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Fire destroys burger place near aquarium

By KELLY NIX

A FIRE at a Carl's Jr. restaurant on the border of Monterey and Pacific Grove Thursday morning drew a large response from firefighters who battled the pesky blaze, which led to a partial collapse of the fast-food eatery.



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Flames erupt from the roof of Carl's Jr. on Lighthouse Avenue in Monterey Thursday. The fire, which broke out shortly after it opened, destroyed the restaurant.

The fire started before 7 a.m. at the burger place on Central Avenue near the Monterey Bay Aquarium. When Pine Cone reporters got there, white and gray smoke was billowing from the rooftop and blowing north toward Andronico's market, but there were no visible flames.

At about 7:15 a.m., as firefighters with Monterey, Pebble Beach, Carmel and Seaside were preparing to lay hose and attack the fire, the first flames could be seen from the street.

"It's like a giant barbecue," an onlooker said to another man watching the fire.

Pouring water

About five minutes later, a firefighter started shooting water remotely from a hose hanging from the top of a ladder, with another ladder truck and ground crews joining in shortly thereafter to attack the flames pouring out of the roof, which was recently replaced.

"I guess they keep hammering it until they don't see any more flames," another onlooker said.

Even as firefighters used four hoses and thousands of gallons of water to douse the blaze, flames continued to pop up until almost

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Judge upholds permits for Cal Am's desal

Big setback for Marina, water district

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY judge has handed a huge legal victory to California American Water and its proposed desalination plant by rejecting a lawsuit filed by several agencies that challenged the California Coastal Commission's decision to approve the water project.

In a 118-page decision March 28, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills rejected a lawsuit filed in January 2023 by the City of Marina, Marina Coast Water District and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District against the coastal panel for its November 2022 approval of Cal Am's 4.8-million-gallon-per-day desal plant.

A spokesman for Cal Am called the decision, "another step that reaffirms the reasonableness of the water supply project and moves the project forward to help provide a sustainable, drought-proof water supply for the Monterey Peninsula while protecting the Carmel River."

The water districts and Marina claimed that the state agency violated state regulations in November 2022 when, after a 13-hour public hearing in Salinas, it voted 8-2 to OK the Cal Am project and grant the company a permit to build it. The plaintiffs had asked the court to put the permit on hold until the desal proposal was "in compliance" with state laws.

No 'abuse of discretion'

But Wills said that the plaintiffs — which had contested the project's environmental impact report — had not shown that the coastal commission exceeded its jurisdiction or abused its discretion in its approval of the plant, and that it did so "while following the law and based on substantial evidence."

"Feelings run high on both sides of the issues surrounding this desalination plant, and there was evidence submitted both for and against the project," Wills wrote. "Disagreement among experts does not make an environmental

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New committee will study house numbers

No ballot measure likely

By MARY SCHLEY

IT APPEARS a previous Carmel City Council decision to hold an advisory vote on house numbers in November is headed for the dustbin, and a group of city officials and citizens will try to come up with a scheme for officially recognized street addresses that somehow retain Carmel's signature quirkiness.

Those moves came at the end of another lengthy council discussion Tuesday night regarding whether the tradition of not having house numbers in most of the city should be done away with in favor of safety, convenience, adherence to state laws and other factors.

The council, with three recently elected members — Mayor Dale Byrne and members Bob Delves and Hans Buder — had asked for a comprehensive report on the history of the debate over house numbers since its most recent genesis in 2022, information on how a system might

be implemented and potential impacts on mail service and the downtown post office, and legal requirements for having addresses recognized by the federal agency's address management system and GPS-based navigation systems in smartphones and automobiles.

"We're a new city council. Dale and Hans and I are all new and were not part of the city council in September 2024 when this was last discussed," Delves said before

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Should Carmel have a police department?

Consolidation with other cities raised

By MARY SCHLEY

DURING ANOTHER discussion about what to do with the aging police station — an issue that's been debated since 2017 — some Carmel City Council members suggested making only minor improvements until they decide whether law enforcement should be contracted out to another agency, the way fire services are.

"The trend seems to be consolidation, not growth," councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said at the March 27 meeting, raising the possibility the city could combine forces with other local cities and end up with a smaller facility in town instead of a new station expanded to meet the needs of a full-service, stand-alone department.

'A mess'

"We have to look at the future of policing as potentially a shared service," councilman Bob Delves agreed. "It has worked with the fire department, and most people said it wouldn't. I think the reality is that it's better."

The council's two-hour discussion began with architect John Hammond of the firm Indigo, which specializes in designing police facilities, presenting plans for a reconfigured police/public works building and then showing rough drawings of a smaller complex, as the council requested during a similar meeting in February.

"Hopefully you've all seen the existing police station and what a mess it is," Hammond told the council, adding that it is more than 60 years old and has never been remodeled.

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Panetta coauthors bill to curtail tariff powers

By KELLY NIX

REP. JIMMY Panetta introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives this week aimed at giving Congress, instead of the executive branch, the power to impose broad trade tariffs. The lawmaker announced the bill a day before President Donald Trump unveiled a new round of tariffs on dozens of countries, saying the U.S. has been harmed by grossly unequal tariff arrangements with many nations.

Trade imbalances

The Reclaim Trade Powers Act seeks to strike a section of the Trade Act of 1974, which allows a president to impose sweeping 15 percent tariffs on all imports in the event of a "balance of payments crisis." While the U.S. has a huge trade deficit — importing \$1.2 trillion more in goods and services than it exported in 2024 — Panetta said the Trump Administration has misused the term to justify tariffs based on trade imbalances rather than genuine

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BETTY WHITE HONORED WITH 'FOREVER' STAMP

By CHRIS COUNTS

A LONGTIME local with a legendary sense of humor and a passion for helping animals, the late Betty White, who passed away four years ago at 99, is being honored by the United States Postal Service with a commemorative stamp. The 73-cent "Forever" stamp features White's portrait with an impish smile on her face.

"The U.S. Postal Service today celebrated beloved entertainer Betty White's mischievous wit, saucy persona and tireless advocacy for animals with a new stamp at a first-day-of-issue ceremony at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens," the federal agency announced March 27.

Postal service official Amber McReynolds called White "an



A new postage stamp pays tribute to actress and longtime Carmel resident Betty White.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Devoted dog

She's spent a lifetime with horses. Right now, it's Jasper, a Rocky Mountain, which is a breed from Kentucky whose smooth gait makes him ideal for trail riding. Rarely do we find a trail horse without a ranch dog.

She had recently lost her little terrier mutt when she learned about Finn, a 3-year-old blue heeler. Bred to work on a ranch, he'd been surrendered to an adoption agency by a family who'd kept him in a little backyard on a leash or in a crate at all times. Her neighbors had brought him home, but their cat was far too interesting to Finn, so he lasted there two weeks.

Fortunately, the cat lasted longer. Even his person admits that Finn is a whole lot of dog, possessed of high energy and determined to be outside, to run free, whether at home in the Santa Lucia Preserve or across the grassy expanse adjacent to Quail Lodge.

He's been to Carmel Beach, where he's happiest running along the shore and chasing after birds and balls. Yet, a little intimidated by the waves, he prefers to swim in the lake and creek near his home.

"I thought I could help this dog, so I took him, and he's a perfect fit," his person said. "Finn is a total ranch



dog. He's my companion on trail rides, running alongside off leash, and he's very happy with that arrangement."

Finn is an alert, watchful dog, aware of situations he thinks need to be managed, which may include a rafter of wild turkeys, a drift of pigs, a herd of cows, and even a crowd of fast-walking folks.

"But he doesn't ever bother the horses," his person said. "Aloof to other people, he's very devoted to me. He's a one-person dog, and he's chosen me."



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Lawmakers take multiple shots at environmental laws

By CAITLIN CONRAD

A GROUP of California lawmakers is attempting to hammer a nail in the coffin of the California Environmental Quality Act, the state's once all-powerful environmental law. The legislators say CEQA has been standing in the way of building housing throughout the state for decades, resulting in a dire shortage.

AB 609 is nothing short of a game changer. The bill would exempt new housing developments from CEQA in almost all urban areas, putting an end to everyone from environmentalists to anti-development homeowners using lawsuits to slow or shut down housing development.

The bill's author, Oakland Democrat Buffy Wicks, said getting rid of CEQA is critical if California wants to build the 2.5 million homes it has estimated are needed.

22 bills

"Right now, it takes far too long to build the housing Californians need and that's a failure of government," Wicks told reporters at a press conference in Sacramento.

On stage with Wicks were fellow lawmakers, there to unveil not just AB 609 but a package of 22 bills aimed at slashing red tape and making it easier to build housing in the Golden State.

"When it comes to building things, California has gotten very good at getting in our own way," said State Senator Scott Weiner, a San Francisco Democrat and principal coauthor of AB 609.

Republicans and Democrats in Sacramento do not agree on much, but the group that's signed as co-authors on the Fast Track Housing Package bill is bipartisan,

and all agree it's been too hard to build in California for too long.

CEQA has been the holy grail of environmental protection laws in California since its inception, and taking it down won't be easy. Passed in 1970 and signed into law by then-governor Ronald Reagan, CEQA at first applied only to government development projects but later grew through legislative action and court decisions to apply to any development in California that needs government approval — basically everything, everywhere.

The scope of the law has also gotten much bigger. Initially, "environmental impacts" meant things like significant pollution of the air or water, but the phrase grew to encompass dozens of categories, including historic buildings, community character, public services and "tribal cultural resources."

"CEQA, while its original intent is one that I believe in and value and has produced a lot of good things, it has gotten weaponized," said Wicks.

The law is notorious for being used to create roadblocks to even badly needed projects, and CEQA lawsuits have been filed to gain advantage in things irrelevant to the environment, such as union negotiations.

Breaking down AB 609

Wicks's bill would exempt housing developments on sites that are 20 acres or less, or on land that has already been developed. An exemption would apply if site is within a municipality or census-designated urbanized area, or if the proposed housing

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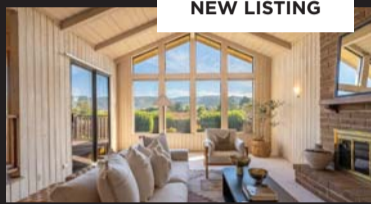
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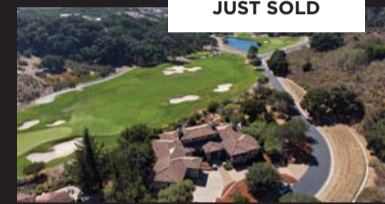
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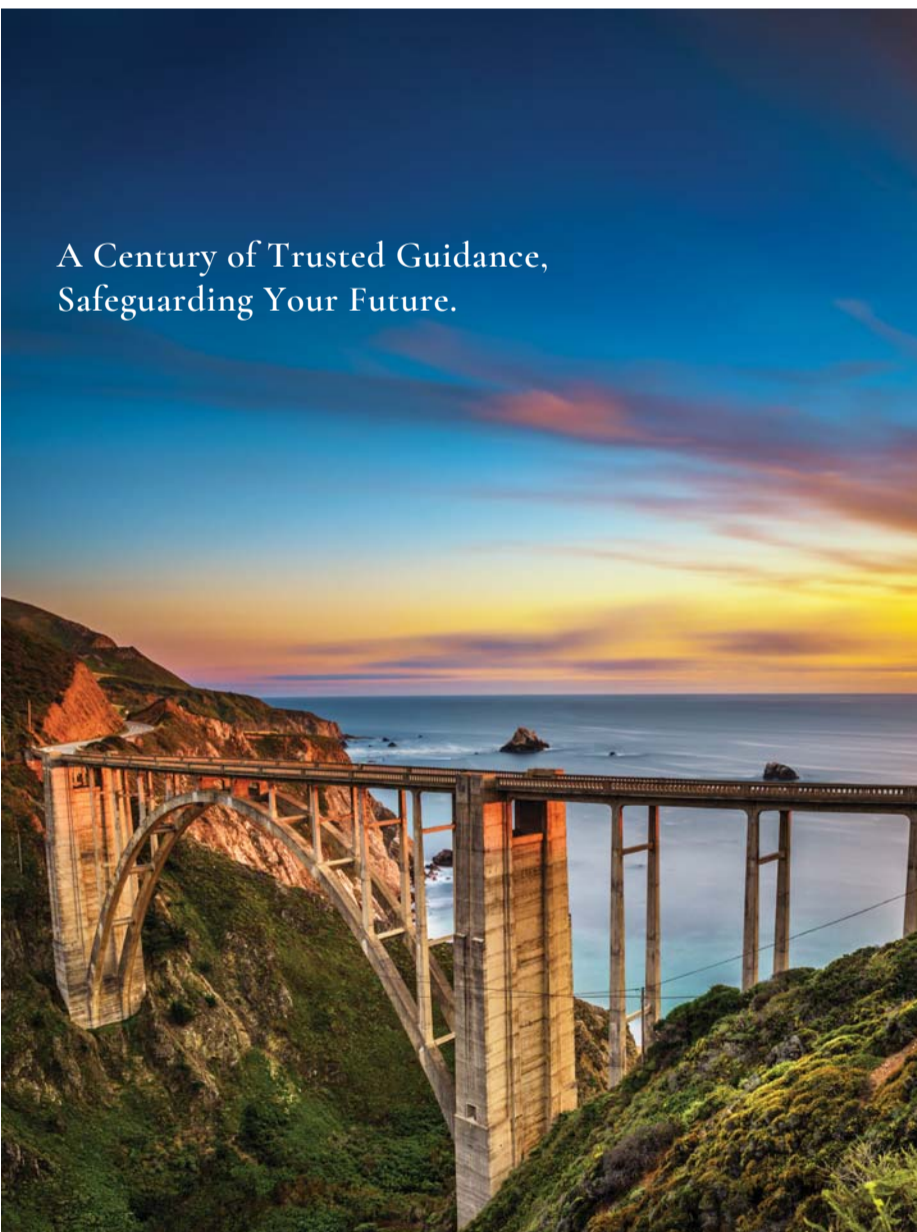
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Eddie wanted his new place clean

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.

ducted on a resident on Palo Colorado Road.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle versus fence on Dolores Street. Property damage only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil matter at Camino Real and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost purse and ID reported by a subject at Dolores and Seventh.

Pacific Grove: Tree on private property fell onto a public street and parked vehicle at Laurie Circle and Maple Street. Public workers removed the tree from the roadway.

Pacific Grove: Report of a theft from a local retail store at Country Club Gate Center. A 38-year-old male was arrested on Breckenridge Avenue in Marina for petty theft and shoplifting and booked into Monterey County Jail.

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in the Real Estate Section

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

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

Pacific Grove: Reported lost property at Lighthouse and Carmel avenues.

Pacific Grove: Report of a missing person from a residence in the area of Pine and Carmel. Subject was located.

Pacific Grove: Dog bite on Monarch Lane.

Carmel area: Deputies were dispatched to a verbal domestic at an Oliver Road residence.

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The gavel falls

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

Feb. 20 – Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that the Hon. Andrew Liu sentenced Omar Jesus Chavez Ortiz, 37, of Salinas, to state prison for four years for arson and violating a domestic violence restraining order.

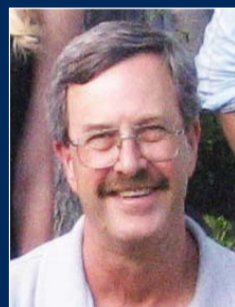
On Nov. 8, 2024, at approximately 2:10 a.m., Salinas Police officers responded to the report of an active structure fire on Harkins Road in Salinas. The fire captain reported that the fire, which he concluded was arson, had been set in four spots next to a commercial building and Ortiz was found near the fires with a lighter. Upon questioning, he admitted he started the fires because he was upset that he was not permitted to sleep in the building. He believed there were other people inside the building and intended to burn the structure down while they slept.

On July 24, 2023, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Ortiz' ex-wife reported he violated a restraining order by standing on the sidewalk across from her residence. He then violated the order a second time by walking past the front of her home. These incidents caused her to fear for her safety and she contacted the Salinas Police Department.

These cases were investigated by Salinas Police Department officers Connor Auger and Raul Rosales.

Feb. 21 — Abel Perez, 26, of Salinas, and Ivan Barriga, 21, were each sentenced by Superior Court Judge Rafael Vazquez to life without the possibility of parole. Following a three-week trial, a jury convicted Perez and Barriga of conspiracy to commit murder.

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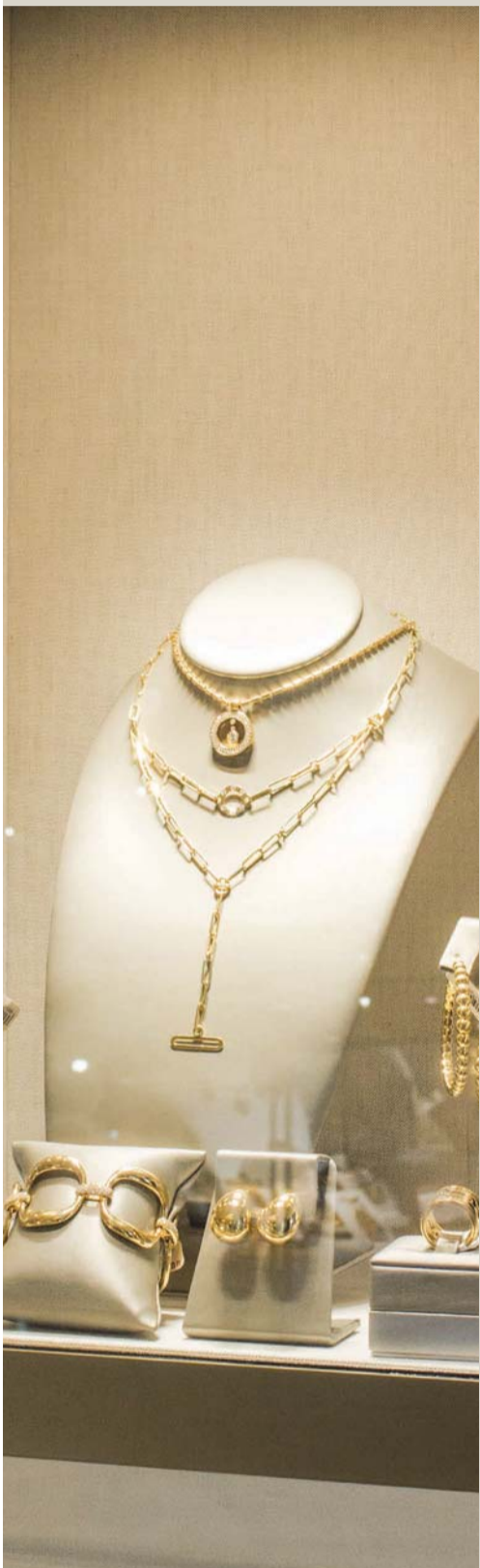
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Some say vegetation removal efforts are making wildfires worse

By CHRIS COUNTS

AT A time when wildfires have devastated communities throughout the state, it came as no surprise March 12 that the California Coastal Commission unanimously approved a plan to make the Ventana Big Sur resort safer from fires.

But the proposal drew opposition from a handful of locals who are challenging the idea that the risks of wildfires can be managed by removing vegetation near structures.

They contend the practice of clearing vast swaths of brush not only does little to alleviate the threat of wildfire but ends up destroying rich and complex habitat — and can actually make fires worse.

On the day of the hearing, the coastal commission put the wildfire mitigation plan on its consent agenda and it passed unanimously without discussion. The work is set to begin in the coming weeks.

Unintended consequences

The plan by Ventana — which was done in coordination with the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County — includes doing “defensible space work across approximately 20 acres,” and removing vegetation “around electrical distribution lines on approximately 3 acres.” Nearly two-thirds of the work will involve removing “dead, dying, diseased and overstocked trees, and dense understory fuels,” as well as getting rid of invasive plants.

One local who objected to the plan is

Kodiak Greenwood, who contends the science behind large-scale plant removal isn’t as sound as some believe.

“At no time has scientific environmental research supported mechanical thinning,” also called mastication, “as a way of



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

Some Big Sur residents are questioning the value of large-scale vegetation removal efforts to prevent wildfires and save homes.

enhancing biodiversity or assisting in positively influencing forest health,” he wrote in a letter to the coastal commission.

Greenwood argues that the large-scale removal of brush leads to “increasing the fire season” and making places “more prone and vulnerable to high-intensity blazes.”

“When you masticate, you leave behind slash — dried tinder — which creates more sources of dead fuel ignition, perpetuating the risk of fire,” he told The Pine Cone. “Mastication also allows wind to blow through forests faster, allowing embers to be spread, which increases the fire risk.”

Greenwood contends cleared landscapes

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City manager: P.G. councilmember's potential conflicts being examined

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE officials are investigating whether a member of the city council who owns a downtown commercial building violated state law when she voted to approve a city rule that would benefit her tenant.

During a March 19 P.G. City Council meeting, a resident urged councilwoman Tina Rau to recuse herself from participation in a proposal to allow louder amplified entertainment at downtown establishments because she owns a building at 215 Forest Ave. and leases it to the owner of music venue Pop & Hiss, which could profit from the rule. The resident implied that Rau could also financially benefit and that her involvement could be a conflict of interest per the state's Political Reform Act, which in part sets ethics rules for state and local government officials.

Rau ignored the concern and took part in the discussion before making the motion to OK the noise rule. The council voted 4-2 to direct city attorney Brian Pierik to write an ordinance modifying the portion of the municipal code pertaining to sound amplification.

'Risk of bias'

While city officials last week did not respond to questions about the conflict-of-interest allegations involving Rau, The Pine Cone asked city manager Matt Mogensen this week if the city was looking into the claims.

"The answer is yes," Mogensen told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

The Political Reform Act, which is administered and enforced by the state's

nonpartisan Fair Political Practices Commission, says that an elected official "has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on his or her personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests."

Rau, who previously served on the city's DEI Task Force, has not responded to messages from The Pine Cone.

Loan and rental income

There are also questions about transparency forms the councilwoman submitted to the FPPC that are intended to disclose elected officials' financial interests to the public.

When Rau submitted two FPPC-required economic interest statements in January, she ticked boxes indicating she had "no reportable interests," meaning no property, income or investments that could conflict with her decisions as a council member.

On March 24, though, days after the conflict claims about the noise ordinance were made, Rau submitted a new statement with the FPPC listing her ownership of the 215 Forest Ave. building.

She listed \$10,000 or more in rent per year from Pop & Hiss on the document. She also listed her home, pension income and a loan from Pebble Beach resident Maureen Chodosh for more than \$100,000. The 60-month loan has a 6 percent interest rate.

The FPPC, which requires officials to

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Little league field back in shape again

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO WEEKS after a late-night joyride by teens on a golf cart turned the larger of two baseball fields at Dampierre Park in Carmel Valley into a muddy mess, the field is looking good again after a big push to fix it.

To pay for the repairs, Carmel Youth Baseball raised \$17,800 through a GoFundMe campaign.

“We hired somebody to do all the heavy equipment-operating required for rebuilding the field,” Carmel Youth Baseball president Melissa Anderson told The Pine Cone. “We’ve spent a huge chunk of the money rebuilding the field. Now we have to repair the sprinklers and build the mound back.”

While some on social media suggested that reports of the damage to the field were overblown, Anderson said the vandalism — which happened just after midnight March 15 — was made far worse by the wet and muddy conditions that were present when it happened. The pitchers mound, for instance, had to be removed and needs to be rebuilt. A second field in the park also sustained damage.

