spread by bark beetles, “The Monterey pine isn’t in danger of going extinct in California or anywhere else.”

Not surprisingly, the California Native Plant Society’s petition was unsuccessful, and the Monterey pine is nowhere to be found on California’s official list of threatened and endangered species. The tree also survived the pitch canker epidemic just fine, thank you very much.

We recount this story because the Monterey pine — not only the most common tree in the Monterey Peninsula but one of the most plentiful in the world, with an estimated population of 4 billion — remains strictly protected by many local tree ordinances, almost as though it was about to go extinct.

In Carmel, Monterey and Pacific Grove, removal of even a small Mon- terey pine requires a permit, which naturally can be very difficult to get. And in unincorporated parts of the Peninsula, Monterey County prohibits removal of a tree “6 inches or greater in diameter measured 4.5 feet above the ground” unless the tree is “dead, dying, or hazardous as determined by a county-certified tree consultant, its location prevents reasonable develop- ment of the property consistent with zoning, or removal is necessary to pro- tect public health, safety, or welfare.”

In paradise, all this would be well and good, and permits to cut trees would very rarely be needed. But on planet Earth, fire is a natural phenom- enon that poses a dire and immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare — especially in the severe fire hazard zones we learned about last week.

In those zones, isn’t it time to make it easier to cut down trees, especially very common ones?

BEST of BATES



“To hell with the house. Save the trees!”

Letters to the Editor

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Fire hazards

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing the story, “New maps: Fire hazard worse than you thought,” in last week’s Pine Cone. I fear that most Monterey Peninsula residents are unaware of the magnitude of the problem. I walk in the Skyline Forest area regularly and have been concerned about the fire hazard there, especially the large accu- mulation of fuel since the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 winter storms. I first discovered the Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps sev- eral years ago and have twice written to the Monterey mayor and city council about it. I am concerned that the response appears to be only mandates for homeowners, with no plans to remove the accumulated fuel.

Hugh Wilson, Monterey

‘We all belong’

Dear Editor,

In your March 14 article on ethnic

studies, I learned that a new curriculum is being developed, and it will be mandated in all California K-12 schools. It is part of a new law that was co-authored by Dawn Addis, our State Assembly representative for the Monterey Peninsula. Evidently this law is in response to a school district being sued for a curriculum that used ideological phrases that glorified Hamas and degraded Israel, using tropes such as, ”The Jewish Question.”

The core curriculum in ethnic stud- ies covers certain groups, such as Afri- can, Latino, Asian, Native American and Pacific Islanders. No mention of American Europeans and Jews. Frankly this new bill sounds a lot like DEI disguised in a new format. Racial stereotyping and stigmatiz- ing people based on their national origin. Let’s all get over this. We are all Ameri- cans. America was built on assimilation and integration. We all belong here.

Carol Marquart, Pacific Grove

Legacy is vanishing

Dear Editor,

Carmel-by-the-Sea is often heralded as a coastal gem that feels like a step back in time. Yet, beneath this idyllic facade, a swift-moving wave of modernism threat- ens to erode the essence that has made Carmel a beloved destination. We are incrementally diluting the very essence that has made Carmel “Carmel” one house at a time.

The quaint and timeless blend of Old World architecture, from English Tudor to Mediterranean styles, is rapidly being

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# A teacher pulls all the strings

INSIDE AN old Victorian home guarded by Bogie the Schnauzer, June McKnight creates botanical illustrations and composes symphonies using only a needle and thread.

Like any composer worth mentioning, her creative breakthroughs aren't just personal. McKnight's masterly techniques have made history, say needlepointers in the know.

She knows what you're thinking, by the way. "Needlepoint was a practical thing, what Grandma used to do," she says, summoning fussy floral throw pillows, stiff cushions, and framed proverbs like "Children should be seen, not heard ..."

McKnight, a native Michigander, never knew a time before stitching. But her

Are those actual pine needles in those trees? Though this is referred to as "dimensional stitching," a lackluster name for one of the fascinating techniques McKnight has pioneered over the years, you stare at your screen and realize "symphony" is the word.

### First stitches

Another thing about McKnight that brings certain fabled composers to mind: She started young, younger than you'd like to imagine a child holding a needle. "My mother said I was embroidering when I was 3, and I think that might be true. I was surrounded by extremely creative women, and it was expected you would do a needle craft.

"Stitching was always part of my life," McKnight continues, "but the ribbon that runs through it is teaching."

It was during her 10th year at North Farmington High in Michigan that McKnight realized she needed a break. A curriculum packed with language arts, speech and journalism, plus extracurriculars — nobody told her she'd be coaching cheerleaders or keeping an eye on the forensics club — had soured her on standard education. It was time to take a risk, and she gave it what she thought was an appropriate name.

Black Sheep "looked like a shop, but it was mostly a school," where McKnight taught classes five days a week. Teaching and needlework made a blissful couple, at



PHOTO/COURTESY JUNE MCKNIGHT

All you need is WiFi: Needlepointer June McKnight offers her creative consultations in person and via Zoom.

breakthrough happened in San Francisco, where she encountered a new, radical scene of needleworkers in the late 1970s.

There was a lot of "snitching the threads the knitting girls were using — cotton, rayons, lurex." If knitters could move on from wool, McKnight felt it was time for needlepointers to get over upholstery.

"Nobody has to sit on it," McKnight laughs. "That's when I became a composer. I choose the instruments, the stitches and colors, and I create the harmonies." An arts educator for over 60 years, McKnight enjoys a career based on the idea that the right strings, colors and dramatic flourishes can get anyone feeling like a composer, too.

### Sprouting from canvas

The sublime potential of needlepoint can be glimpsed in "How to Pick the Perfect Stitch," a recording of one of McKnight's classes available on YouTube. A Covid-era endeavor, each class in the series features a different technique pulled from one of her 16 self-published stitch books. Word of McKnight's workshops had traveled from New Zealand to New York, so she had to get good at Zoom, fast.