“There was no way of easily repairing our field,” Anderson wrote on GoFundMe.com. “Otherwise, we would’ve done that. Our need and goal was to get the kids back on the fields as quickly as possible.”

Anderson said if any of the money raised is left over once the damage is fixed, it will be spent on field improvements.

“Thankfully, the people who donated were overly generous,” she said. “It’s all going into the field.”

Paying it forward

As for those who caused the damage, it doesn’t appear there will be any charges filed.

Anderson said she’s been in touch with most of the families involved, and she said they are open to the idea of the kids doing some volunteer work on the field in the future.

“From the beginning, we’ve only ever had the intention of working with the families to make things right financially or through labor,” she explained. “Let’s make it right and move on — all you can do is learn from it, own it and pay it forward.”

Carmel Youth Baseball’s spring season started March 1.



Thanks to an online fundraising push, \$17,800 was raised to repair a little league field at Dampierre Park in Carmel Valley that was vandalized.

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WITH COUNCIL ‘THUMBS-UP,’ CITY GETS READY TO START POSTING ON INSTAGRAM

By LILY PATTERSON

WITH LOOSENED language allowing officials to “respond to, react, share and repost” content from official Carmel-by-the-Sea accounts, the city’s first social media policy was approved without discussion at a council meeting on Monday night. Aside from @carmelbytheseaofficial — the city’s proposed Instagram handle — individual departments now have the go-ahead to create their own accounts, so long as they submit a petition for approval.

The resolution submitted by administrative analyst Emily Garay at the March 3 Carmel City Council meeting would “establish guidelines and procedures for the city’s participation in social media and authorize the city administrator to

administer the city’s social media program,” in accordance with a nine-page policy document.

Online activity

Maintaining an active presence on Instagram, Facebook and X has become common practice for municipal governments, and Garay’s policy research investigated how the nearby cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove and Santa Cruz manage their accounts. The resulting policy — including dos and don’ts to guide city officials’ online behavior — was developed by Garay with input from the police, community activities and IT departments, with oversight by city administrator Chip Rerig and city attorney Brian Pierik.

One section of the new policy clarifies

that all city social media sites, including “posts on personal social media pages,” are subject to the California Public Records Act, the Freedom of Information Act, subpoenas and court orders. But councilmembers said they should also be free to speak their minds, and they requested revisions permitting them to use their best judgment when engaging via their public and personal social media accounts.

Several members of the council, bolstered by public comments, felt it their responsibility to share timely information via social media — for example, during storms and significant road

interruptions, among lighter fare like farmer’s market and city event updates.

“It’s sort of my job to sort of amplify the message,” commented councilmember Jeff Baron.

Councilmembers get OK to like, share and repost

On Monday night, the policy was approved with those changes, specifically that officials “shall comply” with the Brown Act and “may respond to, react (e.g., ‘like,’ ‘love,’ ‘thumbs up,’ or any other emoji/reaction), share, repost or otherwise participate in any published postings by city staff which are solely informational, but may not respond to or

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Samuel Shake, Shake family Matriarch Isabella Shake, Samaria Jo Shake

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Sabu JR Shake was honored on March 14th 2025 as the Hospitality Professional of the Year by the Monterey County Hospitality Association (MCHA), at their annual awards dinner attended by a sold out crowd of over 400 people recognizing his remarkable impact on the hospitality industry and community.

With over five decades in the business, Sabu's journey began at the family-owned Old Fisherman's Grotto that was started by his mom and dad in 1950 where he learned the importance of service, leadership, and community. Today, as co-owner of The Fish Hopper restaurants in Monterey and Kona, Hawaii, Sabu's influence continues to grow, employing over 400 people and was recently recognized in 2024 as one of the Top 100 highest grossing Independently owned restaurants in the nation by Restaurant & Business Magazine.

Beyond his business achievements, Sabu's philanthropic efforts are equally inspiring. He's raised over 7 million dollars for The Salvation Army and has been a dedicated supporter of over 300 local charities each year. His legacy of giving back sets an example for all. Sabu's passion for generosity and leadership continues to shape our community.

"Chris, Sabu's brother, attributes Sabu's significant contributions to the hospitality industry to his unwavering work ethic, commitment to excellence, philanthropy, and dedication to maintaining high standards of quality and service. These attributes have positively impacted us all."

Congratulations Sabu!

The Shake Family

REMOVAL

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lead to faster and less predictable fires. While his views may startle some, a 2013 study on fuel removal that's published on the United States Forest Service website indicates that "masticated debris has a propensity to flame and smolder for long durations," and "mastication may not always reduce fire intensity and severity as is commonly assumed."

Another Big Sur local, Trey Kropp, argues that the vegetation removal plan violates the Big Sur Land Use Plan.

"The project proposes removal of native redwoods, coast live oaks and chaparral across 62 acres without evidence of necessity," Kropp wrote. "The project targets native chaparral for removal, despite its critical role in

erosion control, wildlife habitat, and fire resilience."

In response, the resource conservation district insists that there is "no chaparral in the proposed treatment area."

Kropp observed that the work will "open up views of resort structures, increasing the visual intrusion of development within the Big Sur critical viewshed." The resource conservation district insists this won't happen.

Addressing concerns the fire plan violates the Big Sur Land Use Plan, a coastal commission report indicates the agency previously found the project "consistent with Monterey County's Local Coastal Plan."

Group outspoken

Comments by Greenwood and Kropp echo those of the California Chaparral Institute, which has long lobbied against large-scale vegetation removal projects. The group contends that efforts to remove fuel for fires ultimately create "more fire risk" by "encouraging the invasive growth

of highly flammable non-native weeds and grasses."

In an editorial he wrote for the Los Angeles Times in 2017, the California Chaparral Institute's Richard Halsey suggested that "hundreds of feet of bare ground make a home the target for wind-driven embers."

The institute argues fire prevention efforts should focus not on clearing brush, but making homes more resilient. "The best ways to prevent loss of life and property are to retrofit existing structures to make them more fire-safe," according to the group.

Greenwood agrees, and told The Pine Cone that exterior sprinkler systems saved many homes during the recent fires in Southern California.

Responding to the concerns of Greenwood and Kropp, Jamie Tuitele-Lewis of the resource conservation district said he welcomes public feedback, but he's confident the work his agency is doing is necessary.

"What we're doing isn't radical," he said. "As a proponent of this project, it's something we need to do, and it probably needs to be done on a larger scale — fires have increased in pace and scale."

Tuitele-Lewis insisted that "no healthy or mature oaks or redwoods will be cut down," and as much vegetation as possible will be retained.

"We don't like to scrape the earth," he explained. "We're trying to make places resilient against wildfire and, at the same time, retain the character of the local vegetation community and ecology."

A loss too great

Not everybody in Big Sur is questioning the science or legalities of removing large amounts of vegetation, including Rayner Marx of the Community Association of Big Sur.

"Preventing the spread of wildfire in populated areas requires spaces that are safe for and defensible by firefighters," Marx wrote to the coastal commission. "The proposed work provides such spaces."

Marx painted a grim picture of how a wildfire could devastate Big Sur's resort community.

"The loss of Ventana, Post, and Nepenthe to wildfire would be catastrophic for Big Sur, impacting Monterey County and California," he warned. "With the loss of lodging, restaurants, and workforce housing, coastal access for visitors would suffer, and the resulting burn scar would call into question the viability of rebuilding the area."



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To celebrate this remarkable milestone, The Carmel Foundation invites the entire community to a 75th Anniversary Celebration on Monday, April 21, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at its campus on the southeast corner of Lincoln and 8th. The event will include music, refreshments, a reflection on

the Foundation's legacy, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony in partnership with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce.

Today, The Carmel Foundation provides more than 60 weekly programs, 49 affordable housing units, and tens of thousands of nutritious meals each year—served on campus and delivered to those who need them most. It remains a vibrant hub for lifelong learning, social connection, and support for adults 55 and better. (Stay tuned for exciting plans to transform the former Red Cross building into a Wellness Center for our members.)

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William “Bill” Mitchell

February 15, 1942 – March 26, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of William “Bill” Mitchell on March 26th, surrounded by his beloved family.

Born in Piedmont, California on February 15, 1942, Bill was raised in a close-knit community. He attended Piedmont High School and was a proud “Kimmer,” before leaving home in 1959 to join the first class at the United States Air Force Academy to complete all four years, graduating in 1963. Bill went on to serve six years in the United States Air Force as an aircraft commander and instructor pilot and was decorated for five years of combat duty as a pilot in the Vietnam Conflict.

Following his military career, Bill joined American Airlines, where he spent over 30 years as a commercial airline captain, living in Atherton and flying out of San Francisco. He flew both domestic and international routes, most frequently piloting two of his favorite routes: New York and Hawaii. His love of flying never left him—he continued to fly privately, sometimes whisking family and friends away to remote fly-fishing destinations like his beloved Mitchell Ranch in Colorado.

An avid and accomplished fly fisherman, Bill and his wife Vicki traveled the world chasing extraordinary catches in breathtaking destinations. He particularly loved Alphonse Island in the Seychelles for giant trevally; La Paz, Mexico for the thrilling pursuit of roosterfish; Tanzania for fierce tigerfish; and the rivers of Argentina and Chile for wild brown mouth trout.

Bill’s intellectual curiosity and passion for growth led him to earn his MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Class of 1973. He went on to found The Mitchell Group in 1975, a successful commercial real estate firm based in Palo Alto. In 1990, Bill and Vicki moved to Pebble Beach, where he joined forces with his parents, Jean Booth and William Franks Mitchell, to relocate The Mitchell Group and expand the family real estate legacy. The move helped shape and elevate the luxury real estate market on the Central Coast.

Bill eventually sold The Mitchell Group to Sotheby’s International Realty in 2005, but his entrepreneurial spirit continued and carried down to the next generation. While he completed the successful transfer of The Mitchell Group, Bill inspired and emboldened his family to relaunch the legacy firm Carmel Realty Company, and subsequently Monterey Coast Realty, marking four generations in the real estate business in Carmel and Pebble Beach. Under his guidance and vision, Carmel Realty celebrates its 112th year, and the companies have become defining forces in luxury real estate on the Monterey Peninsula, known for professionalism, community commitment, and integrity.

He was regarded as one of the most generous community benefactors—giving abundantly of both his time and financial resources. He sat on numerous boards including All Saints Day School, the Veterans Transition Center, the Harrison Memorial Library Foundation, the Carmel Foundation, and the company’s own Carmel Realty Foundation, where he oversaw millions of dollars in donations to hundreds of local charities that serve and strengthen our special community.

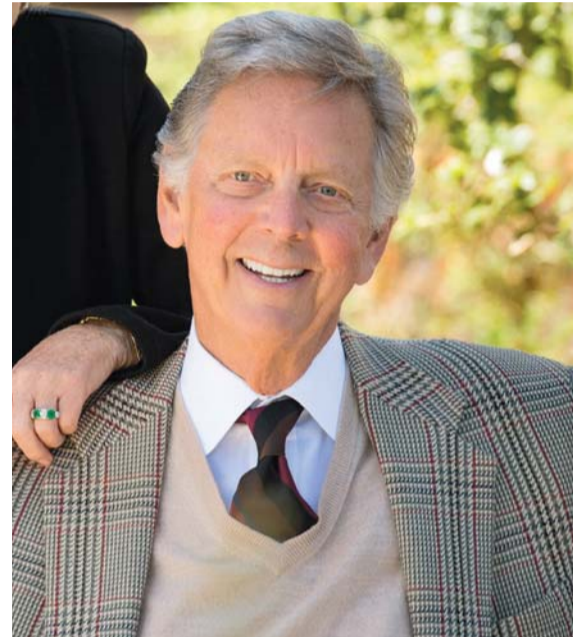
Bill cherished his friendships and was a proud member of MPCC, the Old Capital Club, the Pacific Union Club, The Beach and Tennis Club, and the Stanford Alumni and GSB Alumni Clubs. He also rode his well-known classic Harley Davidson with both the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club and the Rolex Riders—just one more way he infused life with his own spirit and style.

Bill’s love of aviation, education, and real estate was matched only by his devotion to his family—and, most of all, to his wife, Vicki. Theirs was a 60-year love affair, marked by deep mutual respect, unwavering partnership, and countless adventures shared side-by-side. Together, they raised two daughters, Sheri Mitchell and Shelly Mitchell Lynch, and welcomed son-in-law Dan Lynch into the family, along with five beautiful grandchildren: Claire and Ethan Hudes, and Billy, Lucy, and Parker Lynch.

He also leaves behind his younger brother, John Mitchell of St. Helena, and his younger sister, Hallie Mitchell Dow of Carmel.

Bill will be remembered for his sharp intellect, quiet strength, generous spirit, commitment to community, and unwavering integrity. His legacy lives on through the family he adored, the businesses he built, the adventures he loved and the countless lives he touched.

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POLICE

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“The building is obsolete. It’s basically unsafe, it does not meet code, it is not ADA compliant, and it’s just a terrible place to be expecting city employees, in this case police and public works, to work there,” he said.

Hammond observed that the police department works out of a 7,800-square-foot space that doesn’t include storage for evidence, including hazardous materials, and requires officers to interview crime victims in the front lobby, and said a station that can accommodate modern needs, such as secure parking, holding facilities and interview rooms, would be more than double that.

But, he said, “I heard you loud and clear that you want it to be smaller.”

So he cut the firing range, emergency operations center and lobby by half, reduced the sizes of offices and made other reductions to get to an alternate plan covering 13,500 square feet. Proposed new facilities for public works were reduced from 9,200 square feet to 6,000 square feet.

The CPD plan also includes a community room, a gym and the emergency operations center, but Dramov and others asked if some or all of those could be removed or set up elsewhere, which Police Chief Paul Tomasi said was possible but not optimal.

Emergency fixes

Also at the February meeting, councilmembers directed Tomasi to come up with a list of immediate safety and security measures that need to be fixed now, regardless of what the council decides to do with the building.

“A lot of the issues that came up in 2017, we are addressing now,” Tomasi said last week, before outlining a list of repairs totaling just south of \$250,000.

To help protect officers, he recommended installing eight security doors with card readers and cameras for \$85,000 and

replacing the emergency operations center, which is in the basement, with secure, ventilated areas for processing and storing evidence, at a cost of \$40,000.

A safe and private 8-foot-by-8-foot interview room could be carved out of the lobby and adjacent property room, and two storage closets added, for \$23,000, Tomasi estimated, and a security gate could be installed at the station’s small parking lot at Junipero and Fourth for \$25,000.

The emergency operations center could be moved to Vista Lobos — which presents challenges of its own, in terms of security and durability during disasters, but might be found acceptable on a temporary basis — for \$45,000.

All told, Tomasi said, the proposed fixes might run between \$215,000 and \$240,000. “It’s not a big price tag to make these safety and security improvements,” he said.

‘For generations’

But they also don’t address the roof leaks, seismic weaknesses, old heating and air conditioning systems, fire alarms, and plumbing and electric.

“All of those things are recommended to be done, and that doesn’t even address the ADA issues,” Tomasi said.

Resident Ian Martin, a former planning commissioner, urged the council to invest in an updated building that will “last for generations.”

“I caution the council against being penny-wise and pound-foolish,” he said, suggesting that the city’s boundaries might expand over the coming years to include sphere-of-influence areas that are in the county’s jurisdiction.

And, he said, with climate change impacting coastal resources, the need for a robust public works program is evident, “so whatever facilities you build for them should be future-proofed.”

Carmel Residents Association board member Nancy Twomey said she agrees “1,000 percent” with Martin. “We should

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have the courage to take on a good-sized capital project for this city, for its future,” she said. “I am a wholehearted supporter for doing something right that will last.”

But Andi Carr, who lives near the station and said she’s participated in meetings regarding its future since January 2024, would prefer to “keep things simple.”

“We are a small community,” she said. “I understand building for the future, but I don’t see that happening at this point.”

Resident Karyl Hall said the design should not be contemporary and called for eliminating the gym, shooting range and community room. If the range is removed, officers would have to schedule their required shooting at the law-enforcement range at Laguna Seca that’s owned and operated by the Monterey County Peace Officers Association.

And resident Donna Jett said the council should proceed with the necessary overhaul and not eliminate any of the spaces and uses called for in the plans.

Still too big?

As a whole, the council supported Tomasi’s list of critical repairs, but they differed on what else to do.

Dramov said the proposed remodel is still too large — though she didn’t say what size it should be or how that should be determined — and that Hammond and his firm do not “understand our community.”

She favored firing him, along with the project manager, and hiring a local architect.

Dramov and Mayor Dale Byrne also told Hammond to look to the Sixth Avenue fire station for inspiration and understanding.

Councilman Bob Delves said a remodel expected to cost \$20 million to \$30 million is a “fiscal fantasy” and told the staff that the council chooses to allocate money to salaries, benefits and a costly pension plan rather than to updating its facilities.

“The buildings you work in are coming after your salaries and pensions,” he said.

Some of the major issues need to be addressed, Delves admitted, including roof leaks, but he does not favor an overhaul.

Given Dramov’s and Delves’ comments about farming out police services, councilman Hans Buder wondered if talking about remodeling the station is premature.

“There’s the elephant in the room that’s been brought up here, which is it seems like there are some folks who are saying maybe we shouldn’t have a Carmel Police Department,” Buder said.

Buder also said the council would benefit from going through the list of the department’s needs line by line — an exercise that’s been called for by councilman Jeff Baron for months but which hasn’t come to pass.

“I think that could be a really profitable use of our time,” he said.

Getting closer

Baron said he continues to be frustrated with the process, including proceeding with a remodel even though a demolition and rebuild might be less expensive, and not scrutinizing the needs as Buder suggested.

If the list justifies an 11,000-square-foot building, Baron said, so be it. And while the city might have just 3,100 residents and be a square mile in size, “there are some basic things, like handling detainees or having secure parking, that we absolutely need in our police department, and no amount of ‘I don’t like it,’ or ‘I think we should have a smaller building’ to get us closer to doing what we need to do.”

Further, Baron said, a lack of funds is not a valid excuse for doing nothing, and borrowing money to remodel the station is not out of the question. “This is what governments do,” he said. “Governments borrow money to improve and maintain their buildings. This is part of that responsibility.”

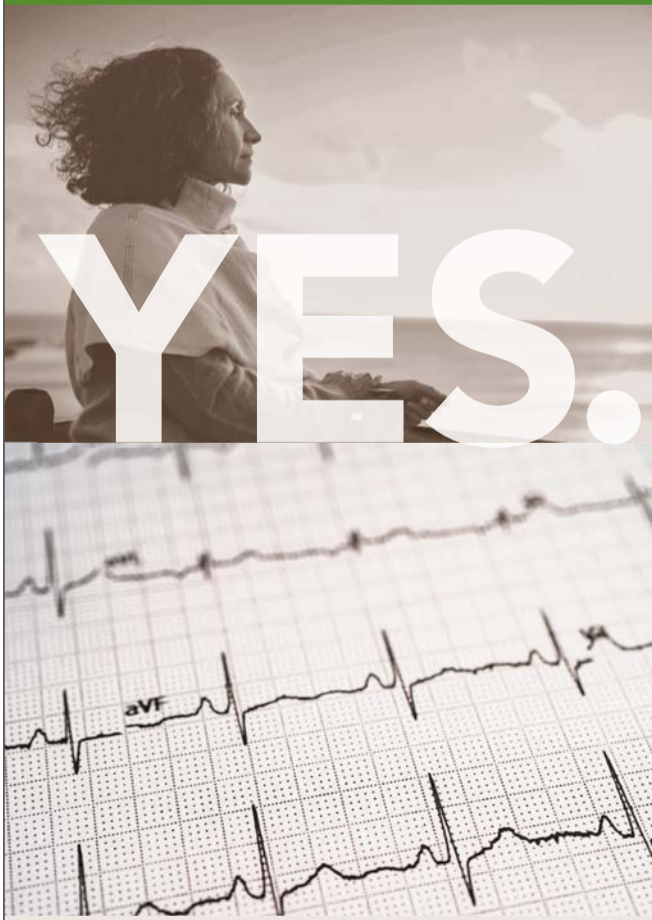
At the end of the discussion, Byrne proposed that he and another councilman, who ended up being Baron, form a 60-day ad hoc committee to work on the needs analysis and bring it to the council.



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NUMBERS

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administrative analyst Emily Garay gave her presentation at the April 1 meeting. “I know the audience is full of people hoping we will do something tonight, but that’s not what the agenda topic is for us, anyway. I want us to get educated. We’re also data-driven and process-oriented and want to make well-informed decisions.”

Garay told the council that research done by her and others revealed that assigning house numbers would not trigger home mail delivery and closure of the Fifth Avenue post office, but that the city could not assure the post office will never close, since it’s operated by a federal agency in a privately owned building.

Health and safety

She also met with Monterey Fire and other agencies that respond to emergencies and found that those who are accustomed to the city’s unique system have an easier time finding their destinations than those who are in town less frequently. The county’s ambulance service, AMR, for instance, handles 15 to 20 percent of the medical calls here but is less familiar with the city’s layout and unique way of identifying addresses.

Garay acknowledged residents have difficulties when trying to set up utilities, financial accounts, insurance and other services.

“Address verification processes are inconvenient and can take a lot of time” she said. “We’ve heard from the community that the inconveniences may rise to the level of health and safety issues” when callers can’t properly identify where they are or responders can’t locate them.

But if the council decides to implement a conventional address system, Garay asked, how would it be reconciled with the utility companies that have developed their own unique ways to handle Carmel customers? She also speculated the transition could be challenging because it’s often difficult to reach the owners of vacation homes here, and the rollout might require a lot of staff time.

In his legal analysis, city attorney Brian Pierik said the municipal code section outlining the “directional” address system — such as “Lincoln Street 3 southeast of Fifth Avenue,” or some variation thereof — conflicts with the state’s building, residential and fire codes.

Those laws require addresses, which can include numbers and letters, to be legible and visible from the street, among other standards.

“The city code is in conflict with the state codes,” he said.

Pierik also noted that the result of a public vote on the issue would not be legal if it conflicted with state law — which means a vote in favor of addresses would be OK, but one to keep the current system wouldn’t.

The city could, as the previous council decided, put the matter to registered voters as an advisory measure, but it, like the November 2009 measure in which two-thirds voted to sell Flanders Mansion, would not be binding.

Another committee

After Delves read the names of people who had emailed their comments to the council, public comment opened with resident Hugo Ferlito — whose wife, Karen, served on the council for four years and is an advocate of implementing standard addresses — describing a 55-minute call with an insurance carrier who could not validate where the couple keep their vehicles because it couldn’t recognize their physical address.

“What are we doing? Why are we wasting time? I want a street address,” he said. “If other people don’t want it, that’s fine.”

Several other speakers argued in favor of house numbers and provided anecdotes in which the city’s system presented challenges, some annoying and some potentially life-threatening.

“We have hundreds of examples already,” interjected Byrne, in hopes of cutting down on public-comment time.

“You have heard these concerns many times before,” agreed resident Linda Calafiore. “It should not be necessary to continue begging and pleading.”

She described dismissing such concerns as “immoral.”

Carrie White, who admitted she lives in one of the annexed areas of the city that has house numbers and home mail delivery but also has a post office box, said she couldn’t imagine the town without its downtown post office, which resident Harvey Billig predicted President Donald Trump will



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

Carmel is famous for its cute cottage names, but do they suffice during emergencies?

close to cut costs.