Her lecture is like something warm and wonderful out of the oven. You have no sense of time passing, but, at some point, she presents a picture of a needlepoint titled "Cottage by the Sea."

Ferns sprout off the canvas. Clouds billow from the sky. Fish shimmer under waves. Roofs are thatched and shingled.

## Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

home in a tiny strip mall storefront with something for every knitter, crocheter, embroiderer and needle-pointer in Troy, Mich.

Her other happy marriage — to Doug, a native Californian she met at a friend's July wedding and married that December — would eventually bring McKnight out West. Then a news television producer, Doug one day got a call from a San Francisco station.

"I always say Doug moved from California just to meet me and bring me back to California," she smiles.

### A scoop shop and 16 books

Needlepoint Inc., a hub for likeminded crafters, became her second home in the San Francisco Bay area. "It's still around!" says McKnight of the shop where she offered creative consultations, helping clients select patterns, stitches and colors, or untangle whatever mess they'd made the night before. Aside from shy guy-crafters, her most unexpected client was Julia

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# GETTING CLOSE TO THE MASTERS CHANGED HER PERSPECTIVE

THE SEASCAPES and landscapes that inspire the paintings Mary Fry creates in her Monterey home are an ever-present *mise-en-scène* in her mind.

She sees them when she's awake, when she's dozing off, when she's dreaming ... when she's scheming about what she wants to paint next.

"I think about art constantly. The paintings I'm trying to finish and the pieces I want to paint next are always in my brain," said Fry, who exhibits her vividly color-

came face-to-face with Renaissance-era masterpieces that changed the way she approaches a blank canvas, today.

"It's a whole different experience to see those paintings up close and personal, and it was a spiritual experience for me, just being in the presence of that greatness," she said. "You study their strokes and the way they handled color and you wonder, 'How did they do that?' It just boggles the mind."

Fry, uses a Renaissance-era technique called glazing — applying a thin, transparent or semi-transparent layer of paint over a dried, opaque layer.

Glazing allows underlying colors and values to subtly influence the top layer of

paint, creating depth, glowing luminosity and rich color.

"Leonardo said a work of art is never finished, it's only abandoned." Indeed, Da Vinci purportedly painted the Mona Lisa for 16 years.

"I love to glaze. I love to layer the paint. And I love that oil doesn't dry right away, like acrylic," said Fry, who creates with both types of paint.

### Under a tarp

She's a fifth-generation Californian whose maternal great-great-grandmother owned a sheep ranch near Santa Cruz in the 1850s. It's still in the family.

Fry's father was an "Okie" whose family came to Northern California to escape the Dust Bowl in the 1930s.

"They lived under a tarp when he was a little kid. He picked cotton," she said. "But he pulled himself up by the bootstraps, got a master's degree in divinity from Princeton and became a Presbyterian minister."

George Fry (1932-2023) and his wife, Connie (1932-2016), were married 63 years and produced four children: Rebecca, Gail, Mary and George (1961-2012).

"Our family moved all over the place as I was going up, including a short time in Carmel Valley" from 1967 to 1969, Fry said. "My favorite thing to do here as a little girl was visit all the galleries in Carmel. And that's when I decided I wanted to become an artist." She every bit of 9 years old.

### Also a writer

Fry was a standout tennis player in Clairmont, where she went to high school, then played at the University of Redlands, where she was ranked No. 2 in singles and No. 1 in doubles. She minored in fine art, studying under

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## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ful work at the Salinas Valley Art Gallery and has a triptych on display at 480 Lighthouse, a gallery in Pacific Grove.

### Fighting impatience

Fry, a full-time senior business analyst for General Dynamics Information Technology in Monterey, paints mostly on weekends in a makeshift studio in a corner of her condominium. She uses a measured, unrushed style favored by Europe's Old Masters, who took no shortcuts at the easel.

"I have so many ideas that I want to pursue, but it's hard getting there," she said. "I'm always anxious to move on to the next thing, but I also have paintings that I need to finish — problems I need to solve. That's where the struggle comes in. It's more fun to move on to a new piece instead of solving the problem."

As a graduate student at New Mexico State University, Fry spent almost a year studying in Bergamo, Italy, where she



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Monterey artist Mary Fry uses Old Masters-style techniques like glazing to bring out the colors in the art she shows at Salinas Valley Art Gallery and 480 Lighthouse in Pacific Grove.

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# PASTOR

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basement would include a lobby, janitor closet, men’s and women’s restrooms, elevator and mechanical room. A proposal for underground parking has been removed.

Designed by architect Jun Sillano, the complex would have Mission-style clay tile roofs, decorative ceramic tile, metal-clad wood doors and windows, stucco walls with

“random exterior stone,” and redwood headers, beams and rafter tails, according to the latest set of plans filed with the city in January. It would also have a simulated limestone parapet cap.

The complex is designed to top out below the 30-foot height limit, while other buildings on that block on both sides of the street exceed it.

### Long road

Since he purchased a building to the south of the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse — a former bank complex built in the “Bay Region” style of modern architecture in the early 1970s — in October 2018 for \$2.4 million and then bought the two lots north of it, including the bank’s community room, in June 2020 for \$4 million, Pastor has been pursuing development plans for the property.

His efforts were repeatedly thwarted by the historic resources board, which deemed the community room historic after he purchased it — a fight he lost on appeal to the city council — and he was again dealt a blow by the city council when it ordered him to preserve in place a cement-and-pebble wall that the HRB had decided he could relocate.

The project has also seen significant pushback from neighbors, including Kristi Reimers, whose family owns the Stonehouse Terrace complex directly to the east.

Those debates and battles have taken place at numerous hearings since spring 2021. Four years in, Pastor and his design team are returning with a smaller project that incorporates a “preservation buffer” to protect the wall and neighboring property.

“We look forward to a positive discussion and believe this beautifully designed building will be a significant improvement over the existing car park,” Pastor said. “We are excited to provide new commercial spaces and,

particularly in light of the lack of apartments available for rent, much-needed apartments for long-term rental which will bring lasting benefits to the community.”