Billig’s wife, Melanie, said they have never experienced difficulties from not having house numbers.

Resident Joe DiNucci observed that people who don’t want house numbers can opt not to use them. If they want to tell the 911 dispatcher they live in the fifth house on the west side of whatever street south of whatever other street, he suggested, that’s fine.

“Nobody has to change the way they live,” he said.

Thirty-year resident Connie Hess, who lives in at Torres and 11th, countered the argument that house numbers will affect the town’s character.

“How can a tiny little number on a building destroy character?” she asked.

Todd Muck, executive director for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, said he and his wife “are strong supporters of house numbers,” and Karen Ferlito read letters to her from Police Chief Paul Tomasi and Fire Chief Andrew Miller commending her for her efforts to get house numbers assigned.

“Please be brave,” she pleaded.

Several others, including residents Shirley Moon and Karyl Hall, urged the

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council to keep things as they are.

Byrne and Delves characterized the ballot measure desired by the previous council as a gun to their heads, given the work that would have to be done and deadlines that need to be met before the November election, and Alissandra Dramov said it would be too expensive. If anything, she suggested, put it off a year to November 2026, when it wouldn't be a special election and would therefore be cheaper.

Delves also said he'd like a lot more questions answered, including how the numbering system would work, and he suggested organizing a citizens group to delve into the issue, similar to the AHA group that has taken on affordable housing. And for the record, he said, he doesn't much care either way regarding house numbers.

Dramov said she'd like to find a "middle ground or compromise."

During his door-to-door campaign last fall, Buder said, 75 percent of residents favored house numbers, and he estimated an advisory vote would reveal a similar result.

"People were concerned about an ambulance getting to them. I spoke to homebound seniors who wanted to get meals delivered. I spoke to business owners who couldn't get the Secretary of State to recognize their business entities," he said. "I spoke to homeowners who got their insurance canceled, and of course I spoke to plenty of folks who were sick of spending an entire day on the phone with Comcast."

That's not to say that there aren't people who want to preserve traditions, he said, "but I think there's probably a supermajority in favor of addresses."

Buder said he wants addresses that are recognized by the postal service's address management system and GPS, but which are also uniquely Carmel. He speculated a committee similar to the housing group might develop "something that's quirky but also keeps us safe."

Councilman Jeff Baron, who has long advocated for house numbers, said they should be established posthaste.

"We are local government," he added. "It's not necessarily my job to care or not care about addresses. It's my job to make the lives of the people who live here better, regardless of what I think about things."

He also laughed at those who insisted more time should be spent on the topic. "I hear people saying we need to go slow," he said. "We've been doing this for three years. How much slower in this exploration process do we need to go?"

He might also have added that the topic has been

debated since the town was founded in 1916.

Baron urged the council to make a decision and then figure out how to make it happen. He also acknowledged Dramov's desire to find middle ground but doubted it exists and suggested pursuing it would be futile.

"There are people here who will die if they get an address — they'll presumably commit hari-kari in their house — and there are people who want an address that will die if the ambulance doesn't get to them," he said.

"There's no middle ground here."

Byrne, however, favored the concept of a citizens group. "I think we could do an incredible job on this," he said. He also said all homeowners should come up with names for their residences. "We could be the only town in the world where everyone has a house name," he said. "That would be fun."

The consensus was to create a group, with Delves at the helm, and to report back next month.

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FIRE

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8 a.m. The billowing smoke then started to turn more of a white color, indicating that the firefighting effort was paying off.

While an ambulance and its crew waited in the Andronico's parking lot, there did not seem to be anyone injured. The restaurant's normal opening time was 6 a.m., but it's not clear how many employees and customers may have been inside when the fire started. A schoolkid riding his bicycle up David initially struggled to get his wheels over a hose full of water on Central, as diners at First Awakenings restaurant across the street had a perfect view of the fire scene.

Pacific Grove Police officers directed traffic from Lighthouse onto David, and Central was closed at Eardley.

Monterey Fire Division Chief Justin Cooper told The Pine Cone that fire crews got the emergency call at 6:37 a.m., and that the fire started in the attic area. The cause is being investigated. The roof and several walls



PHOTO/ELAINE HESSER

A Monterey firefighter controls a hose that directs water from atop a rig's ladder during the fight against a blaze at Carl's Jr.

of the Carl's Jr. building collapsed. After the fire was contained, crews remained on scene to ensure there were no additional flare-ups.

DESAL

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impact report inadequate."

Wills also said the commission acknowledged and fulfilled its role as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and the Coastal Act.

"The commission and staff understood and laid out the issues well and explored them and the evidence thoroughly," the judge explained. "It articulated its reasoning and placed additional environmental safeguards on the project in addition to those previously imposed by the California Public Utilities Commission, making provision to keep a continuing watchful eye on the project and its impacts."

Hazards

If it ever gets built, Cal Am's desal plant would employ slant wells to draw water from beneath the ocean's floor. The salty water would be transported to a desal facility in Marina. After desalination, the brine would be discharged into the ocean about two miles offshore.

Marina and the water district argued that the coastal commission failed to assess and mitigate hazards from sea level rise and erosion in relation to possible relocation of the project's slant wells and that

the commission's approval violated the Coastal Act. Wills concluded that they had failed to show the "commission's finding of consistency was not supported by substantial evidence."

They also alleged that the desal plant would reduce Marina's groundwater levels. The coastal commission reviewed the environmental document related to groundwater issues and concluded there was "no identifiable substantial adverse impact on groundwater resources from the project."

Wills concluded that the plaintiffs failed to show that the commission did not comply with CEQA or the Coastal Act, and that "substantial evidence" supported the findings that the desal plant would have "no significant adverse impact to groundwater had been shown."

Among the dozens of issues within its jurisdiction, the coastal commission is supposed to consider "environmental justice," meaning the fair treatment and involvement of people of all races, cultures and income levels with respect to development projects. The lawsuit alleged the commission did not require Cal Am to do enough to promote environmental justice.

Wills said there is no evidence "showing it failed to identify, include, and mandate future inclusion of, affected communities from participating in coastal resource and

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Tickets available for Walker Cup at Cypress Pt.

By MARY SCHLEY

THE EXCLUSIVE Cypress Point Club in Pebble Beach is hallowed ground for golfers, many of whom never get to set foot within its boundaries. But with the return of the Walker Cup tournament in September — after a 44-year hiatus — fans are being invited to apply for tickets to the event. The deadline is April 18.

“Select fans will have the chance to walk the fairways with the world’s best amateur golfers at one of the game’s most magnificent venues,” USGA spokesman Jonathan Coe said. “To equitably address the demand for tickets, all single-day public tickets will be fulfilled through a random selection process.”

‘Tremendously competitive’

Launched in 1922 and played annually for the first few years, the Walker Cup is a 10-man amateur team competition contested over two days with 18 singles and eight foursomes (alternate-shot) matches. One team represents the United States, while the other represents Great Britain and Ireland, and, with the exception of a nine-year gap during and after World War II, it’s been played every other year since 1924, with the countries taking turns to host it. The Walker Cup has been played only once at Cypress Point, in 1981.

The United States leads the overall series 39-9-1 (they tied in 1965), “but it has been tremendously competitive over the last three decades, with the USA holding just an 11-7 advantage since 1989,” Coe said.



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A tournament in September will give the public a chance to visit the ultra-exclusive Cypress Point Club.

Tickets to the tournament, which will begin with practice rounds Sept. 5 and involve two days of competition Sept. 6-7, cost \$100 for Friday and \$200 each for the matches Saturday and Sunday.

Adults may apply for up to four tickets per day and will have the option to apply for up to two complimentary junior (17 years old and under) tickets per day, which will also be determined via random selection. Those selected will be notified via email and receive a defined timeline to complete their purchase and accept their tickets. Register by April 18 at walkercup.org.

In addition, a small preview collection of Walker Cup merchandise from “official outfitter” Peter Millar is available at USGAsshop.com, with new products set to be added throughout the spring and summer leading up to the event.

INSTAGRAM

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react to any postings by other members of the legislative body.”

According to the city administrator’s office, [@carmelbytheseaofficial](https://www.instagram.com/carmelbytheseaofficial) and [@carmelbytheseapolice](https://www.instagram.com/carmelbytheseapolice) are currently registered on Instagram, but neither account appears to be active.

Another component of the city’s new social media policy says city departments can initiate their own accounts on social media sites, by submitting a form to the city administrator’s office for approval. This, too, follows the example of cities like Monterey, Pacific Grove and Santa Cruz.

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1972 film showing Big Sur 'the way it was' screens at MIIS Thursday

By CHRIS COUNTS

IF YOU'VE ever wondered what it was like to be in Big Sur during its hippie heyday, the next best thing to a trip in a time machine is Robert Blaisdell's documentary film, "Big Sur, the Way it Was."

Narrated by actor Doug McClure and released in 1972, the 60-minute film screens Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Irvine Auditorium at Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey.

Filmed by Blaisdell over several years during the 1960s, the documentary includes interviews with many of Big Sur's most notable residents, including Nepenthe's restaurant's Lolly Fassett, Esalen Institute's Michael Murphy, restaurateur and innkeeper Helmut Deetjen, writer Henry Miller and poet Eric Barker. It also features lots of footage of young people dressed in colorful clothes catching rides up and down the coast. Along the way, the film captures the spirit of a place during a transformative time.

The documentary, which was shot with

16 mm film, employs an informal style.

"It's not a straight talking-head documentary," Blaisdell said in a recent interview. "It's more like a home movie — we tried to keep it as loose and as friendly as possible."

When he approached his interview subjects, Blaisdell avoided looking like a professional cameraman.

"I wanted to look like an amateur," he explained. "When you come upon a group of hippies in a tent down near the ocean, you don't want to draw attention to yourself."

"Not everybody was happy about us filming in Big Sur — some of the locals thought we might be attracting too many tourists."

Causes buzz at festival

Unavailable commercially for years, the film has made a comeback of sorts since its unlikely and well-received appearance at the Carmel International Film Festival this past October.

Mary Ann Leffel of Monterey suggested

that it should be shown at the festival. Bob Franco of Carmel-based Endorphin Productions, which released a VHS tape of the film in 1995 and later, a DVD, had his doubts about the turnout it would receive at the festival, especially since showtime was before noon. In spite of that, "there was a line of people out the door and down the sidewalk waiting to get in," Franco told The Pine Cone.

"When I saw the reaction, I thought, 'We have to do something — people would like to have this,'" he recalled.

Based on the rousing reception, Franco again released the film — this time on a flash drive with a USB2 port. It sells for



This screenshot from "Big Sur: The Way it Was" shows a young couple on a motorcycle heading north along Highway 1.

\$25 and is available at bigsurstories.com. "You can plug it into a computer or a newer smart TV," he explained.

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C.V. resort listed for sale

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PLAN to renovate an old Carmel Valley resort that had fallen into disrepair has been abandoned, a county official reported.

Meanwhile, the 6.6-acre property at 10 Country Club Way — which was once home to a 22-room hotel known as Portofino Inn — is now listed on the market for \$3.2 million.

Previously, the Santa Rosa Hotel Company had proposed tearing down the former resort and building a new one. Plans called for the demolition and rebuilding of nine existing buildings, along with the demolition and relocation of the pool. The resort would have 22 rooms, a restaurant, an expanded spa, and 55 parking spaces for overnight guests, restaurant guests and staff.

Other improvements included upgrading an on-site wastewater treatment system, rehabilitating walkways and parking areas, hardscape and landscape, and removing two oak trees, including “one landmark tree with a cluster of trunks.”

The plan received unanimous approval from the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee, but neighbors and the Carmel Valley Association expressed concerns

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CONFLICT

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file Form 700s once a year, calls for them to “amend” the documents “as soon as possible” if they discover errors or omissions. On March 26, councilwoman Lori McDonnell amended her January Form 700 to include her position as a board member of a nonprofit.

The FPPC explains on its website the importance of Form 700s.

“It provides necessary information to the public about an official’s personal financial interests to ensure that officials are making decisions in the best interest of the public and not enhancing their personal finances,” the nonpartisan agency said. “It serves as a reminder to the public official of potential conflicts of interest so the official can abstain from making or participating in governmental decisions that are deemed conflicts of interest.” Not all conflicts of interest prevent public officials from “lawfully taking part” in a government decision, and the FPPC allows two exceptions, including when “the effect on the official’s interests is indistinguishable from the effect on the public.”

The FPPC offers advice if a public official believes their participation in a matter could be disqualifying.

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Those who violate the Political Reform Act could face civil action or criminal prosecution. But most cases are handled through the agency’s administrative enforcement division.

Several Pacific Grove City Council members have sought FPPC advice through the years, with some of them recusing themselves in matters that were determined to be disqualifying.



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is adjacent to an area already developed for “urban uses.” In short, the bill would target infill development for fast tracking, not raw land on the outskirts of towns and suburbs.

However, under AB 609, the exemption would not apply if a housing project varies from what is allowed under local zoning rules and requires special approval. But

another bill in the housing package addresses that particular issue.

Scott Wiener’s SB 607 would exempt those special approval developments if the project is consistent with a city’s state-mandated housing plan.

While Wick’s bill is the standout in the fast-track housing package, the other 20 bills would also make it easier for developers to build.

■ AB 1294 would require the state to write a simple universal application for all municipalities to use. The idea is to speed up big-city development and make it easier for developers to build in a wide range of jurisdictions.

■ AB 660 would let developers hire outside reviewers if cities take too long to approve plans.

■ Another bill from Assemblymember David Alcazar, a Chula Vista Democrat, takes a swing at the almighty California Coastal Commission. Currently anyone wishing to build in the coastal zone needs a coastal development permit, which can be notoriously difficult to get. Alvarez’s AB 357 would exempt student and faculty housing projects at public colleges from needing that permit.

All of the bills came from recommendations from the Select Committee on Permitting Reform. Wicks chaired the committee, which spent the last year researching and receiving input before releasing a report on the barriers to building housing in California.

Democrats have made uplifting bills that promote affordability a cornerstone of this legislative session as the state’s housing crisis has become a political vulnerability for them. Still, getting the bills through the legislature, especially Wicks’ anti-CEQA legislation, will not be easy. The League of California Cities and CEQA supporters, including the California Environmental Justice Alliance and CEQA Works, have yet to take positions on the package.

WHITE

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American treasure.” “With this stamp, we honor and remember the beloved ‘First Lady of Television’ and the enduring mark she left on our American culture,” McReynolds said.

The stamp was conceived by graphic designer Greg Breeding and based on a photograph by Kwaku Alston. Paying tribute to White’s dedication to supporting a wide array of animal charities, stamp artist Dale Stephanos added earrings shaped like paw prints.

Many firsts

A Hollywood icon, White first acted on the radio in 1930, and made her first television appearance in 1939. Her big break came in 1949, when she landed a role with “Hollywood on Television” and became the first woman to host a TV talk show. She followed up that distinction by becoming the first woman to produce a sitcom when she starred and produced “Life with Elizabeth,” starting in 1953.

White became a staple on television game shows like “Password,” “What’s My Line” and “To Tell the Truth,” earning the title, “The First Lady of Game Shows.” She became the first woman to earn a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Game Show Host for “Just Men!” in 1983.

The actress was also well known for her roles in “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” “The Golden Girls,” and “Hot in Cleveland.”

Locally, White starred in “Where’s Marty,” which was produced in 2006 by the Monterey Film Commission as a fundraiser.

In all, she took home seven Emmy Awards, three Screen Actors Guild Awards and a Grammy Award.

Bought home here in ‘78

Along with her husband, Allen Ludden, White bought a property on Ribera Road in 1978 for \$170,000 and built a 3,600-square-foot home. While Ludden died just weeks after it was completed, White kept it as a getaway for the next four decades.

White attended the dedication of SPCA Monterey County’s wildlife center in 1982, where her winning bid in a fundraising auction earned her the privilege of releasing a great horned owl. She later made a series of videos urging people to support the SPCA.

The actress was also known as a “loyal” supporter of the Monterey Bay Aquarium. After Hurricane Katrina, White paid for a special refrigerated cargo plane to transport sea otters and penguins from an aquarium in New Orleans to the one in Monterey.

If you’re interested in buying commemorative Betty White stamps, you can pick up a sheet of 20 for \$14.60 at store.usps.com. “My bills will soon be sent with a smile,” one happy customer posted on Facebook.

HEAD AND NECK PAIN

A CHIROPRACTIC MESSAGE

from Dr. Steven MacDonald, D.C.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250496

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Registered Owner(s): SMART TEAM INC., 1851 CHEROKEE DR, UNIT 2 SALINAS, CA 93906; CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by a CORPORATION

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE

S/ RAUL MENDOZA, PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/11/2025

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CARMEL PINE CONE

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sors, Carmel Valley, CA 93924,

County of Monterey

Registered Owner(s):

Christopher Bartoli

This business is conducted by an individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on not applicable

S/ Christopher Bartoli

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/19/2025

4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25/2025

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CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: April 4, 11, 18, 25 2025. (PC 407)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250584

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SUPER BOUTIQUE, 620 Williams Rd. A5, Salinas, CA 93905.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): CARLOS RENE CASTRO NUNEZ.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 5, 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/Carlos Rene Castro Nunez

Date signed: March 25, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 25, 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: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 (PC 409)

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. 20250585

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SUPER BOUTIQUE, 620 Williams Rd. B2, Salinas, CA 93905.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): CARLOS RENE CASTRO NUNEZ.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 25, 2022.

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S/Carlos Rene Castro Nunez

Date signed: March 25, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 25, 2025.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250535

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JEANNE RUDIGER, GOING PLACES TRAVEL, INDEPENDENT TRAVEL CONSULTANT, 7032 Valley Greens Circle, Carmel, CA 93923.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): JEANNE KURTZON RUDIGER.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 18, 2025

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S/Jeanne Rudiger

Date signed: March 18, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 18, 2025.

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

Publication Dates: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 (PC 412)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of GRETA ROBINSON Case Number 25PR000113

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GRETA ROBINSON.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BOBBY WILLIAMS in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that BOBBY WILLIAMS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: April 9, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dept.: 13

Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of

the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Ute M. Isbill-Williams

26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2 Carmel, CA 93923 (831) 233-7375

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on March 7, 2025.

Publication dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 2025. (PC322)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250522

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. Total Golf & Utility Vehicles, 2. Total Industries, 681 Work Street, Salinas, CA 93901 County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s): RJMS Corporation, 6999 Southfront Road, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by a Corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

RJMS Corporation

S/ MARK ANDRES, PRESIDENT/CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/14/2025

4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25/2025

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CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025. (PC 406)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250540

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Art museum hosts 'Block Party'

SHOWCASING ITS role at the center of the local arts scene — and presenting an arts festival with a marketplace of vendors, a slate of activities for all ages and an impressive lineup of musical acts — the Monterey Museum of Art hosts its 3rd annual Block Party Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"This vibrant arts festival, free and open to all, transforms downtown Monterey into

exhibit is called, "It's All About the Blues."

The gallery is on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

■ 'Expanding worlds'

A new show at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts looks at the legacy of fine art photographer Manuello Paganelli. The gallery hosts a reception Friday at 5 p.m.

Titled "The Expanding Worlds of Manuello Paganelli," the display celebrates four decades of photography.

Once mentored by Ansel Adams, Paganelli has earned

widespread praise for his images of Cuba, and the installation provides "new perspectives into his expansive body of work" by exploring "six distinct geographic regions, bringing together narratives of influence, innovation and humanity from 40 years of his work," the center said.

The show will be on display through April 26. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

■ Library unveils photo show

Also this week, the Pacific Grove Library hosts a reception Friday, 5:30 p.m., for a display of photographs — titled "The Monterey Peninsula, Naturally" — that were captured by members of the Padre Trails Camera Club.

The images are displayed in the library's Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery. Photographer David Gubernick will present a talk. The show continues through June 28. The library is located at 550 Central Ave.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

a bustling hub of art and creativity," the museum said, and offers a chance to "discover local artisans and makers showcasing their unique crafts."

The music lineup features the Katherine Lavin Band, the Transducers, Ripatti and Rose, guitarist Glenn Bell, Dan Frechette & Laurel Thomsen, and the River Voices Trio.

An 8 p.m. dance party for those over 21 will transform the art museum's outdoor sculpture garden "into an immersive experience, featuring a stunning light installation, vibrant energy, and electric dancing."

The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.

■ Prepared to laugh

For the first time in a decade, illustrator Will Bullas has a new show on display at the Carmel Art Association — so be prepared to chuckle, if not laugh out loud.

Titled, "Lions and Tigers and Beers," the show accomplishes what Bullas does best: lightheartedly portray animals doing people things.

"His work thrives where wit and whimsy meet on canvas," according to the gallery. "Almost every day is a good day to laugh, and this show is an invitation to do just that."

Also on display this month at the downtown gallery is a memorial show for the late painter Jeff Daniel Smith and a show by painter Carol Harper and printmaker Jennifer Anderson. The



Carol Harper's oil painting, "Little Sur," is on display this month at the Carmel Art Association.

VALERIE LYNN HOHLER JONES

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Valerie Lynn Hohler Jones, a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandma and great-grandma. Born and raised in Carmel Valley, California, a graduate of Carmel High, Valerie moved to Marina, CA, after marrying her husband, Maurice Jones. Together, they raised their family while she dedicated 25 years of service to the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. In 2010, Valerie and Maurice retired to Sparks, NV, where they embraced a new chapter of life together.



Valerie was the epitome of love, kindness and beauty. Her presence touched the lives of many, and family meant everything to her. She had a unique gift for words; her heartfelt notes warmed the hearts of all who received them. Valerie found joy in reading, cross-stitching, and watching old TV shows and movies. Her laughter and smile, coupled with her remarkable ability to make others feel cherished, will be sorely missed.

Valerie is survived by her devoted husband of 55 years, Maurice Jones; her three daughters, Joelle, Jennifer and Jessica; her siblings, Michael, Steve, Kenny and Angie; as well as 10 grandchildren — Lorenzo, Ben, Brenna, Ryan, Derek, Lauren, Levi, Mick, Ronan and Rhett — and her great-granddaughter, Aleia.

Valerie's legacy of love and compassion will forever live on in the hearts of her family and all who knew her. A private service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers she would appreciate contributions to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation or the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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TARIFFS

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economic crises.

The act “would close that loophole and help establish a trade policy that reflects modern economic realities rather than outdated statutes,” Panetta explained.

The lawmaker said the legislation, which he coauthored with other House

Democrats, would protect the economy from “unnecessary and harmful tariffs, ensure major trade decisions are not made solely by the executive branch, and restore congressional authority over trade.”

More tariffs

On Wednesday, Trump declared that foreign trade and other practices have led to a “national emergency,” and he launched new tariffs he said would “strengthen the international economic position of the

United States and protect American workers” by addressing “the injustices of global trade.”

“Taxpayers have been ripped off for more than 50 years,” Trump said at the White House Wednesday. “But it is not going to happen anymore.”

The President insists his reciprocal trade agenda will mean more American manufacturing, better-paying jobs and economic growth.

The tariffs include a 20 percent tax on goods from the European Union, which charges 39 percent on goods from the U.S., and a 34 percent tax on imports from China, which charges 67 percent, according to the White House.

While Panetta said he agrees with some “tactically implemented” taxes against

China to prevent that country’s damaging trade policies, he said “we must also focus on an expanded trade policy in the Indo-Pacific region that includes actual trade deals with our allies.”

The White House called the trade deficit “an unsustainable crisis ignored by prior leadership.”

Meanwhile, Panetta blasted Trump’s trade policies, saying businesses could pass tariff fees to their customers in the form of higher prices.

“The uncertainty that President Trump has created, and the complexity of tariff policy, have already paralyzed parts of our economy and severely impacted the stock market,” Panetta told The Pine Cone Wednesday, a day before the stock market lost more than \$3 trillion in value.

JOANN MCINTYRE

Joann Ruth (Jorgenson) McIntyre passed away on March 16th at the age of 91, with her family by her side. Joann was born on March 25, 1933, at the home of her parents, Carl and Gladys Jorgenson, in Leeds Township, ND. She and her four younger brothers were raised on her parents’ farm outside of Leeds. While in high school, Joann was an honor student, a pianist, a clarinetist and a member of 4H and FHA. Joann attended Minot State University, where she received her Standard Teaching Certificate. She married her high school sweetheart, Donald McIntyre, on June 28, 1953, celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary last year. She taught secondary school before becoming a full-time mother and homemaker. Joann and Don made Rugby, ND their home.



Joann was chosen to be the mother of four wonderful children, who were the focus and love of her life. She once said that her favorite time of her life was when all four children were ages 7 and younger. Joann was a kind and loving wife and mother and community volunteer, always placing others above herself. She served as a wonderful example to all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her family members describe Joann with the words: loving, steadfast, caramel cinnamon rolls, kind, cattails, food, lipstick, flowers, giving, nurturing, strong, vivacious, stoic, silent assassin, compassionate, patient, mother, Gratia Plena.

She was a wonderful homemaker and enjoyed quilting, sewing, baking, gardening, playing bridge and reading. Joann was a very active member of the Lutheran churches where she lived throughout her life: Leeds, Grand Forks, Philadelphia, Stockton, Rochester, Rugby and Surprise. In 2020, Joann and Don moved to Ivy Park in Salinas.

Joann is survived by her husband, Don, two brothers, Jim and Jerry; sisters-in-law, Jean, Mona, Faye; brother-in-law, Larry; and her children, Celeste, Jon (Karla), Brian (Megan) and Carrie (Jimmy); nine grandchildren, Karl, Joseph, Courtney, Cody, Tyler, Lillie, Cade, Siri and Gia; and 14 great-grandchildren. The family held a small, private memorial service upon her death. Burial will be held in the future in Leeds, ND.

Memorials in Joann’s name may be sent to First Lutheran Church, 202 4th St., SE, Rugby, ND 59368 or Leeds Lutheran Church, PO Box 308, Leeds, ND 58346.

RESORT

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about the project, including its impact on the water supply, and how much traffic it might generate in the adjacent residential neighborhood. They also urged county officials to require the builder to seek new permits rather than reactivate old approvals.

County official Armida Estrada sent out

word March 7 that the applicant had withdrawn the proposal.

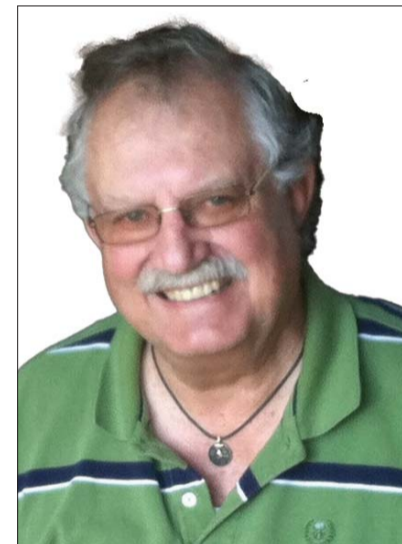
“The owners do not wish to pursue the application further,” Estrada reported. “Therefore, there will not be another hearing on this project.”

The property was once the home of the Rancho Del Monte Country Club, which opened in 1948. Other businesses operated on the site over the coming decades, including a boarding school for boys. The buildings have long been dormant.

KENNETH ‘KEN’ EDWARD CUNEO

Kenneth (‘Ken’) Edward Cuneo, a resident of Pacific Grove, California, passed away peacefully with family on March 21, 2025, at the age of 83. Ken was a 30-year member of the community, known for his civic engagement, love of conversation and his eclectic interests. He was one-of-a-kind and all who met him have a lasting memory. Stubborn and principled, he lived life on his terms.

Ken was born in 1942 in Elmhurst, New York. He attended Power Memorial Academy where he played basketball. He graduated from Niagara University and obtained two master’s degrees from Fordham University. He retired in 1995 as a lieutenant colonel after a career in the United States Army. While serving he did a tour in the Vietnam War. He married Mary Sholette in 1970 and had two sons, Brian and Art. With the Army, the family moved to live in Germany. He later had assignments in Italy and Portugal. Upon retirement from the Army, he settled in Pacific Grove. After retirement, he had a second career as a manager of housekeeping at Monterey-area hotels. He enjoyed putting his Spanish-speaking skills to use.



Instilled with a strong intellectual curiosity, he spoke five languages fluently and traveled later in life to India, China, Africa, Ireland and back to Vietnam. He also took a special trip in 2014 with his son, Art, to Israel.

He was passionate about animals. He owned several beloved Basset hounds and other dogs: Farfel, Rigoletto, Jemima and Marmaduke. His affection for these companions was well-known to everyone who met him on one of their many neighborhood walks.

He became interested in riding Harley Davidson motorcycles. He often reminisced about the trip his nephew, Mark, made to California where they rode Harleys together to Big Sur and other areas.

Ken believed in service. He was a member of the Pacific Grove City Council from 2008 to 2016 and ran for mayor in 2018. He and another councilman led a Homeless Challenge to increase funding for several area homeless organizations. In addition to the city council, Ken was active with the Rotary Club and the Sons and Daughters of Italy. He was a substitute teacher for many years in the local schools. This was a return to his first career before the Army as a history teacher. He enjoyed being a parishioner of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula. The family is grateful for the time The Rev. Axel Gehrmann spent with Ken in his final days.

He was intently focused on higher education. His sons and grandchildren recall the numerous conversations focused on colleges, college visits and catalogues that began at (very) early ages. He was very proud of his family and often talked with impressive recall of minute details about their lives.

He is survived by his sons, Art Cuneo and Brian Cuneo (Julie); five grandchildren, Hannah, Kathryn, Claire, Paul and Ella; his nephew, Mark Porcillo; his niece, Christine Porcillo-Zito (Thomas); his brother-in-law, Joseph Porcillo and several friends. His sister, Lurana “Ronnie” Porcillo (Joseph), passed away one day after Ken on March 22, 2025.

At Ken’s request, the memorial service will be private at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The SPCA Monterey County or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Ken’s honor.

The family is very thankful for the care he received at Pacific Grove Senior Living and by Dharma Naidu and the team at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Ken will be deeply missed. We hope he is somewhere walking in the sunshine with his dog and his flat cap on.

LAREN JAY CRIDDLE

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father and brother, Laren Jay Criddle, of Cupertino, CA. Laren peacefully departed this life at his home on Tuesday, March 11th, just two weeks shy of his 68th birthday. Born on March 22, 1957, in Provo, Utah, Laren spent his formative years in the picturesque community of Carmel, California. He was



on the football and wrestling team at Carmel High School. He pursued higher education with dedication, earning a degree from California State University, Chico, and later, a Master of Business Administration from Golden Gate University.

Laren was known for his sharp intellect, dry wit, sarcastic jokes, and an endless array of inventive rhymes and songs that brought laughter and warmth to everyone around him. Above all, he was a deeply kind, devoted, loving and generous husband and father who would help anyone who needed assistance. Throughout his professional life, Laren excelled

as a logistics planner in the electronics and technology industries across Monterey County and the greater Bay Area. In his later years, he took on a role at Home Depot in San Jose’s De Anza Boulevard location, where his amusingly grumpy persona became affectionately legendary among colleagues and customers alike.

Laren’s passions included riding motorcycles, engaging in home improvement projects, and enjoying outdoor adventures like camping and rafting. He found great comfort and entertainment in watching classic westerns, such as “Walker Texas Ranger,” and classic science fiction, such as “Star Trek.” A lifelong animal lover, he cherished his cat, Tobias (Tobey), and his son’s dog, Jay.

Laren is survived by his devoted wife, Maria Victoria Llaguno-Criddle; and their beloved children, Golda Mae Criddle and Connor Rey Criddle. He also leaves behind five siblings, John, Karel, Kevin, Allyn and Karmalee. He was deeply inspired and guided by his cherished parents, Jay Criddle and Karma Criddle, whose teachings and examples profoundly shaped his life and who preceded him in death. Laren will be remembered fondly for his strength of character, his humor, and the enduring love he shared with those fortunate enough to know him.

Virginia Ellis Arriola

Virginia Ellis Arriola of Sparks, NV and formerly of Carmel, CA, passed away on Dec. 26, 2024, at the age of 98. Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Virginia is survived by her three children, Andrew Arriola, Susan Morris and Linda Radley (Robert) and many other family members.

As a young girl living in the family home located high atop a hill in Berkeley overlooking the bay, Virginia was fortunate to witness the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, Bay Bridge and the World's Fair at Treasure Island.

Upon graduation from high school, Virginia enrolled in the Highland Hospital School of Nursing in Oakland, CA where she received her training sponsored by the WWII Cadet Nurse Corps Program and after graduation worked in the nursing profession until she started her family with her husband, John. Virginia was always eager to volunteer in her three children's many school, Scouting and church activities. If there were cookies to be baked for a school or church event, you could count on Virginia baking her famous cinnamon refrigerator cookies!

While raising her family and caring for her husband who was often ill with a chronic medical condition, Virginia actively enjoyed gardening and created wonderful, landscaped gardens at the family home. In their early retirement years, Virginia and her husband became active in square dancing and line-dancing. Moving to Sparks, NV in 2001 Virginia made many new friends and participated in various activities that enhanced her creativity and she was introduced to the lively games of Bunco and bocce ball. Virginia was able to enjoy many years of travel both stateside and abroad. Her suitcase was always packed for any cruise and she was eager for all new adventures that came her way. Earlier in 2024 Virginia even traveled to Hawaii, Alaska and Mexico.

The most impressive gift Virginia gave to her family was her unconditional love and support. We never had to earn her love. We are comforted knowing she knew how much we loved her and she will live on in the hearts and memories of all who knew her. Per her request, no services will be held.



BRAD ANDREW JOHNSON

Jan. 20, 1953 – Jan. 23, 2025

Explorer, dreamer, and unforgettable spirit, Brad Andrew Johnson passed away in Ventura on Jan. 23, leaving behind a giant footprint of loving kindness and stoke.

Self-proclaimed Child of California, Brad skied the Sierra, surfed the coastlines, hiked the forests, visited the deserts, and sailed and snorkeled the Pacific. Though raised in the Central Valley where he spent winters skiing at China Peak, and summers working as a US Forest Service Hotshot firefighter, Brad surfed the Central Coast whenever possible. In 1976, with a few thousand bucks and the dream of opening a surf shop, Brad moved to the Monterey Peninsula and opened Sunshine Freestyle.



Sunshine was a special place for all to gather. Brad had a generous heart and was mentor to many. He delighted in bringing surf and ski communities together, and organized many events and travels. These included annual Warren Miller ski movies, ski trips to both US and international destinations, sponsoring surf and skate competitions, and the annual Surfabout surf contest at Carmel Beach (which continues more than 40 years after Brad started it). Brad also founded the Monterey Bay Chapter of The Surfrider Foundation.



During his Sunshine days, Brad met the love of his life, Laurie Basile. They married and lived on a 48' sailboat in the Monterey harbor, and soon welcomed their daughter Hailey Mae. In the early '90s, Brad and his partners Tom and Paula Knight sold Sunshine, and Brad went to work for West Marine. The family set sail for Ventura, where they would live for the rest of Brad's life. Brad loved Ventura — surfing, sailing and exploring the Channel Islands, and spending time with their wonderful neighbors and many friends. Brad established his own business in Ventura, Sojourn Marine, becoming a mainly self-taught nautical electrical master craftsman. He also spent many winters as the Western US rep for Stockli skis.

Brad was first diagnosed with cancer in 2006, and the surf community showed up in full force, raising funds to provide the time and space for Brad to heal. And he went on to have many more adventures — even after his cancer returned in 2023. Brad's family is grateful for the care he received from Dr. Lynn Kong, Dr. Robert Warwar, and Assisted Hospice of Ventura, as well as for the support and love shared with Brad by his many, many friends.

Much can be said about Brad; he lived an extraordinary life. He traveled the globe, was married for more than 35 years to a loving partner who shared his passion for life, had a daughter he adored, and many close friends. He did work he loved, and had a million hobbies. Every sunrise, sunset, and full moon were a celebration for him. But what was most remarkable about Brad was how he made people feel. He lit up every space he entered, was curious about everyone, and loved to talk story. "The meaning of life is to live it" were words he lived by, and when the time came for him to leave this earth, he did so with grace and no regrets.

Brad's parents, Hermie, Birger and Joyce, passed before him, as did his beloved Aunt Shirl. He leaves behind his incredible wife, Laurie; daughter, Mae and son-in-law Andrew; adoring sisters, Diane and Eileen and their husbands David and Phillip; nieces, nephews and the entire Basile family.

There will be a paddle-out for Brad ahead of the annual Surfabout at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, at Carmel Beach. There will be a celebration of life Friday, June 6, at the Forest Theater at 5 p.m. There will be a paddle-out in Ventura in early summer.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to an organization that celebrates nature.

WILLIAM LAWSON

May 31, 1946 – March 27, 2025

William Lawson was born in Palo Alto, California, and grew up in Carmel. A devoted father and a hardworking man, he raised his four children on his own while building a career dedicated to service and craftsmanship.

William passed away peacefully Thursday evening, March 27, surrounded by his loving daughters, Monica and Marie.

He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps before becoming a successful business owner. For decades, he operated William Lawson Fix-It Service, serving Monterey County with skill and dedication. In the 1980s, he made the best ice cream for his family's business, Swensen's Ice Cream Parlor in Carmel-by-the-Sea. He also ran and built The Ice Creamery, an ice cream concession at Laguna Seca Raceway, which he constructed from the ground up — transforming a hollow semi-trailer into a fully functional business with his creativity and craftsmanship. His children had the privilege of working alongside him, learning firsthand the value of hard work and dedication.

Above all, William was the best father — caring, kind and full of warmth. He had a quick wit, a generous spirit and a love for life that touched everyone around him. His laughter, his stories and his unwavering love will be cherished forever.

He is survived by his four children, Marie Lawson of Kona, Hawaii, Heather Lawson of Monterey, California, Monica Lawson of Bath, Maine and Jon Lawson of San Francisco, California. He is also survived by his sisters, Sharon Del Rosario of Monterey, California, and Liz Lawson of Monterey, California; as well as his nephew, Daryl Del Rosario of Pebble Beach, California. He leaves behind five grandchildren, Jontae Ortiz, Sharena Ortiz and Gabriel Galvez of Kona, Hawaii, and Nicolas Dominguez and Isabella Dominguez of Monterey, California.

Oh, Dad, what an incredible life you have lived. Be free, Dad, forever. We love you with every ounce of our being.



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Editorial

An import nobody wants

THE STORY may not have caught your attention, but in late February the AP reported from Indonesia that a woman was attacked by a crocodile while carrying out her daily chore of dumping trash in a creek near her home.

Almost as shocking as the crocodile attack itself is the fact that dumping garbage into a creek is still an accepted — if not ubiquitous — practice in many parts of the world. In fact, it turns out that the Great Pacific Garbage Patch we've all been lectured about is mostly composed of plastic waste flowing out to sea from rivers in Asia. (To see some horrifying examples, do a Google image search for "world's dirtiest rivers.")

But while countries like Indonesia, Vietnam and China are the main culprits of using rivers as garbage cans, Mexico is also a major offender of public sanitation, if not common decency, and one of the most polluted waterways in our southern neighbor is the Tijuana River. It crosses the U.S. border and flows for its last few miles through San Diego County, then enters the Pacific Ocean just south of the City of Imperial Beach. As it does, it carries millions of gallons of water fouled with garbage, industrial waste and sewage.

The pollution coming out of Mexico is an old problem, dating to at least 1934, when an International Boundary Commission was set up to study the sewage affecting the Tijuana River. Rapid population growth in Tijuana, coupled with inadequate sanitation infrastructure, led to untreated wastewater flowing north into the United States, polluting the Tijuana River Valley and Pacific beaches. And in the 90 years since, the problem has only gotten worse.

In 1989, the federal government — which is to say U.S. taxpayers — agreed to pay for construction of a wastewater treatment facility, and in 1994 construction began on a 75-acre site in San Ysidro near the San Ysidro Port of Entry. The plant was designed to treat 25 million gallons per day of Tijuana's sewage to U.S. standards, discharging treated effluent into the Pacific Ocean via a 4.5-mile-long pipe completed in 1999.

But as Tijuana's population surged — growing by over 1 million in the two decades after the plant was built — the volume of sewage emerging from Mexico overwhelmed it. By the early 2000s, maintenance issues emerged, and in 2012, a spill of 2 million gallons of raw sewage highlighted its vulnerabilities.

In 2020, the San Diego congressional delegation secured \$300 million to double the plant's capacity to 50 million gallons per day, but it turned out there was a \$150 million repair backlog before expansion could begin. By late 2024, another \$400 million from the U.S. was committed, with groundbreaking for repairs starting in October.

Just this week, EPA secretary Lee Zeldin, not mincing words, said on X that he would be "visiting the California-Mexico border in the coming weeks where disgusting Mexican sewage is harming our precious environment. Permanent solutions must be urgently implemented by Mexico to end decades of their filthy sewage flowing into the U.S."

His comments may have come in response to complaints from San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond who, despite recent upgrades at the Tijuana sewage treatment plant, released a video last month alongside the Tijuana River near its outfall into the ocean, with large quantities of debris like tires, plastics and diapers visible in the background — a situation Desmond described as "absolutely disgusting."

According to the Coronado Times, a \$600-million project is underway "not only to repair the plant's myriad issues, but to double its treatment capacity from 25 million gallons per day to a 50 million gallons average flow, with peak flow capacity at 75 million gallons per day."

Meanwhile, according to the San Diego Union-Tribune, cities around San Diego Bay have been fined a collective \$11.4 million for their own sewage spill in January 2023 that released 9.9 million gallons of wastewater near San Diego International Airport.

"San Diego officials say the spill, which was blamed on heavy rains and sewer pump malfunctions, did not significantly impact any biological resources within San Diego Bay or along the bay," the newspaper reported.

We encourage our readers to visit Border Field State Park, which occupies the southwest corner of the United States, just where the border fence meets the Pacific Ocean. The park offers stunning vistas and some interesting perspectives on the political situation at the border. But the park is just south of the mouth of the Tijuana River, so don't go surfing or swimming.

BEST of BATES



"The ocean's five blocks. Don't go six."

Letters to the Editor

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Easy fix

Dear Editor,

The problem I want us to solve is that there are more than a few residents for whom not having a house number causes serious delays and challenges in getting things delivered to their homes, most painfully refrigerated medications and food for shut-ins. Others, including me, have had issues getting accounts opened, usually things with some legal implications.

Others are afraid that emergency medical and police services may be delayed in confusion over location. Data about average response times are not convincing when a person is worried about their own personal emergency. And we all know about averages. You can drown in a lake with an average depth of 3 inches.

Having everyone in Carmel put a directional address on their house, even if Carmel would enforce everyone doing that, would not solve the problem.

If the city created a simple house number for every house, such as 905 Dolores Street, and fed it into the database that the GPS and navigation systems use, the residents' delivery problems would disappear.

Here is what else to understand about this: No one will have their mail delivered to them. No mailboxes are involved. Residents and box holders will still go get their mail. The post office doesn't close. No one has to put a number on their house. No one needs to get a new checking account. No one has to get a new driver's license. And no one needs to get new stationery or business cards.

Most critically, no one needs to change anything in their life because their house has an assigned number. People who are opposed to house numbers do not need to use them for anything. If they want to call 911 and say, "There is a prowler outside my house (or my husband is having a stroke), please come quickly to Dolores 5 Southeast of Ninth Avenue," instead of "Please come to 905 Dolores," they are free to do that.

The point is, the issues some of us are having can be solved simply and at little cost. And the people who don't want a house number don't have to change a thing. The number will be no more significant to them than their house's parcel number on the county's tax rolls.

I also believe that solving this problem in this simple and empathetic way would eliminate a divisive issue that has become toxic because of how we have defined and argued about it in the past. I believe that

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Crushing challenges, crashing surf

SURFING IS like every other hobby in the sense that there are people who just do it on weekends, and then there are those for whom the “hobby” flows between compulsive habit and reason for being, depending how the waves are breaking that day.

“It’s given me everything that I have,” said local surfer Noah Greenberg.

The general rule is that serious surfers would rather be in the water than anywhere

“Four years ago, when I was there, they housed 120 veterans while providing food, clothing and support to navigate the Veterans Affairs system.”

Many veterans the VTC helps are recovering addicts, recently incarcerated, or both. Fresh off running surf camps through Beacon House, a former drug and alcohol rehab center in Pacific Grove, Greenberg could attest to the sport’s power for people in recovery.

He’d established that program with help from legendary surfer Darryl “Flea” Virostko — “the only one to win Mavericks three times,” noted Greenberg, referring

to the world-famous competition near Half Moon Bay.

Pieces of a puzzle

Greenberg was in his early 20s when he first heard of recreational therapy — a term for what he had been doing since high school, when he stayed with a friend after swim practice to teach a kids’ class at the Carmel High pool. Recreational therapy, he learned, meant using leisure, play and activities combined with conversations, to promote recovery, symptom relief and self-reliance for people with physical and psychological disabilities.

At the time, he was attending San Diego State, following a few years of junior college in Nevada where he had lived with his dad while attending classes, working at an after-school program, and training as a guide for visually impaired skiers at Kirkwood Ski Resort. It had never occurred to him to put a name to his activities, “Until my dad’s wife said, ‘There’s a college major for what you do.’”

At San Diego, Greenberg went to the kinesiology department to inquire about its recreation therapy and special populations

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Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

else, but the Carmel Highlands native is an exception. His element is wherever he can be of service.

“I don’t know if it’s a skill or a talent or a curiosity,” said Greenberg, a recreational therapist — more on that in a bit — and licensed clinical social worker.

“I was never afraid of speaking to groups or meeting new people. I have a willingness to stay in there with somebody, listening and asking questions until something works out.” That willingness has forged deep connections with visually impaired athletes, autistic students of all ages, recovering addicts and veterans. If it started as a talent, it’s become a kind of sixth sense about people — like how Greenberg met Robert Jurado.

Coaching veterans

Five years ago, Greenberg had just retired after 22 years as an adjunct professor in the kinesiology department at Cal State Monterey Bay. He was at the beach running Carmel Surf Lessons, the oldest surf school on the Peninsula, when he noticed a disheveled guy riding a bicycle with a surfboard strapped to the side.

Greenberg was studying the board, which he’d identified as completely ill-fitted for the 6-foot-tall Jurado, when he noticed the rack attaching the board to the bike.

“It was my missing rack! This guy had stolen it. We got to talking and I found out his name was Robert, and he was a U.S. Army veteran. Eventually I told him, ‘You’re never gonna get up on that board, but I have another you can try.’” Greenberg taught him to surf, then offered him a job assisting with equipment for his surf school.