Esperanza Carmel LLC managing director Chris Mitchell said the 3-D simulation is in draft form but will be available to the public before next month’s meeting. It will also be posted at [esperanzacarmel.com](http://esperanzacarmel.com).

# LIVES

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Roberts, who came in wanting to make Christmas stockings for her nieces and nephews.

It wasn’t that brush with celebrity, but a tiny ad in the Contra Costa Times that got McKnight thinking again about a place of her own. A woman was looking to sell her needlepoint store in Danville. Not just any store, but “the most beautiful store in the world,” according to McKnight. Once the building owners realized what they had on their hands, however, they tripled the rent, so McKnight set up shop in the Danville Hotel complex. “About 200 square feet” hardly made for teaching space, but the hotel owners, friends of hers, offered daytime use of the Victorian-style ice cream parlor next door. McKnight and her students would stitch and lounge on antique settees, welcoming curious passersby to observe them at work.

When Doug got another call, this time from a TV station in Monterey, McKnight added “stitch missionary” to her resume. From a rustic cottage in P.G., “where the wind came through holes in the walls,” she traveled up to her former home and back, answering growing demand for classes and consultations.

But even the best teachers can only be so many places at once.

That explains the books, starting in 1995. By day, she’d teach — she had finally landed a storefront on Cannery Row, Stitches by June McKnight — and by night she’d write and pack books for shipment across the country, spiral-bound stitch bibles like “A Field Guide to Threads,” “Needlepoint Wisdom” and “Bling, Glitz and Glamour.” “The Best Bargello Book,” out of print, is currently reselling on Amazon for \$125.

And the retreats! Which went on for years, eight to 12 times per year. “The girls would come down on a Sunday, meet at the shop, and we’d head to Mission Ranch for nonstop stitching, drinking and eating,” she reminisces. The brains behind these four-day retreats, hosting six to eight avid stitchers, McKnight would begin her days at 8 a.m. and wrap up around 9 p.m. Evening would come, and Mission Ranch owner and former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood made a fine co-host, “always stopping in to say hello to the girls.”

### Call of the wild

Her imagination has only grown wilder since she decided to step back from the shop (and the staggering costs of self-publishing).

Sometime during her short-lived retirement, McKnight decided to take a botanical illustration class from local artist Marie Gilmore. Gilmore soon offered her a substitute gig, which blossomed immediately.

Berries and other botanicals are the subjects of McKnight’s popular illustration classes, which she’s taught for seven years through the P.G. Unified School District and as science illustration at CSUMB.

She carries on Gilmore’s tradition, an end-of-term showcase featuring student work on weird, wild and wonderful subjects, from lethal plants to extinct wildflowers.

But, check her bag any time, and you’ll find a needle and thread handy. Keeping up that “crazy Victorian” house is also a kind of art project.

“It doesn’t matter if it’s a cupboard door or a canvas,” McKnight adds. “I just love creating beautiful things.”



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## Volunteers sought for 15th Whalefest

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE ORGANIZERS of Monterey’s Whalefest are seeking volunteers for this year’s event, set for April 12-13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Old Fisherman’s Wharf.

This free community festival combines scientific discovery with family entertainment, drawing thousands of visitors to the wharf and Custom House Plaza, where they’ll find research vessel tours, interactive exhibits, and live music.

Volunteers 18 and older are needed for various roles, from staffing interactive exhibits, to serving as costumed marine mammal ambassadors. Those who contribute four or more hours will receive lunch vouchers.

Anyone interested in helping out can register at [signup.zone/whalefest-monterey](http://signup.zone/whalefest-monterey), and additional information is available at [whalefest.org](http://whalefest.org).



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# Sunset celebrates the fine art of mosaics, Cherry Center names contest winners

SHINING A spotlight on the fine art of mosaics, Sunset Center hosts a reception Friday at 5 p.m. for Ekaterina de la Torre’s exhibit, “Absolute and Relative: Experience at the Edge of the Earth.” The show will be displayed in Sunset’s Marjorie Evans Gallery through the end of April.

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

A member of the Carmel Valley Art Association, de la Torre teaches mosaic art classes at the group’s gallery in Carmel Valley Village. Besides making exquisite mosaic pieces, she works with clay and bronze. Her work seeks to discover a deeper meaning in life. “This exhibition explores questions of being, as well as how humans understand and contemplate existence,” according to Sunset Center.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and whenever Sunset Center is hosting a show. The theater is located at San Carlos and Ninth. [delatorre.art](http://delatorre.art).

### ■ ‘Rest and wonder’

The great-granddaughter of one of Carmel’s most notable early artists, Heidi McGurrin has an exhibit of her paintings

on display at the Webster Street Art Gallery through the end of April. “Her work creates beauty for the eye to rest and wonder,” the gallery announced.

Heidi McGurrin is the great-granddaughter of Jane Gallatin Powers, who is the subject of a book (“Jane Gallatin Powers — A California Modernist”) by contemporary Big Sur painter Erin Gafill, who is also descended from Powers. The artist, who was married to Carmel co-founder Frank Powers, lived and worked here in the early 20th century.

McGurrin has exhibited her art in many places, including in the rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

The gallery is located at 188 Webster St. in Monterey.

### ■ Young artists honored

The Carmel Cherry Center for the Arts just announced the winners of this year’s Thinking Out Loud contest, which honors local high school artists. A display of entries opened March 1 at the center, which is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

The First Place winner was Regan Takishima of York School, who used acrylics on a panel for his striking piece, which captures a group of children sitting on a

fence.

The Second Place went to Avery Yee of the Youth Arts Collective in Monterey. Yee’s entry, a colorful watercolor, captures China Cove at Point Lobos State Reserve in all its glory.

Third Place was awarded to Vivian Ming of Pacific Grove High School for her piece, “The Human Ouroboros,” which was created with graphite and charcoal.

Honorable mentions went to Abigail Gurrola and Isabella Dominguez of Monterey High, Raysa Denton of Pacific Grove High and Charlie Hamper of York School. [carlcherrycenter.org](http://carlcherrycenter.org).

### ■ Sale in the sunshine

Showcasing the talents of the many artists it represents, the Carmel Valley Art Association hosts an Art Sale on its patio Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.

to 5 p.m. “Find discounts of up to 80 percent on one-of-a-kind artwork,” suggests the gallery, which is located at 8 Del Fino Place. “Come enjoy the Carmel Valley sunshine.”

For more details, visit [carmelvalleyartassociation.org](http://carmelvalleyartassociation.org).



This painting by Regan Takishima of York School, entitled “The Neighborhood,” won first place in the Cherry Center’s recent Thinking Out Loud competition.



Sunset Center is hosting an exhibit of Ekaterina de la Torre’s mosaics. A reception is set for Friday at 5 p.m.



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# LETTERS

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replaced by sleek, cutting-edge properties with futuristic vibes. Our narrow, winding streets once lined with charming cottages filled with a bohemian spirit now face the onslaught of box-style homes shrouded in concrete, sleek patterns, and glass-paneled facades.

Visit Carmel, the city’s tourism agency, continues to draw millions of people with its promise of storybook allure, but how long can this public image hold? Every demolition sanctioned by our planning commission chips away at Carmel’s unique story.

A recent petition, supported by 1,258 alarmed residents and tourists, was presented at last week’s meeting and was met with silence from the commissioners upon its unfurling. They continued with their agenda, approving yet another modern design — one of three charming Carmel homes slated for demolition despite 62 residents who opposed this particular project. Whatever happened to thoughtful renovation?

Modernists, please seek out architects with the imagination to blend the old with the new, transforming existing homes to meet contemporary desires. Larger kitchens and open spaces can be realized within the framework of original architectural designs. Carmel offers many opportunities for new buyers without sacrificing its irreplaceable legacy. How many more modern homes can Carmel absorb before it loses its worldwide appeal and reputation? City council, who is protecting Carmel for future generations?

I propose we make it mandatory that all exterior remodeling, modifications or renovations align with the home’s original architectural style. Why aren’t we safeguarding the legacy we have inherited, ensuring Carmel remains the enchanting haven it has always been?

Carolyn White, Carmel

## Why there’s not enough housing

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to David Quinnert’s letter (Feb. 21) regarding the affordable housing crisis in California and across the United States. While the issue is complex, evidence suggests that illegal immigration is not a primary cause. Instead, decades of underproduction have significantly contributed to our housing shortage.

Between 1968 and 2000, an average of 1.5 million homes were built annually, but this figure dropped to 1.225 million per year from 2001 to 2020, resulting in a shortfall of 5.5 million units over two decades.

Restrictive laws, labor shortages and local resistance to new developments further exacerbated this shortage. In California, zoning regulations limit opportunities for denser, more affordable housing. Additionally, there are

approximately 1 million fewer construction workers today compared to 1997, increasing costs and timelines. The consequences are stark. The average age of a first-time homebuyer in California is 49, compared to the U.S. average of 35, and only 18 percent of Californians can afford to buy a home.

To address this crisis, we need comprehensive solutions. Implementing a federal housing accelerator fund and maintaining CalHome funding at the state level are crucial steps. Reforming zoning laws and investing in workforce development programs can also help. Local initiatives, such as Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay’s plans to build affordable homes in Watsonville and Marina, demonstrate the importance of community-based solutions. By focusing on these systemic issues, we can work toward keeping the American dream of homeownership alive for all.

Catherine Stihler, CEO  
Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay

## Where’d that come from?

Dear Editor,

In reading about all these housing plans, there is one troubling assumption. Where did we get the idea that if someone decides to move to a new location, the people already living there must make space and provide services and a job?

Greg Small, Carmel

## Health insurance woes

Dear Editor,

I am a 24-year Monterey County healthcare employee and a primary care doctor. I was notified that negotiations between Anthem Blue Cross HMO and Aspire Health have failed and as of March 1, there will be no primary care providers in Monterey County that accept my insurance that I pay for through my employment with the county.

I cannot believe that our own county workers, including myself and my family, will be given no options for local healthcare. I am upset that, despite providing primary care for 24 years through the county, I myself will not be able to access care.

These repeated problems with negotiating with local providers create an unstable work and living environment for workers in Monterey County. The county stands to lose a lot of money as workers and their families will have to take time off to drive to Santa Cruz or San Jose for routine care. This is taking at least half a day off for each

visit. Kids will need to be taken out of school and parents will have to miss work. The ER will be utilized more for less severe illness, driving up healthcare costs even more.

Please help make the public aware of the unacceptable healthcare crisis in Monterey County. It may only affect county workers this time, but certainly no one will be immune from the ongoing healthcare crisis in Monterey County.

Ruth Trotter, M.D.,  
Seaside



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# The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

## Padres, Pirates coaches juggle players, rosters and the unexpected

JUST FOUR days before their first head-to-head matchup of 2025, boys tennis coaches at Stevenson and Carmel are still piecing together their lineups — an oddity attributable to injuries, illness, spring trips, graduation losses, transfers and uncooperative weather.

The Carmel Padres are scheduled to travel to Pebble Beach Tuesday for a 4 p.m. showdown with their traditional rivals, who will be waiting with their usual talent-laden roster and a whole bunch of history on their side.

Stevenson has won the last three team championships in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Gabilan Division, and all but five league trophies since 1981, 38 in total. Covid wiped out the 2020 season.

And Carmel — perhaps the top contender to dethrone the Pirates — might be without its No. 1 singles player, Riley Kirsch, who has been battling an early-season virus.

Without Kirsch, Carmel’s only returning singles regular from a year ago, the Padres will bump the rest of their starters up the ladder to challenge their powerhouse opponent.



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Grayson Walton (left), Carmel’s senior captain, is expected to be a key contributor for the Padres this season. Georges Guerree (above), a fiercely competitive sophomore, is a returning letterman vying for a spot in Carmel’s singles lineup after a 7-0 doubles season a year ago.

### Page tops deep roster

Stevenson’s roster — 15 deep — is topped by senior captain Cameron Page, the PCAL’s defending champion, whose toolbox includes a big forehand, a powerful first

backhand and backhand slice have gotten more solid over the years.”