In turn, Jurado connected him with the Veterans Transition Center in Marina, where Greenberg spent the next several years offering guidance in the setting he knows best: outdoors. Between surfing and gardening, Greenberg offered counseling services through the center which, he said, does extraordinary work.



PHOTO/COURTESY NOAH GREENBERG

Recreational therapist Noah Greenberg has taught surfing to double-amputees, blind athletes, and beginners of all ages.

Generations of work became a complex family portrait

AS PART of one of the most accomplished families of fine art photographers in American history — now four generations deep — Kim Weston lived in long shadows with relative ease.

His grandfather, Edward Weston, is considered one of the most innovative and influential American photographers of the 20th century for his black-and-white landscapes, still lifes, nudes, portraits, genre scenes and whimsical parodies.

An original Weston print, “Nude” (1925), sold for \$1.6 million in 2008 and another, “Nautilus” (1927), went for \$1.1 million in 2010.

Eight cats

“My only memory of him is sitting at his table with Dad and three siblings, watching a very old guy sort of shuffling around, cutting stuff up on the counter for his eight cats,” remembered Weston. He was only 4 years old when his famous grandfather — afflicted with Parkinson’s disease in 1948 — passed away Jan. 1, 1958, less than three months short of his 72nd birthday.

“Growing Up Weston: In the Presence of Women,” is Kim Weston’s 348-page billet-doux to his astonishing family legacy.

Kim’s 34-year-old son, Zach — Edward’s great-grandson — represents the family’s fourth generation of film and darkroom photographers.

Brett Weston (1911-1993) — Edward’s second-born — began shooting photographs at 14, using large-format cameras to create black-and-white images. He had his first one-man show at 16 and won international acclaim at 18 after a 1929 exhibition in Stuttgart, Germany.

In the darkroom at 3:30 a.m.

“My Uncle Brett probably was the most dedicated artist I’ve ever known. He never took a vacation — he was printing, photographing or traveling every single day. There was never a lapse,” Kim reflected.

“Brett got up at 2 or 3 in the morning to print,” he said. “I was his assistant, and when I’d get to his place around 3:30, he’d already be in the darkroom.”

Brett’s younger brother, Cole (Kim’s dad), felt an intense rivalry with the renowned Weston patriarch, choosing color photography to separate himself from Edward’s towering reputation. He became an accomplished photographer in his own right, but made most of his million-dollar fortune in the darkroom.

“Dad always had this thing about his father — that no one would ever come close to him as a photographer,” reflected Kim. “And my dad became successful, monetarily, from printing

my grandfather’s negatives.” But Edward Weston’s grandson declares that he never felt competitive within the family.

“That’s never been a part of my personality. It’s nice when someone appreciates one of my images and buys it, but that’s not what I’m looking for. I’ve always done photography to please myself,” said Weston, who paid his bills for 30 years as a carpenter.

Born in 1953, Kim Weston was too short to see into the sink in his grandfather’s darkroom as a 6-year-old, so his dad stood him on a stool to watch the magic.

Siblings Ivor, Rhys and Cara “would be outside, playing audibly in the clear light of day, while I sat in the dark with my dad in his darkroom,” Kim wrote. “Watching as he worked was like being invited into a private club.”

“It was my father’s sanctuary, where I witnessed him as himself in intimate, focused moments,” said Weston, whose mother, Helen — fondly eulogized in his book — died when he was 14. “There, I came to know who he was and what he represented.”

Darkroom artistry

Cole and Brett Weston had learned their own masterful printing techniques assisting their father. They passed along those secrets to Kim, who uses the original trays and the same

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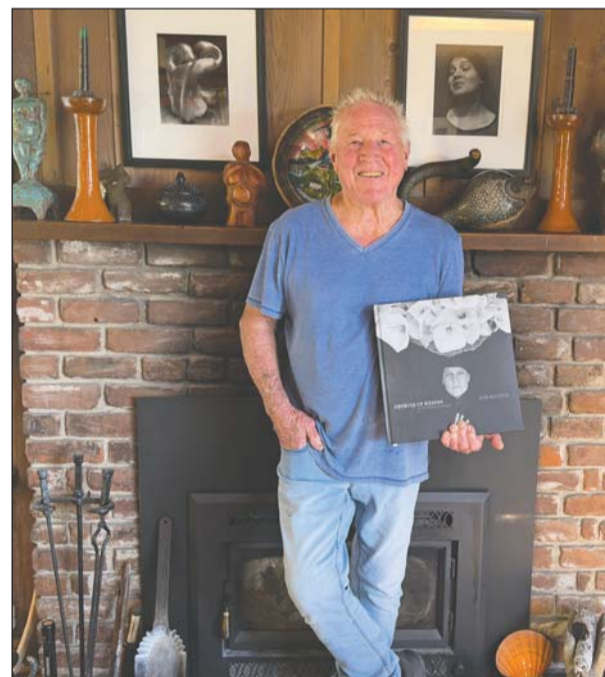
Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

The autobiography — a six-year labor of love — weighs 8 pounds and is adorned with 363 fine-art images by 27 photographers — six named Weston.

Weston (Carmel High School Class of 1972) will sign his limited-edition book on June 21, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Jason Bradley Gallery at 566 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, where it’s part of an exhibit entitled “Continuum: Four Generations of Westons’ Photographic Work.”

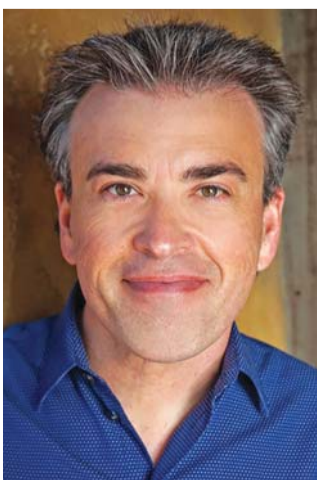
Two of Edward Weston’s four sons, and grandson Kim, also enjoyed lengthy and exceptional careers, each forging his own path and developing a personal style.



PHOTO/GINA WESTON

Weston resides today in the Carmel Highlands home of his legendary grandfather, Edward Weston, where he creates, develops, and prints his own fine art photographs, using the same historic darkroom.

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LIVES

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major. "I guess I was a little advanced for them," he laughed, adding that the department heads seemed surprised someone his age had his depth of experience.

Outside of class, Greenberg had started to teach surfing, a favorite hobby. He brought Carmel Surf Lessons to the Peninsula in the summer of 1986, between semesters in San Diego.

A lucky encounter took place that summer — he met Kelly Sorensen, owner of On the Beach Surf Shop in Monterey. Greenberg was his first employee, and Sorensen let him advertise the surf school at the shop's cash register. Carmel Surf Lessons established a year-round presence by the time Greenberg was earning his master's in social work, commuting between the Peninsula and San Jose State.

Two college degrees and two internships later — one that sent him to Colorado as a ski guide for the blind — Greenberg was a licensed clinical social worker and a full-time recreational therapist. Emergency rooms, group homes and recovery centers were becoming as familiar as the surf breaks and ski runs.

Operation Surf

Two of his three sons, Mitchell and Jeremiah, have taken over the popular surf school in recent years, running lessons for all ages and abilities. They, along with Jurado — who had earned his own associate's and bachelor's degrees in social work and found a place to live — would join Greenberg for 10 years of what would prove one of his most meaningful side projects, Operation Surf.

Established by former pro Van Curaza, the weeklong surf camps for severely wounded veterans draw world-class surfers like Laird Hamilton and local legends like Richard Schmidt of Santa Cruz. They form teams, each composed of a coach and assistant, which are assigned to teach

individual veterans to surf. An awards ceremony closes a week of activity in and out of the water, counseling opportunities and shared meals.

Greenberg and Jurado came prepared for their first year as a team. They had already worked with surfboard manufacturers to develop adaptive boards for use at the surf school. Throughout the week, Greenberg enlisted the creative modalities he was by then teaching aspiring recreational therapists at Cal State Monterey Bay — which looked and sounded a lot different than what the other coaches were doing. "We call it double-listening," said Greenberg. "Reality is subjective, so it's my job to broaden the story. I'm hearing their struggles, but I'm listening for how they've already adapted and survived."

'Activity is the vessel'

The settings may change, but "activity is always the vessel," says Greenberg of his therapy practice in Monterey and counseling work at Monterey Peninsula College, where he offers adaptive counseling to students managing physical and psychological disabilities. In his private practice, Greenberg is accepting new clients. That's between work on mental health evaluations for local lawyers engaged in family court cases.

His late mother, Karuna Licht — one of the founders of the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, an artist and licensed therapist — "always said 'Noah, I love my clients, and I love my work,'" Greenberg recalled.

He noted her embrace of humanistic psychology and the work of renowned psychiatrist Carl Rogers, who coined the term "unconditional positive regard" for patients. Greenberg says it starts with "finding something that is loveable about the person sitting in front of you."

"One of the first things I moved into my office was this bookshelf that had been hers, which I filled with all her books. She's always close."

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LETTERS

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a positive, clear and honest information campaign can win the support of most residents.

Joe DiNucci,
Carmel

PG&E tree trimming

Dear Editor,
PG&E is actively trimming and taking trees down in an effort to avoid problems which, most likely, we have all experienced. Their policy is that the wood from their tree safety work “belongs to and is the responsibility of the property owner, and crews leave wood greater than 4 inches in diameter in a safe location on-site for customer use.” For those homeowners who have chainsaws, strong backs and wood-burning fireplaces, that might work.

My guess is that 95 percent of homeowners would rather have this wood removed when the work is done. With the recent Los Angeles fires, the subject of fire prevention has risen to the top of many agendas. PG&E leaving debris larger than 4 inches creates a potential fire hazard.

It is surprising in Carmel that PG&E is allowed to leave homeowners and the city with a mess to clean up. Carmel has so many restrictions about what homeowners can do, particularly with trees. PG&E put the lines in, being aware that we are a city full of trees. Maybe burying the lines in the first place would have been an option, although clearly more expensive at the

time. In the long run, it is likely they would have saved disasters and costs by getting the lines out of the trees and underground.

The city should have a discussion with PG&E and, if possible, pass an ordinance that says if they trim or cut trees on a homeowner’s property that they are required to get permission from the homeowner and an agreement as to what to do with the wood. If the very small percentage of homeowners agree to have their wood left on the property, then fine. If not, then PG&E should remove all of it. Standing behind their position of the wood “belongs to and is the responsibility of the property owner” is a weak position.

The other option, if an ordinance is not possible, is for Carmel to develop a plan to reduce the fire hazard and pick up the debris. Perhaps the city could do this on a quarterly basis. Even if the homeowner would need to pay a portion of the cost, it would be better than what we have today. Or would we need a fire disaster fueled by all the debris left behind to wake us up?

John Comer,
Carmel

Foreigners unwelcome?

Dear Editor,
In response to the article on the decline in hotel bookings due to Trump, I would like to emphasize that the losses extend far beyond hospitality and are more significant than many realize. The United States is facing a rapidly evolving and somewhat intentional broader collapse in foreign engagement, including fewer world-class researchers, educators, business expansions, tourists, seasonal workers and

immigrants from all nations. Tragically, the long-held “American Dream” — the aspiration for life success through having even one family member move to America — vanished. This shift is plain and simply a recent clear message to the world of a lack of welcome for foreigners, whether as visitors or immigrants.

Many foreign-born individuals I know have expressed a growing desire to return to their native countries — a sentiment that is unprecedented and has accelerated in recent months. While some may view this as an opportunity to prioritize existing residents, the reality is that such a shift will have profound consequences. An engineered declining population will lead to reduced demand for housing, falling property values, diminished services, a shrinking tax base, and ultimately, a lower standard of living. The economy, often touted as the central issue, is fundamentally driven by the active participation of a diverse population and more importantly needs an active working-age population. Living in a self-contained bubble of perceived success and entitlement overlooks the broader dynamics that sustain economic growth.

Ask yourselves, is this what you voted for, as this is what was promised.

Thomas Brezoczky, Los Gatos

Aquarium’s high-decibel surveys

Dear Editor,
The Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute is using high decibels to survey near Moss Landing. Private company eTrac is doing the same off Pacific Grove and around the bay. The equipment uses 215 to 221 dB — lethal decibel levels — the same as a Saturn 5 rocket launch, over 1 million times OSHA’s limit for human exposure, and 1,000 times higher than military LRAD weapons.

You don’t have to hear sound for it to harm or kill you. 150 dB can kill, and lower decibel levels damage internal organs, rupture membranes, cause embolisms, and strand animals. MBARI and eTrac levels are logarithmically much higher. In addition, powerful resonance of frequencies and harmonics also impacts organs and whole bodies, just as a wine glass shatters at the right frequency.

Monterey Bay is in very, very poor condition, experts warn. Why would the Packard family and their employees threaten ocean life — otters, whales and plankton — and endanger the ocean’s future just to study geology? The California State Lands Commission issued permits without any environmental review. Please join me in calling for an immediate halt.

Nina Beety, Monterey

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ARTIST

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chemicals to develop and print negatives in his grandfather's darkroom.

"I've been doing exactly the same process in the same darkroom since I was 6," said Kim, who will celebrate his 72nd birthday in May.

Their father-son relationship, said Kim, was "good ... off and on. The older you get, the softer the memories."

40,000 miles in a boat

Among his warmest are the years he spent on his father's sailboat, including their three-year odyssey when Kim was 20.

"We sailed from Monterey to Central America, Galapagos, Tahiti — where I celebrated my 21st birthday — and Hawaii," he said.

"Dad taught me how to navigate with a sextant and stars, then let me navigate from the Galapagos to the

Marquesas — a couple thousand miles — which was a lot of responsibility. I grew up a lot on that trip."

He's logged more than 40,000 miles in a sailboat.

Weston also remembers road trips in his early 20s with his father and uncle to photograph "Western stuff — rocks, trees, landscapes," and watching the brothers interact.

"Dad was the youngest brother, Brett was the second-oldest, and when they were together, even in their 70s, they'd act like they were still 10 or 15 years old," he recalled. "Their relationship was close, but there also was some jealousy on both sides."

Kim Weston came away from those trips with an epiphany. He wasn't very interested in shooting landscapes.

"I wanted something more emotional," said Weston, who pivoted toward creating the nudes that make up the vast majority of his vast portfolio.

"Photographing another human being is a relationship, a communication, a collaboration," he said.

He also preferred creating his own lighting in a studio, where he often constructed and painted his own sets as a backdrop, as opposed to being at the mercy of natural sunlight.

In January 1988, after the end of a 10-year relationship ("a wonderful woman," he said), Weston treated himself to a rare night out at Jimmy's American Bar, a Carmel watering hole.

"I was sitting at a table by myself, heard this laughter from the bar, and saw this blonde woman — just the back of her head — sitting next to this big guy, and thought, 'I need to know this person,'" he recalled. "So I went over and split them."

He pretended to read her palm, asked her to dance, made sure to drop the famous family name, sent flowers to her mom — and the rest is history. Gina Colletto (Carmel High '77) married him the following December.

Passing it on

"What really did it was that I had an El Camino," he boasted of the half-car, half-truck he drove during his construction years.

Gina posed for her husband's photographs from 1989 until the early 2000s, appearing in many of his best-known images. (She's the cover model for his book.)

She also transitioned from 14 years as a massage therapist into the versatile businesswoman who co-founded Weston Photography in January 2000, when Kim traded 8-to-5 days as a carpenter for full-time photography. She serves as creative director for their company.

Zachary Cole Weston (CHS '09), their 34-year-old son, is the family's fourth-generation fine art photographer, focused on nudes, landscapes and abstracts.

In 2016, Zach took over from his mother as executive director of The Weston Collective, a nonprofit founded in 2004 that "teaches and exhibits photography and expands students' analytic and creative thinking by putting cameras into their hands."

The Collective offers The Weston Scholarship, a yearly competition that has awarded \$130,000 in 21 years to photography students in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

The Westons offer photography workshops, as well as tours, at Edward Weston's historic home on Wildcat Hill.

To view Weston family photography, and find additional information about the book, workshops, and tours, visit kimweston.com.

More information about the Collective and the scholarship fund can be found at thewestoncollective.org.

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GAVEL

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der, murder, attempted murder, assault with a semi-automatic firearm, assault with a machine gun, shooting at an occupied dwelling, and several firearm possession offenses. The jury also returned true findings on two special circumstances that alleged Perez and Barriga committed murder by means of lying in wait and in furtherance of a criminal street gang.

In the morning hours of May 20, 2023, Christian Jimenez and John Doe worked on Jimenez's new car in the parking lot of his Garner Avenue apartment. At 9:55 a.m. both defendants, members of Salinas Acosta Plaza, a Salinas-based faction of the Norteño criminal street gang, drove past Jimenez and Doe. They then drove to Barriga's nearby apartment and, though neither Jimenez nor Doe maintained any gang affiliation, Perez and Barriga nonetheless planned a shooting that targeted them. Barriga and Perez then drove past Jimenez's apartment two more times and parked around the corner. Then, they walked on foot toward the apartment complex where Jimenez and Doe were now seated in Jimenez's car. Defendants fired 33 total rounds in this shooting, 25 of which were fired by a machine gun used by Perez. Their gunfire killed Jimenez, struck Doe and several occupied apartments. One errand round struck and paralyzed a nearby resident, Jane Doe, while she made breakfast for her children. After the shooting, Perez and Barriga ran to a nearby apartment complex where Perez placed a firearm in an electrical box and Barriga discarded a hat in a garbage can. Officers collected these items and testing on this hat revealed Barriga's DNA.

Detective Pedro Gomez led Salinas Police Department's investigation into this shooting. Detectives Byron Gansen, Robert Miller, Ermelinda Reyes and Austin Scaggs assisted the investigation. Salinas Police Department Officer Evan Adams and fellow Violence Suppression Task Force officers provided additional intelligence and assistance. Monterey County District Attorney's Office Investigator Thomas Torres assisted the investigation and victim advocate Susana Reyes assisted the victims and their families through the court process.

CALAM

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access mitigation efforts."

The commission has said that Cal Am's desal plant is necessary to provide enough water to the Peninsula. In its staff report to commissioners, it said that even with an expansion of the Pure Water Monterey reclamation project — which is supposed to be online this fall — it is likely inadequate to meet customer demand for the next 20 years.

Many lawsuits

The water district and other groups and individuals that oppose the desal plant deny that, insisting that the project will have all the water the Peninsula needs, including for new development, lots of record and other purposes, for a couple of decades.

Officials from Marina and the water district did not respond to questions Thursday.

Marina has filed about eight lawsuits over Cal Am's proposed desal plant and related facilities and has lost six of them. There are still two pending cases in court, including one set to go to trial in November.

The desal plant is one of three components intended to expand the local water supply and to relieve the over-pumped Carmel River. The other two major components are an aquifer storage and recovery project and the wastewater reclamation project.

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The Market Shows Resilience and Strength

The local real estate market has held steady in the face of increasing macroeconomic headwinds, ranging from fires in LA, tariff talks, recession talks, insurance issues and a falling stock market. All of these topics have come up in the showing process, however, the desirability and small town feel continues to draw buyers to this market, some of them moving back to town after leaving during COVID. This quarter, we saw 143 deals close across the Monterey Peninsula for a combined \$310M, which is a 34% and 13% increase over 1Q24, respectively. Good news for buyers, we're starting to see more inventory come to the market as we head into our prime selling season. Sellers need to be thoughtful about how they approach pricing and handle offers as buyers continue to be very price sensitive and the increasing inventory might start to put pressure on prices.

The top of the market slowed this quarter, so the total invested in Carmel and Pebble Beach both dropped. The 27 deals that closed in Carmel this quarter came in at \$83M, which is down 31% from 4Q24, when we also saw 27 deals close but for a total of \$117M. Pebble had a similar trend, but is even more dependent on the top of the market - there were 24 deals that closed this quarter for \$70M, down 36% from last quarter but over triple that of 1Q24 (\$22M). Pacific Grove and Monterey both had very strong quarters with over 20% jumps in total dollars invested over last quarter. The Carmel Highlands had a particularly strong quarter as demand continues to heavily favor ocean views right now; the last two quarters have seen over \$80M sold in the Highlands. Quail Lodge continues to post strong numbers with \$18M invested into 8 deals, over double what we saw in 1Q24 for both deals and dollars invested. Carmel Valley Ranch surged back to life after a slow 2024 with \$13M closing in 6 deals, up over last quarter and 1Q24, and further supports the strong demand we're seeing at the entry point on the Peninsula. The Preserve slowed this quarter with just \$2.15M sold from 2 lot sales and no home sales. Tehama and Monterra also didn't have any home sales this quarter, as the top of the market in the valley slowed a bit. We do have 15 Alta Madera in Tehama in escrow currently, set to close next week...sensing we may be seeing more traction build in the valley.

We did see median sales prices dip this quarter, to \$1.78M, down from \$1.81M last quarter and a good drop from \$2.6M in the first quarter of 2024. While we are seeing sellers come off their prices a bit, this statistical shift is more driven by higher activity at the bottom of the market than a significant drop in overall prices. But we'll see if the stock market drop will have a sustained impact on buyer demand and liquidity to purchase second homes as we roll into summer.

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Section 2

At Stevenson, Catalina and Carmel, lacrosse season heats up from the start

IN THE early stages of the 2025 season, girls lacrosse teams at Stevenson, Carmel and Santa Catalina are all mapping potential pathways toward the Central Coast Section playoffs — an unusual level of optimism, considering they've won just

Francis in the quarterfinal round, then were eliminated in the semis by top-seeded St. Ignatius.

Though Monday, Santa Catalina (6-2 overall) was in second place in the Mission Division with a 4-1 record, Stevenson (5-2-1) was alone atop the Gabilan Division at 3-0, and Carmel — also in the Gabilan — was 1-1 in the division and overall.

Results of Tuesday's games — Monterey at Carmel and Scotts Valley at Stevenson — were unavailable at press time. Catalina and Stevenson also had Thursday games.

Varsity veterans

Thirteen of the 24 players on Stevenson's 2025 roster were varsity players on last year's unbeaten PCAL championship team, giving the Pirates ample justification for optimism.

Meanwhile, Carmel and Catalina — both under the direction of first-year head coaches — came out the starting gate quickly this spring, showing growth and maturity from over a year ago.

Among those varsity veterans on Stevenson's roster are at least two players who expect to be playing NCAA Division I in the not-too-distant future.

Senior midfielder Macey Torres, the Gabilan Division's 2024 Player of the Year, plans to play next season at UC

Davis, where the roster already includes two other Stevenson alumnae — her big sister, Gabby Torres, and Rhea Cosand. Both were Macey's teammates on the Pirates' 2022 CCS team.

"The best word I could use to describe Macey is 'relentless,'" said Jerry Gilbert, Stevenson's third-year head coach of Torres, who ranked among the PCAL leaders in both goals (34) and assists (11) last spring. "She plays with an edge and expects a great deal from herself and her teammates."

Another Stevenson midfielder, Sydney Holland — only a junior — already has an offer to play at Kent State University in Ohio two years from now.

Decorated veterans

Holland earned first-team All-Gabilan honors as a sophomore, recording 18 goals and 10 assists despite sitting out the first month of the season as a transfer student.

"She's an explosive, left-handed player, very intuitive, and is as fast as any high school kid that I've seen in a very long time," her coach said.

The midfield also is the domain of fourth-year starter Grace Ishii (19 goals, 8 assists) — "Grace is as fun and joyful as any kid I've ever worked with," said



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Kate Graham (10), an All-Gabilan midfielder, is one of four senior co-captains for Carmel this season.