South Korea native Like Yoon could have competition for the No. 2 singles spot from freshman newcomer Ben Smith, a transfer student from Texas, where he was a seasoned tournament player.

“Like is a counter-puncher who has great movement and great footwork. He gets to a lot of balls,” the coach said. “Ben is a lefty, which typically is an advantage, and he’s going to be a very good player for us for years to come.”

The Pirates’ No. 4 singles spot and all of the doubles pairings are a work in progress for Rymzo, who missed the team’s first two weeks of practice plus a scrimmage and

two varsity matches — shutout victories over Alisal and York — accompanying a group of Stevenson sophomores, including several tennis players, on a spring trip.

### Football injury

One varsity veteran, junior Vincent Pierre, underwent reconstructive knee surgery for a torn ACL (a football injury) and will miss the entire tennis season.

And junior Daniyal Alvi, a San Francisco Bay area tournament player from Serbia, is nursing knee and ankle injuries that also hampered his 2024 season.

“Unfortunately, his injuries sort of resurfaced during

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## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

serve and an aggressive style of play.

“I also think he’s added a bit of versatility to his game this year,” said Stevenson coach Matt Rzymo. “He’s able to finish points at the net with a lot of confidence, and his

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# SPORTS

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our tryouts, so we’re not exactly sure of his availability this season,” Rymzo said.

Other contenders for the No. 4 singles spot include junior Jacob Forste, an experienced tournament player who left the sport for two years, and talented freshman Julien Hermans, who also has tournament experience.

“Our doubles lineup is kind of a hodge-podge at the moment, but I think most of the guys on our roster are likely to get in

there at some point,” said the coach, who has another freshman, four sophomores, a junior, and seniors Carter Qin and Simon Zhang in the sweepstakes for playing time.

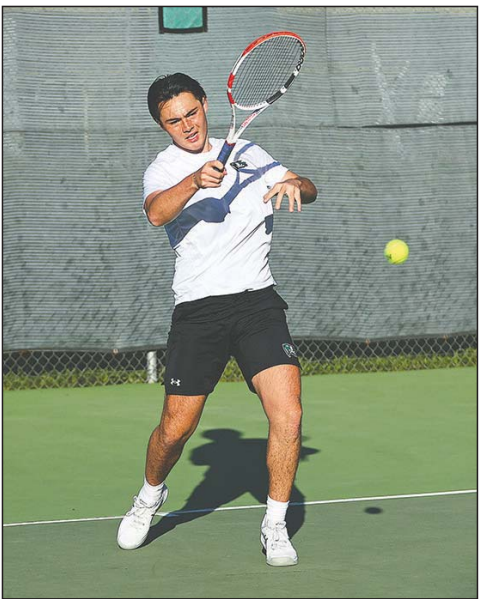
### Kirsch leads Carmel

The singles lineup at Carmel also is fluid, with Kirsch — 6-1 in regular-season matches a year ago, and a state-ranked under-18 player — as the only returning veteran.

“Riley is the only tournament player on my roster, but some of our guys have been playing summer tennis, keeping their games up, which is a good thing,” said Carmel coach Brian Cory, whose team

went 9-3 in Gabilan matches last spring.

Candidates to fill out the singles lineup include senior captain Grayson Walton (“aggressive all-court player, comes to the net comfortably,” said Cory), junior Caden Rosati-Carty (“power player, good serve”), sophomores Georges Guerree (“tenacious, hates to lose”), Brady Barstad (“a rangy, 6-foot-2 groundstroker”), Christophe Fort (“aggressive, competitive, comes to the net”), and Van Myrold (nicknamed “The Wall”), part of a promising group of freshman that also includes Ely Popky, William Walker, and Jacob Yerace.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson’s No. 1 player is defending PCAL champion Cameron Page, a power-hitting senior with hard groundstrokes and a big serve.

### Exceptional doubles

Multiple players got experience last season in doubles play, most notably Marcus Togneri and Warren Blut, who teamed up for an 8-0 regular season. Those two seniors also started on Carmel’s Gabilan Division champion basketball team in the winter.

Guerree and Barstad went 7-0 together, and senior Daniel Hohnloser paired with Walton to go 5-0 in doubles matches.

“The exceptional leadership of Marcus, Warren and Daniel will make us favored to win most of our doubles matches this season,” Cory predicted. “And with several of last year’s doubles players moving up to fill our singles spots, I see this year as more of a reload than a rebuild.”

Cory expects additional leadership from seniors Aaron Bonynge and Tommy Gardner (both four-year varsity lettermen), and juniors Michael Dowse and Nathan Savoie, all of whom will compete for court time as doubles players.

### ■ Postseason honors — Boys basketball

**Gabilan Division — Most Valuable Player:** Simeon Brown, Carmel. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Warren Blut, Carmel. **Defensive Player of the Year:** Jamar

Aquino, Monterey. **Sportsmanship Team:** Alisal. **Carmel honorees — All Division:** Simeon Brown, Warren Blut. **Sportsmanship Team:** Brooklyn Ashe.

**Mission Division — Most Valuable Player:** Kenji Mellin, North Monterey County; **Impact Player of the Year:** Andrew Hale, Rancho San Juan. **Guard of the Year:** Max Aceves, Watsonville. **Sportsmanship Team:** Stevenson.

**Stevenson honorees — All Division:** Cooper Olin. **Second Team:** Kekoa Williams. **All Sportsmanship:** Alex Rushing.

### ■ Girls basketball

**Mission Division — Most Valuable Player:** Savannah Hardy, Pacific Grove. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Kobie Crutcher, Stevenson. **Sportsmanship Team:** Carmel.

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A BELOVED instrumentalist whose resume includes four chart-topping jazz albums, trumpeter **Chris Botti** returns to Sunset Center Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The trumpeter is "one of the most important and innovative figures of the contemporary music world," Sunset Center said.

Tickets start at \$65. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit [sunsetcenter.org](http://sunsetcenter.org).

### ■ Energy + chemistry

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"The energy and chemistry of AZA is irresistible," the Sand Box's Michelle Djokic said. "Their wonderful energy that will have you dancing in your seats."

Tickets are \$40, with discounts for students and active military. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. [sandboxsandcity.com](http://sandboxsandcity.com)

### ■ New composers step up

Showcasing "two powerful and innovative works by rising 21st-century composers," **Ensemble Monterey** performs Saturday, 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Monterey. The concert is the grand finale of the local music group's 2024-25 season.

The program includes Christopher Cerrone's *The Pieces That Fall to Earth* and Jocelyn Hagen's *The Notebooks of Leonardo de Vinci*. Soprano **Lori Schulman** will be featured as a soloist on the first piece, while the vocal ensemble **Cantiamo! Cabrillo** will be showcased on the second composition.

Tickets are \$60, with discounts for seniors, active military, students and children. The church is located at 501 El Dorado St. [ensemblemonterey.org](http://ensemblemonterey.org).



A familiar face on local stages, Grammy Award-winning jazz trumpeter Chris Botti makes his return to Sunset Center Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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#### ■ Carmel

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

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Singer and pianist Peter Cincotti shares the stage with trumpeter Chris Botti March 27 at Sunset Center.

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FOOD & WINE

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LIVE OPERA and models showing off the latest looks will blend with food, drink and philanthropy during the Carmel Couture Fashion Show at Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse March 26.

The event was organized to benefit Sunset Cultural Center, which is owned and subsidized by the city but run by a nonprofit that seeks to “deliver a diverse range of world-class live events including global music, comedy, rock shows, theatre and dance,” while also offering no-cost arts education and community outreach programs targeting youth.

The Carmel Bach Festival, Carmel

Music Society, Chamber Music Monterey Bay and the Monterey Symphony all consider the center their home, and its board and management operate with the vision of

Soup to Nuts

“making the arts accessible, inclusive and meaningful” as they strive to “enrich, educate and entertain through quality, diverse cultural offerings.”

Orchestrated by Monika Spruch, the March 26 fashion show will feature collections from celebrity designers Kiki Wang and Will Franco, along with local boutique owner Debra C. Accompanying them will be Spruch performing live opera, music from electric violinist and DJ Razzvio, and a performance by a ballet dancer from the Carmel Dance Festival.

■ Silver Oak at Il Fornaio

Il Fornaio restaurant in the Pine Inn at Monte Verde and Ocean in Carmel is hosting a special dinner March 27 showcasing the highly regarded wines of Silver Oak and Twomey.

Founded by two friends in a Napa Valley dairy barn in 1972 to focus solely on cabernet sauvignon, Silver Oak has grown to become one of the area’s most treasured wineries. One of the duo, Ray Twomey Duncan, became the sole owner after partner Justin Meyer retired, and Duncan’s sons run the venture now.

They also established Twomey in 1999 “to farm and vinify new grape varietals hailing from the most expres-

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Jane Hayes of Monterey Farms will be at Bernardus Lodge’s annual artichoke celebration April 5 to talk about her business, which prepares and packages refrigerated artichoke hearts.

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# FOOD & WINE

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sive vineyards, wherever that path may lead.”

“Twomey embraces many of the same core principles as Silver Oak, including quality, sustainable farming, innovation — but above all, a deep commitment to continuous improvement at every level,” according to the winery.

The five-course menu prepared by the Italian restaurant’s culinary team is set to begin with passed hors d’oeuvres and crab cakes with mint zucchini aioli, all paired with 2023 Twomey sauvignon blanc.

Buckwheat noodles with cabbage, potatoes and fontina cheese sauce will accompany 2022 Twomey pinot noir from the Russian River Valley, after which diners will have a choice of osso buco or Chilean sea bass, both paired with 2020 Silver Oak cabernets from the Alexander Valley and Napa Valley.

For dessert, tiramisu will be served with coffee or tea.



Twomey and Silver Oak wines will be highlighted at a special dinner at Il Fornaio restaurant on March 27. The five-course meal will include crab, osso buco, and more.

The cost is \$175 per guest, plus tax and tip. Book through opentable.com or by calling (831) 622-5100.

## VIN-aversary

VIN wine bar in the Crossroads shopping center will celebrate its third anniversary Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. with what Roslyn Anderson, “chief wine officer,” says will be a “fun-filled day of Champagne toasts.” DJ Seth Reese will “be spinning the best of favorite funk, disco and jazz,” and you can save on Champagne and sparkling pours all day. The shop is open from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday.

## Bernardus artichoke lunch

It’s an annual rite of spring. Chef Christian Ojeda’s artichoke celebration will be held Saturday, April 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bernardus Lodge (415 W. Carmel Valley Road, near Laureles Grade). You’re invited to sip artisan artichoke beer or roasted jalapeno-and-artichoke bloody Marys, artichoke-inspired cocktails and Bernardus wine, then enjoy a grand buffet lunch with “warm artichoke bread, fan-favorite fried baby artichoke hearts, herbaceous grilled artichoke salad, and more, to truly show the versatility of this garden gem,” the hotel’s website says.

Jane Hayes, owner of Monterey Farms, will give a 10-minute talk on the famous thistle. For more than 25 years, she’s been president of a business that, despite its name, doesn’t actually grow anything but manages to supply large quantities of artichoke hearts for retail sale.

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Electric violinist Razzvio will be one of the performers providing live music for the Carmel Couture Fashion Show at Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse. The dinner and show are a fundraiser for Sunset Cultural Center.



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ARTICHOKE

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She explained that she had worked in the restaurant industry, including time at the Beach and Tennis Club at Pebble Beach, and had been the company chef at Tanimura & Antle produce company in Salinas. She said she'd had some conversations with the late Hugo Tottino, a partner in the Ocean Mist Farms — a major artichoke grower — in which he told her that a lot of their crop was being used for animal feed because it wasn't good enough to sell. She learned that although the exteriors weren't pretty, the hearts were perfectly fine.