Gilbert — along with fellow senior Molly McAfee, a first-team all-division attacker last year.

"Molly, I believe, is our most versatile player. I can use her in the midfield or as an attacker, and she's also very comfortable playing defense," Gilbert said.

One more All-Gabilan player, junior Brogan Dolata ("a talent for finding an open teammate," said the coach), is a high-scoring attacker with natural instincts around the goal.

Sophomore Brennecke Daley, a varsity-letter winner, can play multiple positions on the field thanks to good speed and exceptional work ethic.

Tatum Le Towt, another second-year varsity sophomore — "smaller in stature,

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

one league trophy between the three of them.

That one's on display at Stevenson School, where the Pirates went 10-0 last spring to garner the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Gabilan Division title and qualify for the CCS Division 1 tournament.

The Pirates also reached the postseason in 2022 as PCAL runners-up, beat St.



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Santa Catalina senior Emily Limoges (in white) led PCAL scorers with 21 goals through Monday.



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elevates her mind to play bigger than she is," said Gilbert — is an attacker with blossoming confidence.

The goal is guarded by second-year starter Zola Ducker, a sophomore who fell in love with the game last spring, then enhanced her skills through club soccer.

"Lacrosse goalie is, in my opinion, the hardest position in sports," Gilbert said. "Zola is fearless, she has a gift for hand-eye coordination, and she's finding her voice out there."

Talented defensive line

Junior Georgia Bonifas, said Gilbert, is "our leader, our quarterback," on the back line, with exceptional mobility that enables her to make plays at both ends of the field.

Sophomore defender Charlotte Shipper, another returning starter, "is a natural playmaker with great anticipation," said the coach.

Senior Ava Edwards, a decorated volleyball player, is long, lean, athletic, and heady as a first-year lacrosse defender.

Players rotating into the defensive scheme include Elle Moreo and Iris Burch, both juniors, and sophomore Ember Sanborn, a varsity veteran with fast-developing stick skills who also can play attack.

The two freshmen on the roster, Caroline Bufkin and Raina Patel, already play well above their grade level and figure to secure Stevenson's future as consistent contributors.

Patel is an attacker whose athleticism "just jumps off the page," and Bufkin is "a strong, fearless kid who has a field presence," Gilbert said.

Others who figure to make contributions include seniors Attie Stroebel-Haft, Lauren Taylor and Kate Zhao, junior Lucy Aiello, and sophomores Scout Davenport-Grosse, Lila Doust and Paige Skinner.

With six seniors and seven juniors on a 23-player roster, the Carmel Padres are hoping to compete with the Gabilan's best teams this spring after a 2024 year when

they went 5-5 in the division, 6-6-1 overall, and missed the playoffs.

First-year head coach Sophia White likes the enthusiasm and dedication she's seeing, even as she continues to figure out who her starters should be.

"I think their attitude is what I like best. They're willing to put in the work, and think they're entitled to anything," said the coach.

Leadership comes from seniors Ella Gallagher, Kate Graham, Charlotte Mayer and Sophie Weaver — all co-captains this season — and multiple others with varsity experience.

Kate Graham earned All-Gabilan plaudits as a midfielder, where she'll collaborate Mayer and Weaver.

"Kate is the kind of leader who will execute her job without being reminded of what we need her to do," White said.

"Charlotte Mayer is gritty and tenacious, and causes a lot of turnovers," she said. "Sophie Weaver is great at seeing the field. Assists are one of her strengths."

Young but good

The midfield talent also includes a pair of exceptional sophomores: Naomi Foudy is a scoring threat, adroit at off-ball movement and scoring goals. Anna Rasmussen earned All-Gabilan honors as an attacker in 2024 as a ninth-grader.

Norah Strawser, a junior, is another agile midfielder, difficult to defend.

Co-captain Gallagher is the heart of Carmel's defense, bringing strong communication to a vastly improved back line.

"Ella limits the confusion, which is essential to have on defense," White said. Other defenders include senior Lauren Fitzpatrick, juniors Violet Frew and Grace Zodiacal, and sophomore Cammie Roxas.

Goalkeeper Jenna Silveira showed ability to stay calm under pressure as a freshman, and is stronger all-around as a second-year starter.

A youthful crew of attackers features fleet-footed freshmen Alexis Ghio, Ashley

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After hit ballads get a second wind, yacht rockers play Golden State Friday

THANKS TO the revival of Yacht Rock — rock ballads from 1970s and 1980s are suddenly hip again — the spotlights falls on **Ambrosia**, which plays Friday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Ambrosia had a breakthrough hit in 1975 with the Top 20 single “Holdin’ On to Yesterday,” following it with a pair of songs that reached No. 3 on the pop charts, including “How Much I Feel” in 1978, and “Biggest Part of Me” in 1980.

When the band plays here Friday, three of its founding members — **Joe Puerta**, **Burleigh Drummond** and **Christopher North** — will be in the lineup. As for the public’s renewed interest in their music, the band is enjoying the attention, light-heartedly calling themselves the “Captains and Admirals of Yacht Rock.”

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



In the latest in a series of bluegrass concerts, Bean Creek plays Saturday, 3 p.m., at the Monterey United Methodist Church.

■ Quartet visits Sunset

Winners in 2019 of the prestigious Banff International String Quartet Competition, **The Viano Quartet** takes the stage Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at Sunset Center. The performance is the latest presented by Chamber Music Monterey Bay.

The quartet features violinists **Lucy Wang** and **Hao Zhou**, violist **Aiden Kane** and cellist **Tate Zawadiuk**. At Sunset, they’ll play Franz Joseph Haydn’s *String Quartet in F Major op. 77 no. 2*, Astor Piazzolla’s *Resurrección del Ángel* and Sergei Prokofiev *String Quartet No. 2 in F Major, op. 92*.

Tickets start at \$25. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-2212 or visit chambermusicmontereybay.org.



The award-winning Viano Quartet takes the stage Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at Sunset Center.

■ Pianist plays three shows

Also at Sunset Center, Ukrainian pianist **Anna Fedorova** performs Sunday at 3 p.m. The pianist caught the public’s attention when a clip of her playing Rachmaninoff’s *2nd Piano Concerto* went viral on YouTube.

Fedorova presents a free recital Saturday, noon, at the Sand Box in Sand City. She’ll be joined by bassist **Nicky Schwartz**. The performance is part of the venue’s Bach’s Lunch series. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave.

The pianist offers another free recital Saturday, 7 p.m., at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, which is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

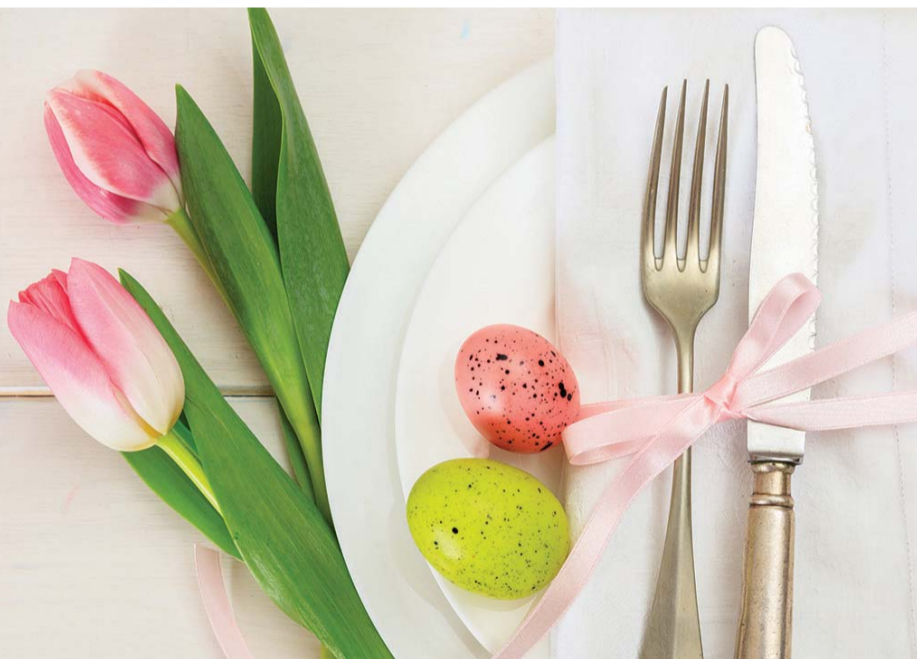
At Sunset, Fedorova will play Valentin Silvestrov’s “The Messenger” and Modest Moussorgsky’s “Pictures at an Exhibition,” along with pieces by Chopin and Beethoven.

Tickets start at \$41.50. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit carmelmusic.org.

■ ‘Playground Party After Dark’

To help raise money for the recent construction and ongoing maintenance of Tatum’s Treehouse playground, Carmel Valley Community Park hosts a “Playground Party After Dark” Saturday at 5 p.m. Local bluegrass ensemble **The Bubba Pickens Band** will play to go along with a

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How Easter looks to a chef, plus brunch ideas and sweet treats

ARE YOU trying to figure out how to squeeze a few extra relatives into your dining room for an Easter or Mother's Day celebration? Now imagine serving 1,000 guests. For each holiday.

Hector Berumen, executive sous chef at the Portola Hotel — adjacent to the Monterey Conference Center — is gearing up for that and says the kitchen is ready to turn out some great holiday meals on April 20 and May 11. That's in addition to the usual bustling banquet and wedding business, not to mention food service for 379 guest rooms.

Berumen, 56, has been cooking for more than 40 years, starting at Pigalle, his father-in-law's French restaurant in Fairfax, a Los Angeles suburb. He said he moved to the Peninsula after his family came to this area on vacation, and he dined at Casanova, where he met then-chef Didier Dutertre and jokingly asked for a job. To Berumen's surprise, he was hired, launching a local career that included 12 years at Casanova and time at the Lodge at Pebble Beach, among others.

He studied at the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley and still enjoys French cooking. Coq au vin — chicken braised in red wine — is his signature dish. However, he also said that, at home, he likes to make a simple dish of fish seasoned with sesame oil, soy sauce, garlic and

ginger and wrapped up with vegetables in a foil packet he just throws on the grill, while his two grown daughters love his chili verde. No word on his nine grandchildren's favorites, but we're sure he can easily juggle their orders.

At Portola's fine dining restaurant, Jacks, he helps to

Soup to Nuts

come up with a fresh seasonal menu every quarter.

While Peter B's brewpub is closed for renovation, he said they're coming up with a selection of dishes featuring "more fresh food from scratch, more healthy food." Pub faves like burgers and steaks won't be banished, but Berumen said there would be fewer deep-fried items on the new bill of fare when the spot re-opens this summer.

Tres de Mayo

In the coming weeks, you'll be able to read about a lot of holiday brunch offerings, including Portola Hotel's, but we didn't want its special pairing of food and Espolón tequila to get lost in the shuffle.

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo — but on Saturday, May 3

— a five-course meal offered at Jacks will spotlight the flavors of Mexico, said the Portola's marketing department.

Executive Chef Carl Ashurst and a representative from Espolón Tequila "will share their passion behind the menu and pairings, offering guests a deeper understanding of the craft that makes this dinner truly extraordinary."

It starts with chips, salsa and guacamole with Cadillac margaritas ("shaken, not stirred") featuring Espolón reposado — meaning aged for up to one year — and Gran Marnier.

Next, street tacos with carnitas will be served alongside Espolón Blanco, then classic chicken tamales will be paired with the label's reposado. The third course is posole, a Mexican pork stew, washed down with bourbon-barrel-aged Espolón anejo, tequila which is aged one to three years. Espolón cristalino anejo — aged, then filtered so it's clear — will be poured with beef and cheddar cheese enchiladas with rice and beans, and the meal finishes up with Ghirardelli chocolate flan and an international-sounding espresso cocktail combining Kahlua, Baileys, espresso and Espolón reposado. Tickets are \$95 per person and the dinner is only for those 21 and older. To reserve, call (831) 649-7870 or email lhenderson@portolahotel.com.

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Easter Sunday is April 20, and Carmel Valley Ranch is working on a "festive and flavorful celebration" in line with its usual great food (left). Meanwhile, Pebble Beach plans to hide some eggs at Spanish Bay. While you're there, the Easter Bunny will hold court, kids can participate in a petting zoo and get their faces painted, and you can have brunch at Roy's or Pèppoli.

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FOOD & WINE

FOOD

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Spring flour

Café Carmel welcomes the Carmel Chamber of Commerce for a celebration of World Bake Week on April 10, from 5 to 7 p.m., when chef/owner Sarah Cook's friendly spot on Ocean Avenue will give everyone a sneak peek — and samples — of her new spring baked goods collection, suggest pairings with pours from De Tierra Winery and provide complimentary recipe cards, which Cook is calling “a little baking magic for you to take home.”

Her Easter countdown is already underway, too, as she's taking orders for hot cross buns, Easter bunny cookies, carrot cake cupcakes and quiches.

Cost for the chamber event is \$10 for members and \$20 for guests. RSVP at carmelchamber.org or email membership@carmelchamber.org.

Hippity hoppity

Buckle up, everyone — it's time to hit the Bunny Trail. Even though April 20th is a couple of weeks away, you should start planning now.

Pebble Beach's big party includes six events scattered around the Inn at Spanish Bay. For the kids, the Easter Bunny will be there from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Troon Patio, where there will also be face-painting and balloon animals from 1 to 3:30 p.m., and real bunnies are scheduled for a petting zoo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Pèppoli lawn. An egg hunt starts at 3:30.

An a la carte brunch will be served at Roy's from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., while Pèppoli is offering an Italian-themed buffet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To reserve, visit pebblebeach.com and select “Events” from the pop-down menu in the top left corner.

Anton & Michel (Mission between Ocean and Seventh) plans a three-course prix-fixe brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Start with a toast of your choice — Champagne,

mimosa, bloody mary, or orange juice — and follow that up with Caesar salad or lobster bisque. Main course options include wild mushroom risotto, braised lamb shank, black Angus filet mignon, seafood fricassee, sesame-crusted ahi tuna, and roast chicken breast. Brunch is priced at \$75 per adult, and children 12 and younger are \$40. Call (831) 624-2406 with questions or to reserve.

Carmel Valley Ranch is planning a buffet brunch with what a spokesperson called “a tempting array of breakfast favorites, savory brunch bites, and irresistible decadent desserts.” The “festive and flavorful celebration” runs from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Easter. Reservations are required and can be made at Exploretock.com. Not including tax, fees and tip, adults are \$150, children ages 6 to 12 are \$60, ages 5 and younger eat for free.

Steak and eggs

Standing all by itself at the western end of Canyon Del Rey Boulevard on the Monterey-Seaside border, the Monterey Beach Hotel's Lantern Room is welcoming guests to a sit-down brunch “Bunny Day Menu” April 18-20, “featuring vibrant seasonal ingredients and fresh flavors from the California coast.”

Executive chef Jose Velasquez's plans include steak and eggs, steamed Salt Spring mussels with lobster coconut Thai broth, buttermilk pancakes, or classic huevos rancheros. Lighter offerings include gravlax and bagels, and a pastry basket with plain and chocolate croissants, cinnamon swirl, preserves and honey butter. Plenty of traditional brunch libations will also be available.

Easter reservations at The Lantern Room can be made through OpenTable.com.



Jacks, the fine dining restaurant at Portola Hotel in Monterey, is one of many places where executive sous chef Hector Berumen leaves his mark during the year. Holiday buffets, room service and a full banquet schedule keep him busy.



At Casa Munras Garden Hotel in Monterey, new chef Steven Patlan's sit-down Easter brunch starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. Menu items include traditional choices like eggs, bacon, steak and French toast, plus empanadas filled with braised pork shoulder, feta cheese and salsa verde, as well as fish tacos, and pulpo frito — crispy Spanish octopus.

Less adventurous diners can opt for king salmon served with risotto, or a chuck,

short rib and wagyu blend “sunrise burger” with a cage-free over-easy egg, Baker's Bacon and maple aioli on a brioche bun, served with French fries. Libations include espresso martinis, bloody marys and a bottomless mimosa bar.

View the full menu at hotelcasamunras.com/our-menus/easter-menu and call (831) 375-0176 or email info@estebanrestaurant.com to reserve.

Elaine Hesser wrote this week's column.



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SPORTS

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Graham, and Taylor Togneri, sophomore Siena Shillinger, juniors Lucia Valdez and Tessa Stallcup, and senior Levi Murray.

Injuries have shelved second-team all-division attacker Claire Bonyage, versatile sophomore Lola Voss, and aggressive defender Angelina Ortega. Transfer student Skylar Schlenker became eligible to play on Monday.

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in the PCAL's Mission Division, thanks largely to senior leadership and an influx of new talent.

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tle for first place in the Mission Division — an outcome that lifted the Mariners to 5-0 against league teams (7-0 overall) and dropped Catalina to 4-1.

Vogel, a second-team All-Gabilan defender in 2024, had 9 goals (4 in the March 6 season opener at Santa Cruz, a 12-2 win), plus two assists.

Kalinski, the goalkeeper, ranked first in the PCAL with 29 saves (7 against Soquel), and back-to-back shutouts against Harbor and York — both road games.

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BBQ and an assortment of fun and games. Tickets are \$75. The park is located at 25 Ford Rd. For more details, visit tatumstreehouse.com.

Live music April 4-10

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

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■ Carmel Valley

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Folktales Winery — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singers and guitarists **Kristen Gradwohl** and **Talmon Owens** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

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The Running Iron in Carmel Valley — **Open Mic Night** (Sunday at 8 p.m.). 24 E. Carmel Valley Road.

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■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Martin Barnes** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.).

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Stevenson's Sydney Holland (in black) is a junior but has already committed to play Division 1 lacrosse at Kent State University.

galvanized Santa Catalina team has outscored its first six opponents by a 74-25 margin in 2025, racing to a 5-2 overall record, 4-1 in the Mission Division.

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Bernardus Lodge — **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Friday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Folktales Winery — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singers and guitarists **Kristen Gradwohl** and **Talmon Owens** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, 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 — **The Dave D'oh Show** (alternative, pop and soul, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Martin Barnes** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.).

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

Melville Tavern — The Chuck Brewer Band (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484 Washington St., Ste. A.

Midici Pizza — The Brian Stock Quartet with keyboardist **Bill Spencer**, bassist **Zach Westfall**, and drummer **Patrick Tregenza** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

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

Monterey United Methodist — Bean Creek (bluegrass, Saturday at 3 p.m.) 1 Soledad Dr. otteropy.org

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

Salty Seal Pub — The John Michael Band (pop and

rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Thursday at 8 p.m.) 653 Cannery Row.

The Sardine Factory — singer and guitarist David Conley (Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday

at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

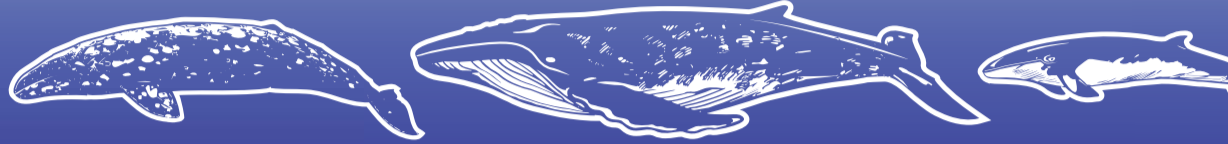
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April 7 — "Hastily Formed Networks." Brian Steckler will talk about what it is like to quickly bring critical broadband internet connectivity to ground zero for early responders, victims and survivors after a mega-disaster. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Open to the public. \$10 guests/members free.

April 10 — 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, April 10: **Celebrating Folk Songs with vocalists Otto Neely (tenor), Abby Warburg (mezzo) & Eun Ha Chung (soprano, organ & piano).**

April 10 — CRA Celebrates Tom Parks as Citizen of the Year. Please join us Thursday at 5 p.m. when doors open, 5:30-6:30 for our program, 6:30-7:30 for reception, finger foods & beverages at the Carmel Woman's Club — as we celebrate Tom's 35 years of engagement, creativity and volunteering in our Community. Everyone is welcome. Visit www.carmelresidents.org for details.



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April 12 — Transformational Memoir Writing Workshop with Barbara Mossberg, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Little House in Jewell Park next to the PG Library. Space is limited. To register, visit the library, phone (831) 648-5762 or email referencedesk@cityofpacificgrove.org.

April 12 — The Monterey Bay Poetry Consortium welcomes you to celebrate **National Poetry Month** with an evening of poetry featuring Watsonville Poet Laureate **Victoria Bañales**, poet, educator and writer. She will be joined by Watsonville Youth Poets Laureate **Rachel Huerta** and **Eva Martinez**, 5:30 p.m. at Pacific Grove Public Library.

April 12 — Cellist James Jaffe and pianist Elektra Schmidt will perform music by **Beethoven, Rachmaninov, Schumann** and **Piazzolla**. Recital is set for 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Community Chapel, corner of Paso Hondo and Village Drive in Carmel Valley Village. Please RSVP by leaving a message at (831) 659-2278. Donations start at \$35

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April 12 — Poetry Reading: "Present Connections: Contemporary Latinx Poets and Robinson Jeffers," with Monterey County Poet Laureate **Rachelle Escamilla, Manuel Paul López, MK Chavez** and **Darrell Dela Cruz**. 3 p.m. at Tor House, 26304 Ocean View Ave., Carmel 93923. Admission: \$15. Reservations (required) at www.torhouse.org. Seating limited. Reception to follow. For more information: (831) 624-1813.

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

April 13 — "Families and Politics — How to Talk with Loved Ones on the Other Side." This Braver Angels workshop is free and takes place in the Blackhorse Room of the Oldmeyer Center, 986 Hilby Ave., Seaside. Gain insights and even enjoy a bit of fun. Register by using the QR code. To learn more, visit www.braverangels.org



April 13 — Documentary film and flamenco fundraiser 5 p.m. at Lighthouse Cinema in Pacific Grove. Learn about Spanish Hawaiian migration in the early 1900's, with live flamenco guitar and post film Q&A with descendants. Hosted by Spanish Hawaiian Heritage Association. Tickets \$25-\$35 at www.lighthousecinema4events.com

April 16 — Got home equity? Curious about reverse mortgage? A free seminar for homeowners age 55+ will be presented 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Carmel Foundation, Seideneck Room, SE corner Eighth and Lincoln, Carmel. HighTechLending is presenter. Event is open to all but nonmembers of the Carmel Foundation need to register at (31) 624-1588 or online at www.carmelfoundation.org

April 16 — Authors' Night at Carmel Woman's Club. Join us for an evening when words come alive and inspire. Twelve authors will showcase their creative spirits and share their stories in an atmosphere of conviviality. Refreshments will be served. 5 to 7 p.m. at the club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Open to the public.

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.

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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.

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

PG's Meetinghouse — **The PG 3** ("high-energy dance

rock," Friday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Kenny Stahl Quartet** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** & singer and violinist **Laurel Thomsen** ("roots-folk," Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Phill's Barber Shop in Pacific Grove — **PG-13** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 610 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — weekly bluegrass jam with **The Otter Opry** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250410
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VIVA CARMEL, SW Corner of 6th & Dolores, Carmel, CA 93921.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **JULIE KENNER, PC, 502 Pierce St., Monterey, CA 93940.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: NV
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Julie Kenner, C.E.O.
Date: Feb. 26, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 26, 2025.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: March, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025 (PC 312)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250469
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. MONTEREY GOLD AND COIN EXCHANGE**
2. MONTEREY GOLD
3. MONTEREY GOLD BUYER
153 County Club Gate Center, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): **DAVID NEWELL JOHNSON.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/David N. Johnson
Date signed: March 6, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 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: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025 (PC 313)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250418
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ERICA'S DAYCARE, 969 Sage Ct., Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): **ERICA E. ALVAREZ**
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan 1, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ERICA E. Alvarez
Date signed: 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: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025 (PC 315)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250468
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SWIFT DIVORCE SOLUTIONS, 971 N. Main St., Suite 202, Salinas, CA 93906.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): **KEITH HABICHT**
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 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 that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Keith Habicht
Date signed: March 6, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 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: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025 (PC 316)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250393
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BAY FINISH, ROBERT GAAR CONSTRUCTION, 601 Archer St., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): **ROBERT ANDREW GAAR, 601 Archer St., 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 Jan 12, 2001.

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).
S/Robert Gaar
Date signed: Feb. 24, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 24, 2025.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in vi-

olation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025 (PC 317)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250479
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AMADA SENIOR CARE MONTEREY CA, 288 Pearl St. #1703, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **L&G GROUP, INC, 5325 ALTON PARKWAY, STE. C374, IRVINE, CA 92604.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Gustavo Gama, President
Date: March 7, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 7, 2025.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025 (PC 320)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250428
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **COASTAL THREADS 831, 814 TUMBLEWEED DR, SALINAS, CA 93905, County of MONTEREY**
Registered Owner(s): **CYRINA HINOJOS, 814 TUMBLEWEED DR SALINAS, CA 93905**
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact busi-

ness under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/28/2025
S/ CYRINA HINOJOS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/28/2025
3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/25
CNS-3905776#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025. (PC 323)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250439
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE EMERGENCY PLUMBER + HVAC SERVICE, 1787 Judson, Seaside, CA.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **MONTEREY PLUMBING SERVICES & ROOTER 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 March 3, 2025.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Juan Maldonado, CEO
Date: March 3, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2025.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025. (PC 324)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250470
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARI'S DAYCARE, 401 3rd St., Soledad, CA 93960.**
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Registered Owner(s): **MARIA DEL ROSARIO FLETES GARCIA**
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 28, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Maria del Rosario Fletes Garcia
Date signed: March 6, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 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: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025 (PC 326)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250513
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TORRES LANDSCAPE, 756 El Camino Real N., Salinas, CA 93907.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **TORRES INC.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2025.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code 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/Leo Torres, President
Date: March 13, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 13, 2025.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025. (PC 328)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-24-1003806-BF Order No.: DEF2451201CA YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/3/2016. 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): **DENEEN C SERIL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN.** Recorded: 10/4/2016 as Instrument No. 2016058981 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: \$469,832.59 The purported property address is: 15 WORK AVE, DEL REY OAKS, CA 93940-5533 Assessor's Parcel No.: 012-492-053-000 **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-24-1003806-BF.** 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-24-1003806-BF** 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-24-1003806-BF 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 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 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** TS No.: CA-24-1003806-BF IDSPub #0237293 3/28/2025 4/4/2025 4/11/2025
Publication dates: March 28, April 4, 11, 2025 (PC332)

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. 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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. 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The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate



■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel Highlands, is presented by The Arnold Team.
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 APN: 009-145-019

Carmel Valley

65 Del Mesa Carmel — \$875,000
 Monica Martinek to Joseph and Patricia Bova
 APN: 015-446-007

2880 Summerland Road — \$1,900,000
 Steven and Beatriz Manville to Gang Xu and Lunna Tang
 APN: 181-261-037

102 Mirasol Court — \$2,150,000
 Harbhajan and Harwinder Dadwal to John and Stephanie Lalonde
 APN: 173-076-025

7053 Valley Greens Circle — \$2,420,000
 Robert Silverman and Sheryl Brooks to 7053 VGC LLC
 APN: 157-051-014



24799 Guadalupe Street, Carmel — \$2,290,000



1029 Broncho Road, Pebble Beach — \$2,550,000

25950 Colt Lane — \$2,566,500
 Leslie and Margaret Konkin to Dewer and Zona Stidham
 APN: 416-122-005

15513 Via la Gitana — \$2,937,000
 Mary and James Fenstermaker to Christopher Coyloi and Sarah Ring
 APN: 197-172-002

Highway 68

23799 Monterey Salinas Hwy. unit 4 — \$386,500
 23799 Unit 4 LLC to Annette Mueller
 APN: 161-542-004

17 Deer Forest Drive — \$1,695,000
 Randall Logan to Owen and Shanon Searls
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Marina

3005 Pinos Way — \$380,000
 The Sea Haven LLC to Lizabeth Velazquez and Luis Casillas
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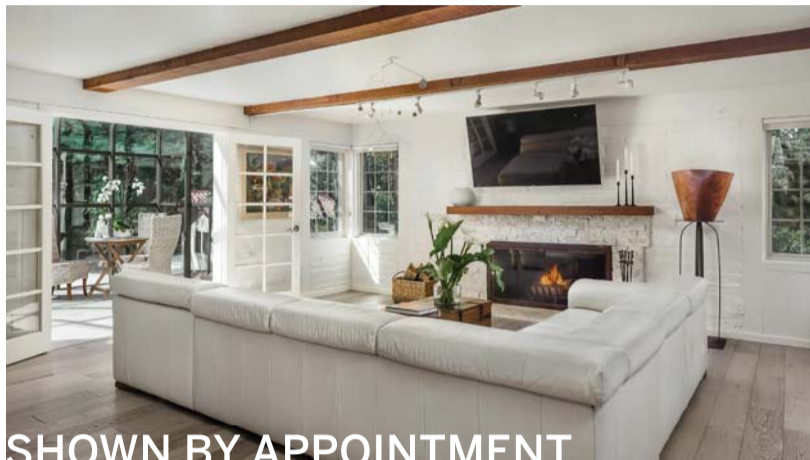


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Without photographic evidence, did memories really happen?

ON MANY a cool morning at Carmel Plaza, one of the owners of Cafe Luna, Mike or Linda Karaki, comes out of their restaurant to light the fire pit next to where I am sitting sipping my coffee. Immediately two things happen. One, I get warm. And two tourists, armed with ubiquitous smartphone/cameras turn the fire pit into the most photographed site in Carmel.

Face it, point your phone anywhere in Carmel and you

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

have a memory worth storing. Smartphone cameras are always available to capture important personal milestones such as birthdays, graduations, weddings and vacations. The ease of access and the fact that taking a picture costs no money ensure that no moment is missed, creating a rich digital archive of life.

Much to my regret, and probably to the regret of many people my age, it wasn't always so. There is no photographic evidence of a portion of my life, almost as if part of me is missing. My parents obviously had some kind of box camera they used to take pictures of themselves and relatives and friends when they were young. There are old black-and-white snapshots of me and my brothers when

we were kids.

But "say cheese" stopped when much of the world stopped smiling in 1939, and Americans became just as grim-faced in 1941. In my family, no pictures were taken again until 1945, when my younger brother was born, and I don't appear in any photos until 1948, when I got a new bike.

We did not have annual school pictures taken while I was in elementary school and there was no eighth-grade graduation picture. The only proof that I attended St. Joseph's Cathedral School is a photo of our 1947-48 basketball team.

Patty and Peggy

During the summer of 1946 and 1947, I spent two weeks at Camp Schoellkopf, a 600-acre wilderness of lakes, creeks, rolling hills and trees. There are no pictures of me in my Scout uniform with my merit badge sash, and none of me and my buddies from Troop 8 gathered around a campfire. At 12, I didn't know a whole lot about girls beyond the fact that they were not just soft boys. Yet I knew beauty when I saw it. My classmates, Patty Butler and Peggy Ann Downing, were Hollywood starlet material, whom years later I expected to see listed in movie credits. And the fiery Rosemary McKendrick rode on my bicycle crossbar with her long red hair blowing against my forehead. I have not a single picture of any of them.

In high school, I went to all the proms, yet there are no snapshots of me in my rented tuxedo, standing alongside

patchouli-scented girls in pastel-colored gowns and wrist corsages. Our Catholic Youth Organization group put on two Gilbert & Sullivan productions. I was a barefoot bos'n in "HMS Pinafore" and the wandering mistral, Nanki-Poo, in "The Mikado," but no photos exist to prove I was, "A thing of shreds and patches, of ballads, songs and snatches, and dreamy lullaby."



Jerry Gervase on his new bike, a ticket to endless summer days and lifelong memories.

Throughout all the parties and events in and outside of high school, no one had a camera. I inherited a 35 mm rangefinder just after getting married and started shooting anything that moved — or stood still. I used film I had to send away to be processed into slides. A viewing required setting up a screen and projector. The kids loved it, probably because the slideshows included freshly popped popcorn.

I've read that the inability to revisit past moments in

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Pacific Grove: At about 1830 hours, subject called in to report the theft of personal property from the front of a residence on Evans Avenue. Possible suspect was on a neighbor's surveillance cameras.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition surrendered by a Gibson Avenue resident to the police department for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Subject at Lighthouse and Carmel avenues was placed on a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel Valley: Deputies took a report of a runaway juvenile from a Carmel Valley Road residence.

Pacific Grove: Manager of a convalescent home on David Avenue advised she was battered by a client. She did not wish to pursue criminal charges and desired documentation only.

Carmel Valley: Child custody dispute at a Calle de Quien Sabe residence.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

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

Pacific Grove: Trailer towed from Syida Drive for expired registration over six months.

Carmel Valley: APS report alleging financial abuse on Ford Road.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An 81-year-old male Carmel Valley resident was arrested for

battery on a peace officer and resisting arrest. A sergeant was conducting an interview with a burglary victim in the front CPD lobby. During the interview, a male walked into the lobby and interrupted the interview. The male told the officer and the victim to go outside because he couldn't hear what the front desk was saying and then became disruptive and argumentative. When the officer attempted to exit the lobby, the male blocked him from exiting and then shoved him. The case was forwarded to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office for review.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject warned about trespassing at a property on Santa Rita north of Fifth and then transported to the hospital for withdrawals.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Mission and Sixth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported losing her wallet while she was visiting Mission Bistro restaurant.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass advisement at Lincoln and Sixth. A property owner observed on their camera that a male was checking to see if doors were open. The male found an open door and unlawfully entered the building. The male was contacted by police inside of the building. The male told officers that he was there because "Eddie" had purchased the building and wanted him to clean it. The owner did not want to prosecute the male but did want him warned about trespassing.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Sunset Drive marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Medical call on Briggs Avenue. Coroner responded for a suicide.

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

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a possible domestic dispute on Rio Road.

Upon contacting the involved parties, it was found to be an argument between a father and daughter over not having a cell phone at school.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services report alleging physical abuse in a care facility on Rio Road.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident reported suspicious circumstances.

Carmel area: An 83-year-old male Alta Madera resident reported a scam.

Carmel area: Child Protective Services referral alleging sexual abuse on Via Riviera.

Carmel area: A Rio Road hotel requested assistance with escorting a guest off the property after the guest caused a disturbance.

Pebble Beach: APS referral alleging financial abuse involving a Mesa Lane resident.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of theft on Colton Road.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision with a parked vehicle on Seventh Avenue on private property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for blocking a driveway on San Carlos south of Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Sixth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Grand Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Moreland and on Gibson were marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel Valley: Argument reported between residents at a Carmel Valley apartment complex.

Carmel area: Deputies respond to a re-

port of lost property on Rio Road.

Carmel area: Minors on Seventh Avenue, a 17-year-old female and a 16-year-old male, were discovered to be in possession of alcohol.

Carmel Valley: Deputies respond for a welfare check on an elderly woman at Hacienda Carmel.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile on Arkwright Court was placed on a W&I 5150 [danger to self or others].

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Verbal domestic dispute documented on Mission north of Fourth at 0210 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury hit-and-run on Scenic Road. Vehicle vs. parked vehicle. No prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on 17th was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: Report of a theft from a vehicle on Chestnut Street.

Pebble Beach: Online report regarding a suspicious circumstance on Wranglers Trail.

Carmel area: Online report regarding fraudulent checks at a business at Clock Tower Place.

Big Sur: Business on Highway 1 reported credit card fraud.

Carmel Valley: APS referral alleging physical and financial abuse involving a Carmel Valley Road resident.

Pebble Beach: Costado Road resident found a bullet which entered her home through the living room wall and lodged in the back of her flat-screen TV.

GERVASE

From previous page

one's life, visually via photographs, may lead to feelings of regret, loss or even fear of being forgotten. I don't have that problem. There's no fear of me having to be institutionalized — in a locked ward, wrapped in a jacket with extra-long sleeves because I wasn't part of a Kodak moment.

When I stopped taking pictures years ago, my children became the family's chroniclers, so there are plenty of photos of my grandchildren at various stages of their lives — and now, as the *pater familias*, I am in more digital images than a bride at a wedding or a cat doing something mildly amusing on Facebook. Still, without the visual confirmation of old photos, details

can be lost or altered, leading to discrepancies in how history is remembered and passed down.

I still have that 1948 picture of me on my new bike. It is black and white, but the bike was blue and white. I am stationary, with my left foot propped against a fence to hold the bike upright, but looking at that photo, suddenly I am a blur of motion, a young knight on a gleaming steed with Rosemary perched proudly on the crossbar, her flame-red hair dancing wild and free against my face. I am a boy hero on a mission, and she is my fair princess, her joyous laughter the only sound cutting through the wind.

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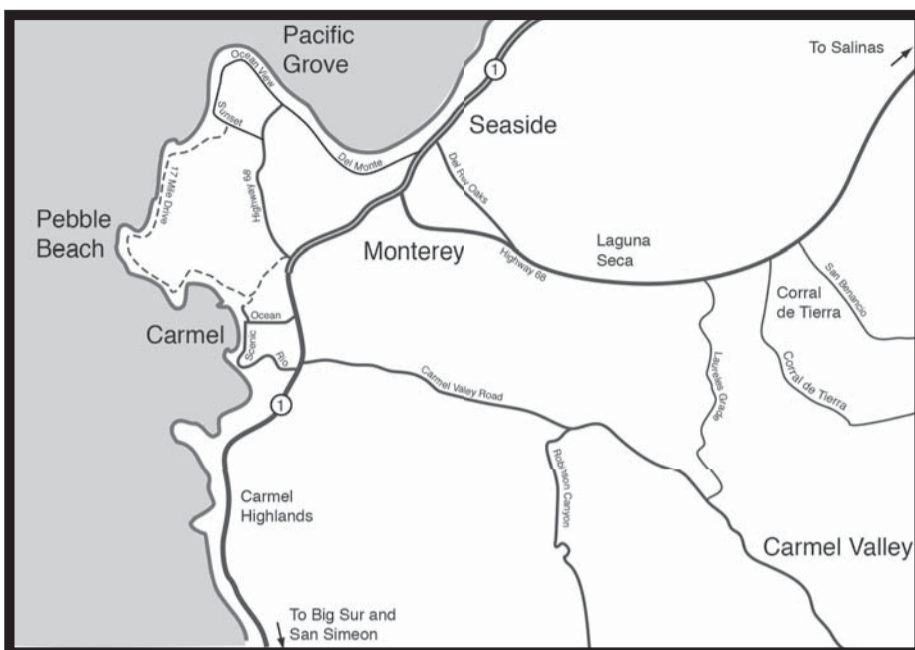
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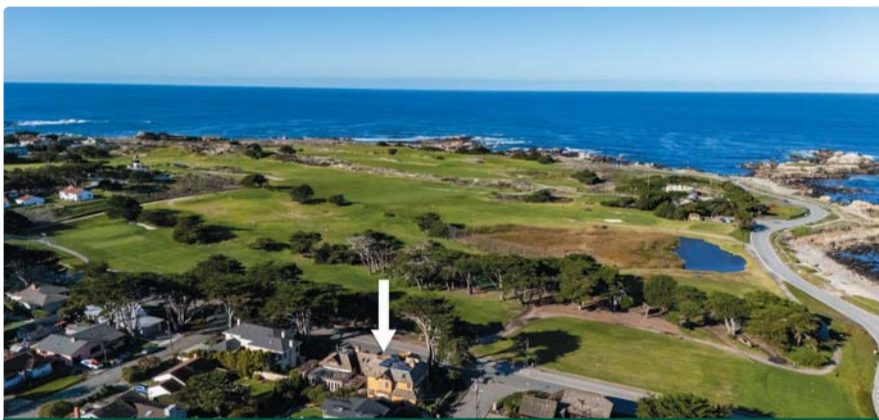
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LOCAL WOMEN - REAL SUCCESS

A fiber network with a strong legacy system

By LISA LAPIN

BURSTING WITH brilliant colors, materials and inspiration, a trio of local fiber businesses are much more than popular crafting boutiques owned by women. They are part living room, part art studio, part classroom and part community center, forming a creative hub for makers and artists from throughout the region and well beyond.

On any given day, you will find customers knitting on a cozy couch at Monarch Knitting in Pacific Grove, where Bash, an enormous Bernese mountain dog, is the official greeter. A couple of blocks away at Back Porch Fabrics, the store walls showcase quilts made by the friendly staff, who are ready to pull up a chair and offer help on any project. And in Monterey, Slow Fiber's artist-owner Jaki Canterbury is ready to advise on any clothing upcycling or fabric-revival project, with her extensive supplies and wide variety of hard-to-find materials.

The businesses form a rare trifecta of in-person resources and education for knitters, quilters and sewers. They are thriving in an increasingly online world in which it has become more difficult to get live advice and touch textiles before committing to buying. The three shops also feed a robust fiber-art community on the Monterey Peninsula, where knitting and sewing are increasingly being taken up by younger people and the Monterey Peninsula

Quilters Guild is one of the most active in the country.

"What we all have in common is that we provide top-notch places where you can just come hang out and sew," said Claudia Sammis, a landscape quilting artist and owner of Back Porch Fabrics. "We all want people to feel comfortable just coming and being together and learning together and sharing their craft together. It's such an amazing fiber art community here."

Lots of advice

Sammis was a longtime customer before she took over ownership of the quilting boutique last fall from Gail Abeloe, who had built the business and operated it for 28 years. "When we heard Gail was going to retire, we felt we needed to keep a great store here. She taught so many people how to quilt and encouraged the community. We all wanted to keep it going. What we have here is exceptional with all the staff staying on. They are all really experienced, so if you come in, you can get help and lots of good advice."

Ann Patterson, proprietor of Monarch Knitting since 2013, came about her store ownership in a similar manner, having been a longtime customer.

"I needed a special order, and the owner told me I couldn't place the order because



Ann Patterson, proprietor of Monarch Knitting, keeps traditions vibrant.

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An ancient art flourishes in new, safe settings

By ELAINE HESSER

SCARS COME in a variety of shapes and sizes, like reminders of old childhood injuries or marks left after an operation. Others are invisible, etched by heartbreak, trauma or loss. Some local tattoo artists told The Pine Cone that healed wounds can be beautiful badges of honor — especially with a little ink.

Of course, body art is often whimsical and can simply commemorate a happy occasion. However, three local studio owners said they routinely delve into more complex and significant shades of meaning with their work and clients.

Covering post-surgery scars with art is fairly common, and someone who has weathered a life-threatening disease can use the opportunity to highlight a warrior mentality. Or, someone might have a phoenix rising from the ashes placed where their chemotherapy port used to be. There are even artists who can draw realistic 3D “nipples” to help breast cancer survivors look and feel better after mastectomies.

Sarah Twigg, co-owner of Wholehearted Tattoo on Franklin Street in Monterey (wholeheartedtattoo.com), was raised locally but moved away for a time. She spoke of “a traumatic childhood” in which — among other things — she wasn’t allowed to make her own choices about art, music or her appearance.

First tattoo

Sitting in her studio, its walls covered in brightly colored images of body art, she said her illicit first tattoo at 15 was a way to “take back and reclaim” her identity. Some artists suggested they can also be a means for survivors of sexual assault to reassert control over their bodies.

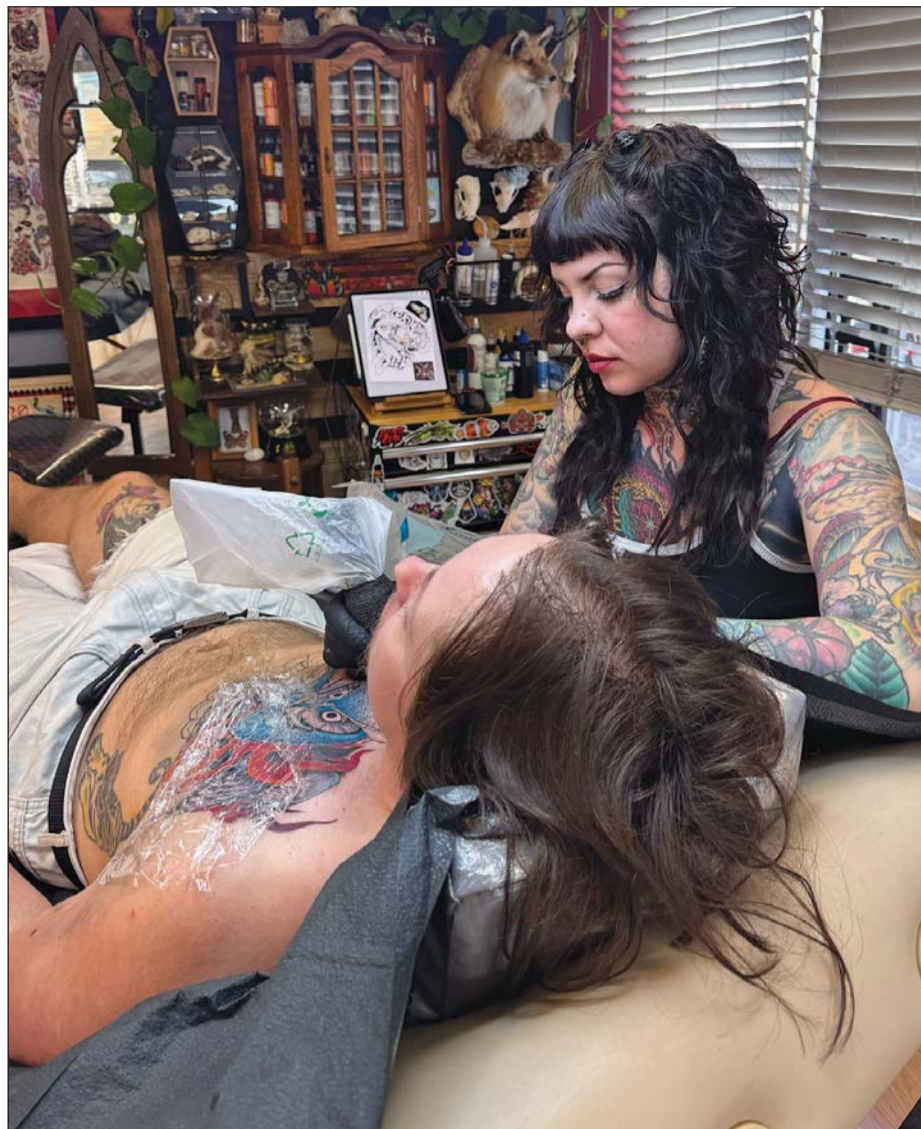
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In Carmel Valley, Song Dog Studios (songdogstudios.com) owner Iris McWilliams talked about her clients, mainly women, “marking experiences, transitions and journeys into their skin.” Like her Peninsula counterparts, she is dedicated to maintaining a caring environment, and the vibe in the studio she shares with another artist — Ellen Walker, of Wayfinder Ink — is peaceful, almost spiritual.