Hayes had an idea: Remove the "Arti-Hearts," as they became known, lightly steam and season them and then package them for refrigeration. She said they retain a tender-yet-crunchy texture, as opposed to the "mushy" or "briny" products some-

times found in cans or jars. According to her company's website, the hearts, which are sold in grocers' refrigerated sections, will last unopened in the fridge for about three months and can be frozen, too.

"You can have local fresh artichokes without laboring over them yourself," she said.

Finally, she said, the production process doesn't have a lot of waste. After the hearts have been removed for processing, "the trimmings go to local ranchers for cattle feed," she said. You can reserve a spot at [exploretock.com](http://exploretock.com). Tickets are \$125 per person plus fees and are nonrefundable.

A last bite of winter

As evenings remain chilly, Ojeda's latest seasonal tasting menu can warm shivering diners with one last taste of winter. A salad course of charred broccolini salad with butternut squash, pomegranate and candied pistachios is followed by pork belly served with apple-miso puree, pomegranate molasses glaze, and crispy chichar-

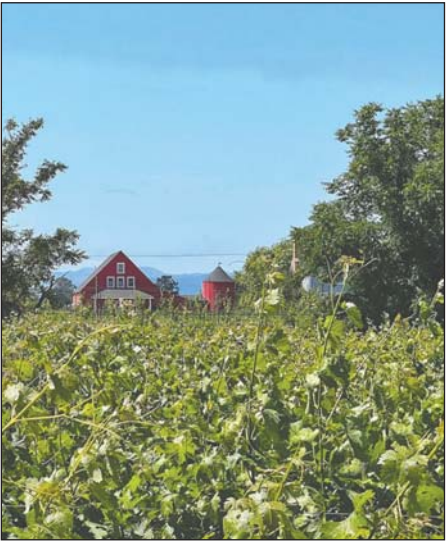
ron (fried pork).

The main course is a Sonoma duck breast with vanilla yam puree and Brussels sprouts, and dessert is apple tart with caramel sauce and house-made bourbon vanilla ice cream. The menu is offered Tuesdays through Saturdays starting at 5 p.m. and is priced at \$125 per person with an optional wine pairing for \$95. Prepaid reservations are available at [exploretock.com](http://exploretock.com).

Copper Cane at Portola

As you're reading this, there may still be space left for Friday night's Copper Cane dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Portola Hotel, which you'll find at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey. Copper Cane Wines & Spirits in Napa Valley owns several wineries, and it will present a sampling of its offerings at the first of the Portola's 2025 wine dinners. Executive chef Carl Ashurst has created a six-course dinner that opens with a small bite of jerk-spiced skewered shrimp and 2022 Elouan rose from Oregon. The 2023 Threadcount by Quilt — a sauvignon blanc from Paso Robles — is paired with oysters served with apple-ginger mignonette (sauce). Hamachi crudo with 2022 Boen Tri-County chardonnay is up next.

Answering the perennial question, "What do you pour with asparagus?" a salad featuring the springtime spears combined with prosciutto, hard-boiled egg, oranges slices and a sherry vinaigrette will share the stage with 2021 Elouan pinot noir from Oregon. The pasta course is a



Copper Cane Wines & Spirits will share a selection of wines from its portfolio, including some from Napa Valley, during a dinner at Portola Hotel in Monterey.

classic carbonara with crème fraiche and pancetta served with a 2022 Santa Maria Valley pinot noir from the Belle Glos label, and that's followed by seared duck breast paired with 2022 Quilt cabernet sauvignon from Napa. Dessert is a classic — chocolate mousse with raspberry alongside the 2018 Quilt reserve cabernet sauvignon. A relative bargain at \$95 per person, inclusive, you can call (831) 649-7870 to claim your seat.

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

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MORE SPORTS

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Savanna Radowicz. **Sportsmanship:** Chloe LeMaster.

**Stevenson honorees — All Division:** Peyton Sanchez. Kobie Crutcher. **Second Team:** Jessie Chen. **Sportsmanship:** Grace Ishii.

**Cypress Division — Co-Most Valuable Player:** Liliana Whitmeyer, St. Francis and Maya Calfee, St. Francis. **Sportsmanship Team:** Santa Catalina.

**Santa Catalina honorees — Sportsmanship:** Lydia Ostos.

Boys soccer

**Mission Division — Most Valuable Player:** Isidro Hernandez, Palma. **Sportsmanship Team:** Stevenson.

**Stevenson honorees — All Division:** Luke Brandler. **Second Team:** Henry Blaxter. **Sportsmanship:** Dexter MacIntosh.

**Cypress Division — Most Valuable Player:** Jorge Uribe, Gonzales. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Jose Camacho, Gonzales. **Defensive Player of the Year:** Tyler Hendrick, Carmel. **Sportsmanship Team:** Monte Vista Christian.

**Carmel honorees — All Division:** Tyler Hendrick, Toby Schoone, Bennett

Foreman. **Second Team:** Rigo Carrera; Sebastian Blessing, Bodhi Melton. **Sportsmanship:** Bennett Foreman.

Girls soccer

**Mission Division — Most Valuable Player:** Valeria Acosta, Pajaro Valley. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Scarlet Gomez, Pajaro Valley. **Defensive Player of the Year:** Adi Clark, Carmel. **Sportsmanship Team:** Carmel.

**Carmel honorees — All Division:** Adi Clark. **Second Team:** Eva Sedillos. **Sportsmanship:** Julia Jackson.

**Cypress Division — Most Valuable Player:** Alessandra Tejada Ochoa, Gonzales. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Izabella Tejada, Palma. **Defensive Player of the Year:** Georgia Bonifas, Stevenson. **Sportsmanship Team:** Santa Catalina.

**Stevenson honorees — All Division:** Georgia Bonifas, Siena Bullock-Martinez, Macey Torres, Sarah Chabaane. **Second Team:** Ava Edwards, Katrina Bauer, Sydney Holland. **Sportsmanship:** Charlotte Schipper.

**Santa Catalina honorees — All Division:** Olivia DaSilva. **Second Team:** Delilah Fujita. **Sportsmanship:** Luisa Tamayo.

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CALENDAR

**March 22 – Sea Horse Sanctuary Benefit Celebration.** Join us for our fundraiser celebrating connections between people with a passion for horses and holistic care. Enjoy exhibits, silent auction, wines, appetizers and logo merchandise. Event is 1 to 4 p.m. at Mopane in the Crossroads, 200 Crossroads Blvd. at Rio Road, Carmel. [www.seastarhorsesanctuary.org](http://www.seastarhorsesanctuary.org)

**March 26 – Fireside Chat at the Library – A Community Night with the Library Program. Can We Talk? Media, Ethics, and Dialogue with Professor Patrick Belanger.** 6:30 p.m. at Harrison Memorial Library. Registration required. Limited seating, at [www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org). Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Questions? [afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](mailto:afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) or (831) 624-2811

**March 27 – 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. Free. **This week, March 27:** The music of **Beethoven & Bach** with **Eun Ha Chung (organ & piano)** & members of the **CPC Youth Orchestra**.

**March 30 – 2025 Good Egg Awards celebrated 5 to 8 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars Theater.** This Carmel Valley tradition has honored esteemed locals since 1953. Dinner by Jeffrey's Catering and wine/beer provided by CV Kiwanis. Admission is \$50. RSVP at [cvgoodegg@gmail.com](mailto:cvgoodegg@gmail.com).

**April 12 – Pressed Flower Art Class, hosted by Jessica von Essen,** is set for 4 to 6 p.m. at **Carmel Valley Lodge**. The \$59 fee covers appetizers, refreshments and all crafting supplies needed. Feel free to bring your own pressed flowers to incorporate in your design. Space is limited. Book by calling (831) 659-2261.

**April 12-13 – Don't miss the 15th Annual Whalefest Monterey** on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at and around Old Fisherman's Wharf. This free, fun and educational event for all ages includes a fascinating two-day symposium, engaging activities, live entertainment and more than two dozen interactive displays by national marine organizations that help protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. [www.whalefest.org](http://www.whalefest.org)

**May 16 – 18th Annual Women's Fund Luncheon of the Community Foundation for Monterey County: "Strength, Resiliency, Hope."** This inspiring event features a conversation with artist and author **René Romero Schuler**. Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa, 1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey. Reception 11 a.m., Luncheon noon-1:30 p.m. Tickets: [give.cfmco.org/WomensFund2025](mailto:give.cfmco.org/WomensFund2025).

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# MUSIC

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

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

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

**The Links Club** — **Moondance** (pop and rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Mad About You** ('80s & '90s hits, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.), **Songwriters Showcase** (Tuesday at 7:30



Singer Lee Durley (left) and keyboardist Bill Spencer play jazz on Tuesdays, 6 p.m., at Cibo Ristorante in Monterey.

p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

**O’Callaghan’s Pub** — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Lighthouse** (rock, country & blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center.

**Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula** — singer **Shannon Warty**, 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 **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (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.

**Folktale Winery** — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, 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 **Dan Cioper** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

## Monterey

**Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen** — **Magenta Spreen** (“dreamy soundscapes, vocal harmonies, storytelling, and mindful melodies,” Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito 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.

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Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484 Washington St, Ste A.

**Midici Pizza** — singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** and pianist **Michael Martinez** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

**Monterey Plaza Hotel** — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

**Puma Road** at Portola Plaza — singers and guitarists **Sarah Canet** and **Casey Frazier** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adam Behan** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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

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**Sly McFly’s** — **The New Wave Band** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Shrunken Heads** (rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bobby & Friends** (pop, rock and soul, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

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

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

**PG’s Meetinghouse** — multi-instrumentalist **Nathan Sadly** (indie rock Friday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Miranda Perl Trio** with guitarist **Adam Astrup** and bassist **Zach West-**



Pianist Michael Martinez joins mandolinist Dave Holodiloff March 27 at Midici Pizza in Monterey.

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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s): ZACHARY BRIAN HUMASON, P.O. Box 2127, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.  
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2010.  
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S/Zachary Humason  
Date signed: Feb. 11, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 2025.  
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Publication Dates: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 (PC 228)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20250341  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
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S/Rhommel Lopez  
Date signed: Feb. 18, 2025  
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File No. 20250337  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
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Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 237)

**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.**  
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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  
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Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC 239)

**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. 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/Esther Medrano  
Date signed: Feb. 14, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 14, 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. 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.  
**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/Fabiola Ramirez Martinez  
Date signed: Feb. 20, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 20, 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 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.  
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 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 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/Cynthia 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 Aquajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this County: *The Carmel Pine Cone.*  
(s) Thomas W. Willis  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: Feb. 20, 2025  
Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC 245)

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APN: 015-031-074-000 FKA 015-031-074 TS No.: CA09000241-23-45 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 endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may 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, CA09000241-23-45. 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 CA09000241-23-45 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. CA09000241-23-45 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 NPPO471818 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 03/14/2025, 03/21/2025, 03/28/2025  
Publication dates: March 14, 21, 28, 2025 (PC319)

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-24-998595-CL** Order No.: 240520240-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/1/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **CHRISTOPHER ALLEN THOMAS, TRUSTEE OF THE CHRIS THOMAS TRUST, DATED JANUARY 9, 2020** Recorded: **2/7/2020** as Instrument No. **2020006513** and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 2/12/2024 as Instrument No. 2024004735 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **MONTEREY** County, California; Date of Sale: **4/22/2025 at 10:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Main Entrance of the Monterey County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$2,424,976.39** The purported property address is: **28 POTRERO TRL, CARMEL, CA 93923** Assessor's Parcel No.: **239-111-009-000** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website **http://www.qualityloan.com**, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-24-998595-CL**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction 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 **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website **http://www.qualityloan.com**, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-24-998595-CL** 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. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-24-998595-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: **http://www.qualityloan.com**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstallment or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: **CA-24-998595-CL** IDSPub #0237263 3/21/2025 3/28/2025 4/4/2025  
Publication dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 2025 (PC325)









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