“Women are looking for something — a connection, a safe place,” to get inked, McWilliams said. “Ninety percent of them have horror stories of previous experiences with tattoos.”

McWilliams does handpoke work — no electric gun, just a sterile, slender needle she dips in ink like a quill pen and then presses into the skin.

“It’s how tattooing was done forever, with something sharp and some ink,” she



Sarah Twigg, co-owner of Wholehearted Tattoo in Monterey, creates some art on one of her clients.

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Call her lucky, call her blessed — and don't ever count her out

By ELAINE HESSER

WHEN LISA Steiny's back started hurting in 2014, she was happy that her husband, Doug, was attentive. Partners in life — and in real estate at Sotheby's — they met when Doug sold her a house in Carmel Valley and have been together 28 years.

"Most husbands would say, 'take an aspirin, you'll be fine,'" she said, but her fitness-minded spouse was concerned. He gave her a massage, but the relief was temporary. There was no obvious cause — she hadn't injured herself — so, short on answers, "He had me lie on my back and felt my abdomen." He found a hard mass, and when he pushed on it, pain radiated to the sore spot in her back.

"He got a look on his face I didn't want to see," she said. Based on where the mass was, she contacted her longtime gynecologist and explained what was going on. He fit her in first thing the next morning. She left his office before 10, and by 3 p.m., she'd seen a radiologist and had a diagnosis: Stage 1 lymphoma, with one enlarged lymph node.

Steiny had worked for an oncology office decades earlier and recalled thinking, "If you're gonna get cancer, this is the one you want. It's easy to treat and there's a good prognosis." She was referred to Dr. Roger Shiffman, whom she knew from working there, and Dr. Ronald Garren for treatment.

That was 11 years ago. Despite her optimism, she had three relapses and has been through 18 rounds of chemotherapy as well as a stem cell transplant at UC Davis in 2023, but is now in remission.

She's grateful for the "bonus years," as she described them, during which her two

children graduated from high school. She has been able to help her aging parents, too, all while getting her real estate license and supporting her husband's work.

Starting from nothing

Steiny was the middle child of three girls born into an Air Force family. "They came from nothing and built a really good life," Steiny said.

Her dad was stationed in Southern California, but when he was sent to Vietnam, Steiny's mother, who was from England, took the kids and moved in with her own mom in London for a year.

After her father's discharge and the family's return to California, her dad got a job at then-Chapman College's new program designed to help active duty military get an education. It was in Fort Lee, Va., however, which wasn't much to anyone's liking.

"It was a culture shock," she recalled, and all three daughters told him they wanted to return to the West Coast. When he was offered an equivalent position at Fort Ord, they had a family meeting and decided that even though it would be farther north, they wanted to return to California.

"We were so lucky to land here. When we were in the military, we had no money. We lived paycheck to paycheck, and my parents would send money to their parents." Her mother began working as a teacher's aide, demonstrating to her daughters that an outside job was a viable option even if you had kids.

By 1983, Steiny had graduated from high school and settled into a job as a



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Lisa Steiny with her partner in life and at work, Doug Steiny. Lisa credits Doug with a lifesaving find.

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Little alleys give way to surprisingly colorful outbursts

By LILY PATTERSON

“**HAVE NOTHING** in your house that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful,” said William Morris, the 19th century English polymath associated with the Arts and Crafts design movement. He probably would have enjoyed meeting local artisans Minori Shironishi and Beata Vavrova — it’s their job to beautify everyday life through touchable textures and exquisite worlds of color.

Browsing the displays in Shironishi’s lifestyle and home goods shop, located off Sixth Avenue between San Carlos and Mission, you might find it a little ironic that her story begins with the color black. “Five shades of black!” according to her.

Born in Tokyo, the Carmel Middle School alum immigrated to the Monterey Peninsula as a child. Shironishi and her mother briefly relocated to Massachusetts, where, working at a clothing store during high school, she saw her first piece of Yohji — the moniker for the fashion brand founded by Japanese designer and master tailor Yohji Yamamoto in 1972.

“I decided to take measurements of the garment and copy it, and that’s what I wore to my high school graduation,” said Shironishi. It was black, of course. The Yohji brand is synonymous with black — the designer’s signature color which, Shironishi added, comes in five shades.

First American

She went on to attend Parson’s School of Design in New York City for fashion design. Meanwhile, Yamamoto’s star was rising as he began showing collections from Paris, to New York, in the early ’80s. In 1988, Yamamoto opened the U.S. flagship Yohji store in New York.

Shironishi was their first American hire. She was quickly promoted to store manager and, subsequently, manager of the brand’s entire U.S. operation.

Twenty-two years with the same company is one way to build a career — along with a serious collection of designer duds. “For 15 years, I kept four storage units’ worth of archival clothing,” Shironishi admitted. Her first effort at closet cleaning was donating historically significant garments and accessories to The Metropolitan Museum’s Costume Institute.

Setting up shop

Her last year with Yohji came in 2010. It was time for Shironishi and her husband, furniture designer Philip Rodrigue, to go somewhere that better suited their growing family. Their move back to the Peninsula would prove a creative homecoming, too.

In 2012, Shironishi and Rodrigue set up shop at local farmers markets, selling their now-signature hemp tote bags stamped in bright, playful patterns, which she described as “a reaction to working with black for so long.” They called their joint venture Bee, Bark & Moss.

They began eyeing a space off Sixth Avenue between San Carlos and Mission. Shironishi had built a network of artisans and fabricators, including Ondi McMaster of AtelierOM. McMaster uses her own kaleidoscopic textiles to create the stunning technicolor kimonos and wrap coats sold at the brick-and-mortar shop, and she supplies materials for Rodrigue’s work.

Once you find your way down the tiny alley, it’s hard to miss Bee, Bark & Moss,



Minori Shironishi of Bee, Bark & Moss curates high fashion and heritage craftsmanship in her shop.

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Deep-rooted and transplanted hospitality traditions

By TULLAH MCCOLL

THEY WERE worlds apart before opening up shops not far from one another in Carmel Valley Village, with similar hopes of bringing people, cultures and food together in a welcoming environment for all.

Although they have different backgrounds, Analuisa Bejar from Mexico City and Sophie Hauville from Normandy, France, each came to the Monterey Peninsula with a dream and was pleasantly surprised by Carmel Valley locals who generously welcomed them into the community.

Having known and loved the area — and the idea of starting her own small business here — Bejar obtained a small investor visa and arrived in Carmel Valley in May 2022. Her brother suggested the location, as he's lived and worked in the United States for years and been a regular visitor to the Monterey Peninsula. She began to create an inviting space for people to enjoy quality food and be surrounded by good people. She decided to call it Sunny Bakery Café.

"I changed the name to Sunny Bakery for a few reasons," explained Bejar. "One, because the Carmel Valley is always sunny. It is also important we have a sunny disposition, my family name is Solar, and our weekend home in Mexico was called Casa de Sol. It just made sense."

Working together

Bejar has extensive culinary experience, not limited to the kitchen. For a decade in Mexico City, she wrote as food critic, developed recipes, did editing for various well-known publications and helped edit books on making pastry. However, her passion is best shown in her delightful



Analuisa Bejar brought a decade of experience working with food in Mexico City to her delicious creations at Sunny Bakery in Carmel Valley.

baked goods that are adored by many.

Located at 18 E. Carmel Valley Road, the name is not the only thing that brings light to the charming café. When creating the business, Bejar made assembling a team that values working together and sharing ideas one of her primary goals, in order to benefit the café and the locals she

cares deeply about.

"My main idea was for it to be a gathering place for the community," she said.

Not far away, Hauville came to the village with a similar intent. Having grown up in France, she moved to Chicago, Ill., and planned to have a career in marketing

and sales following her business studies. Hauville fell in love with the city and eventually obtained an employer sponsorship visa, which eventually led to getting a green card.

After staying in Chicago for 12 years,

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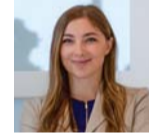
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Three artists and three very different roads to the studio

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

ARTIST DEBORAH Russell credits her mom with encouraging her and her older sister to be creative via art projects when they were children. Realizing she could develop her artistic proclivities through on-the-job training, Russell became a graphic designer and illustrator in the San Francisco Bay area. Once her children were in grammar school and she felt a little more independent, she enrolled in the Professional School of Fabric Design in Berkeley and unleashed her passion on a freelance job in product development for Pottery Barn.

“When you work in fabric design and manufacturing, you are actually painting the design,” said Russell. “I learned how to design several motifs and then put them on repeat. I’d lay them out the way I wanted that design to replicate. Before that, I was an illustrator, creating package design and wine labels.”

Today, Russell lives in Monterey and commutes over the Laureles Grade into Carmel Valley Village, five doors down from Jerome’s Market, where she owns Peridot Fine Art, an art studio named after her birthstone. There, she has taught watercolors, acrylic, and mixed-media workshops. Students come into Russell’s studio to paint and receive instruction, encouragement and support. And, during the “pandemic pause,” she created some 20 instructional videos so her students could continue to receive her guidance while painting at home.



(From left) Jenn Hallock, Germain Hatcher and Deborah Russell express and share their creative passions in Carmel Valley and Pacific Grove.

“While I primarily paint in acrylics, I tend to teach watercolors,” she said. “Because I was an illustrator, I didn’t want students to come in, draw their designs for two hours and then tell me it didn’t look right or wasn’t good enough, which might keep them from painting. So, I give students a handout of a design they can trace onto watercolor paper and then paint. I want them to be painting and not judging how it should look.”

Just peachy

Born in Georgia, Germain Hatcher spent her childhood in Pacific Grove but returned to the Peach State long enough to spend a couple of years playing the flute in a school marching band as an alternative to gym class. Once back in California, this talent earned her the opportunity to

march in the Electric Light Parade at Disneyland.

By her senior year of high school, Hatcher had turned her attention to art and, after graduating from P.G. High, she went to Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles and earned a degree in fine art.

“While I focused primarily on painting at Otis, after graduation I didn’t give myself permission to pursue painting for a long time. I’m a huge reader, so I went to work for Bookworks in Pacific Grove and loved being around books and authors,” she said.

“I also worked at Richard MacDonald’s sculpture studio and eventually became a muralist for the county. When I turned 48, I had it in my head that it was time to retire

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the store was going to close and she was going to retire,” Patterson said. “I thought that just couldn’t happen. So I went home and talked to my family. I had never worked a day of retail in my life, but I took

a chance and bought it. Now the store has been here 30 years.”

Patterson credits the unusually strong “community of crafters” in the local area for their support of all of the fiber

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Jaki Canterbury’s shop, Slow Fiber, is also a classroom where local crafters meet and learn.

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said, adding that the process feels “slower and intentional.”

For millennia, men and women have given and gotten markings for tribal identity, ornamentation and religious expression. However, in the 20th century in the United States, body art was a man’s province and usually signified time in the military, prison, or a gang.

Not just a guy thing

Nowadays, it’s much easier to find women like Pep’r Hampton, who owns a studio in Sand City. She said she was fascinated by photos of people giving and getting tattoos in Thrasher, a magazine for skateboarders, but it was a daunting notion at first.

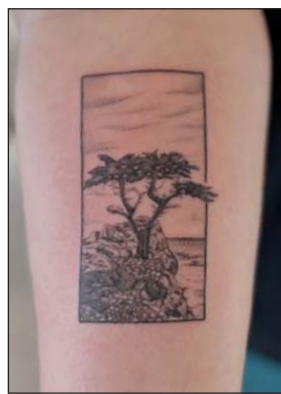
“Have you ever walked into a tattoo shop?” she asked.

Describing the scene when she entered it five years ago — and as it still exists in many places — Hampton

called it “a macho job,” and said “women were not very welcome.” But, she noted, things are evolving.

“There used to be a stigma. It’s different, more accepted now than before.” Hampton’s website (peprink.com) suggests a peaceful experience, and her gallery includes beautifully detailed representations of flowers, underwater scenes and fantastic imagery that evoke myth and legend.

Twigg chose her location — with light streaming in through large windows — with her partner and mentor, Chago Garcia.



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Pep’r Hampton practices her work on “fake skin” to achieve fine detail, as seen in this cypress tree.

She met him in a tattoo shop in Colorado where she had a job at the front counter. Her first experience working in the business was “like a puzzle piece. It felt just right. These were my kind of people.” After Twigg asked Garcia to teach her to give tattoos — she’d been drawing since she could hold a pencil — they ended up going on the road for six months, visiting 13 states and working as guest artists in shops along the way, followed by a longer stint in Washington state.

She said, “It was a unique apprenticeship. I got to see lots of different shops, cultures, customers — and learn what not to do.” Eventually, they came to Monterey and found the sunny second-floor spot where she and Garcia could “create a safe place for clients.”

They signed a lease March 2, 2020, then weathered whack-a-mole openings and closings of the Covid-19 pandemic until things took off in 2021.

Twigg said they appreciated the tremendous local support they’ve received, and they have given back by donating to multiple nonprofits and developing close ties to the LGBTQ+ community.

Her travels had exposed her — like Hampton — to some “less than welcoming” situations, especially for women, something she cares deeply about avoiding for her clients. “You’re so vulnerable when you’re getting

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Carole was raised in Memphis, TN, in a large family with four siblings before she attended the University of Oklahoma. At the university, she met her future husband, Ben Heinrich, and they later moved to Carmel with their son, Grant, in 1976. Here she worked as a stockbroker and subsequently as a mortgage broker, and in 1987, she achieved the designation Certified Financial Planner®, and built an extensive clientele with her easy-going manner and professional attitude.

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS

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businesses. “We are so lucky to have three stores here that are locally owned and women-owned, it’s really remarkable. In many places, they’ve all gone out of business.”

Close-knit community

Slow Fiber is the newest addition, opening in 2020 just five days before the pandemic shutdowns. Canterbury, a conceptual artist who works in textiles, was initially worried that Covid-19 would end her vision of having a store focused on minimizing the waste so prevalent in the garment and fabric industry. Instead, her business thrived.

“Everyone was at home and wanting to be creative, and also wanting to be sustainable,” Canterbury said. “I was running a mending bar for people who wanted to make clothing repairs. We were meeting on Zoom. Then, we were custom-making and selling cloth Covid masks. I realized then, it wasn’t just about fixing things, it was about making connections and forming a community.”

Today, Slow Fiber is busy, helping people make and mend their own clothes as well as providing resources for textile artists and others crafting with fiber. Her boutique carries a wide array of new fabric left over from manufacturing, as well as donated, pre-owned and recycled fabrics and a full array of sewing notions, from buttons, to all types of thread, to sewing machine needles.

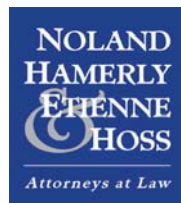
“I want to be a place to meet people’s needs and help them with advice,” Canterbury said. “You have holes in your cashmere sweater? Here’s how you fix it. You want to make a shirt? Here’s what you need to get started.”

Canterbury has a classroom in the back of the store where she holds workshops



Monarch Knitting’s Ann Patterson with Bash (top), the store’s manager Koryn Stone (above).

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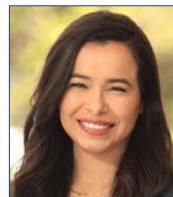
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Masha Cavazos of Boxing Strong and Valerie Valdez of Strength Monterey have pushed, pulled and punched their way to make space in Monterey and in the industry at large.

“In a male-dominated field, there’s a lot of typecasting,” said Valdez, whose science-backed approach to weightlifting is informed by her background in physical therapy.

“Everybody is meant to carry lean muscle mass — it helps you perform in life better and it mitigates chronic diseases and fall risks,” she explained. “But I’ve seen that most people, especially women, are more intimidated by strength training than any other workout.”

Born in Russia, Cavazos credits her parents with introducing her to athletics at an early age. Ball sports weren’t her thing and other activities “got easy,” until boxing came along.

“I fell so in love with boxing — personally, psychologically, physically. The benefits are immeasurable,” said Cavazos, a USA Boxing Silver Level Coach.

Challenging journeys

“I have 70-year-old women who have done Pilates forever come to me and say, ‘I need to do something new, but I don’t want to get hit.’ There’s so much emotional stigma with boxing,” she emphasized. “You don’t go into soccer thinking, ‘I’m going to sprain my ankle.’ Everybody seems to think they’re going to end up with a broken nose if they box. But there’s so much more to the sport than sparring.”

The two intrepid trainers share a mentor — exercise and nutrition specialist Jolie Kobrinsky, owner of PRIME Fitness in Monterey — whom Valdez and Cavazos say inspired them to open their own spaces.

Strength Monterey (strengthmonterey.com) celebrates



Masha Cavazos (left) of Boxing Strong and Valerie Valdez of Strength Monterey emphasize the mind-body benefits of being strong.

its fifth anniversary in June, in a bright, airy location on Munras Avenue between Abrego and Fremont. Valdez moved in two years ago, when she was about to lose her lease at her previous gym. She had three months to make the new space work, she said.

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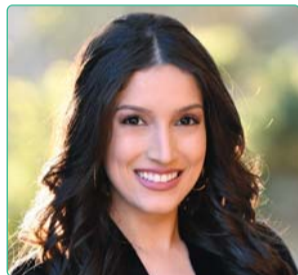
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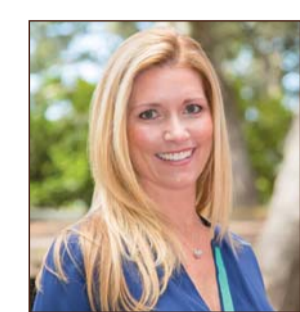
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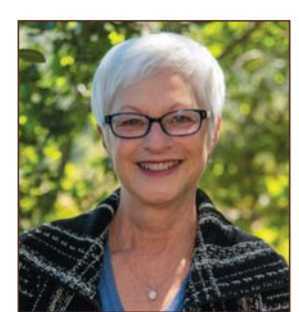
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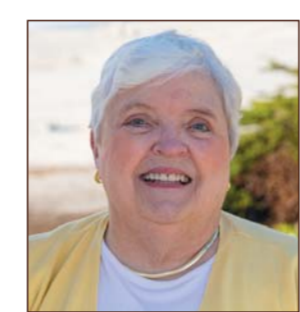
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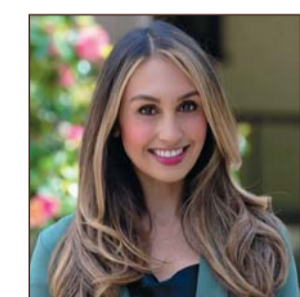
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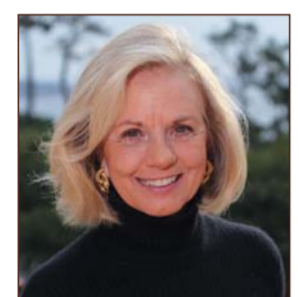
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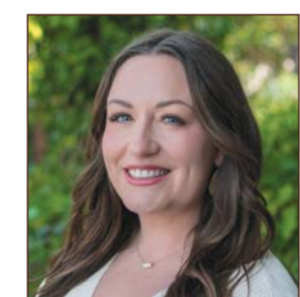
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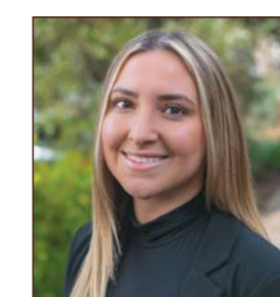
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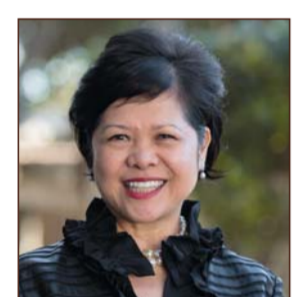
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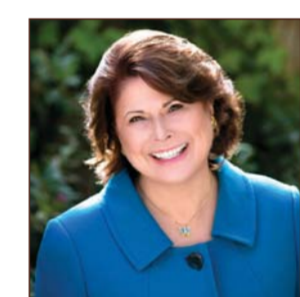
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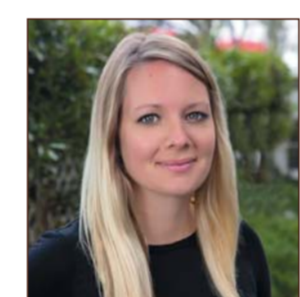
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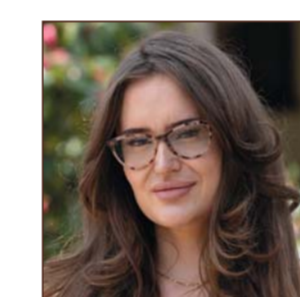
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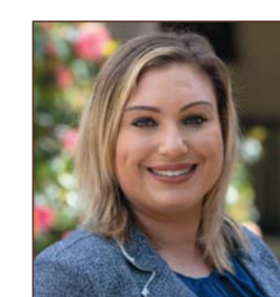
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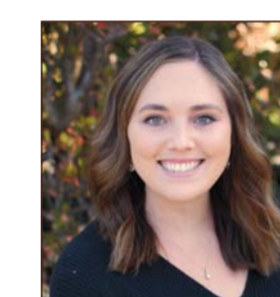
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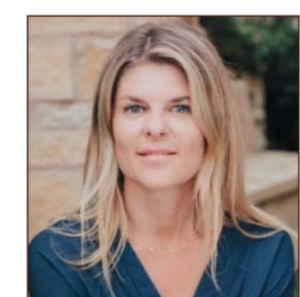
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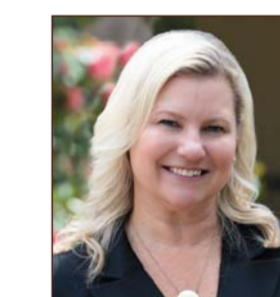
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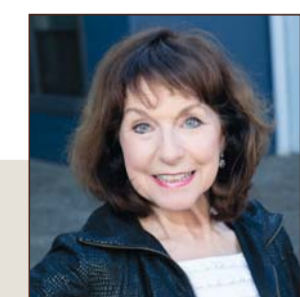
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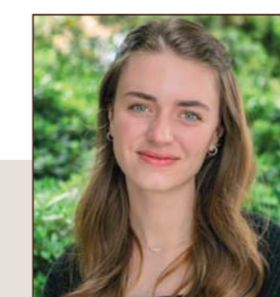
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on projects ranging from scarf- and trouser-making to cloth collage. A popular class focuses on making small handbags and phone cases. She leads an annual summer camp in San Juan Bautista, where several dozen people gather to make garments and share ideas.

Monarch Knitting and Back Porch Fabrics also hold an array of in-store classes, where students of all ages gather around the equivalent of a dining room table and work together. Workshops are held monthly and include beginning crochet and quilting as well as more advanced techniques, such as applique quilting or elaborate Fair Isle pattern knitting. Classes sell out almost as soon as they are listed online.

All three shop owners report a resurgence of interest in fiber crafts among

young people. Canterbury said, "They are not making much money these days, so they are economizing. And they want it to be visible and tangible when they wear something, that 'I made this.'"

Molly Maul, 24, works at Monarch Knitting and proudly wears her own sweaters. "Sewing, knitting, crocheting are all really big. It's all over social media," she said. "It's a lot of young people. They want to create with their hands. It slows them down. And you can't look at your phone when you are knitting."

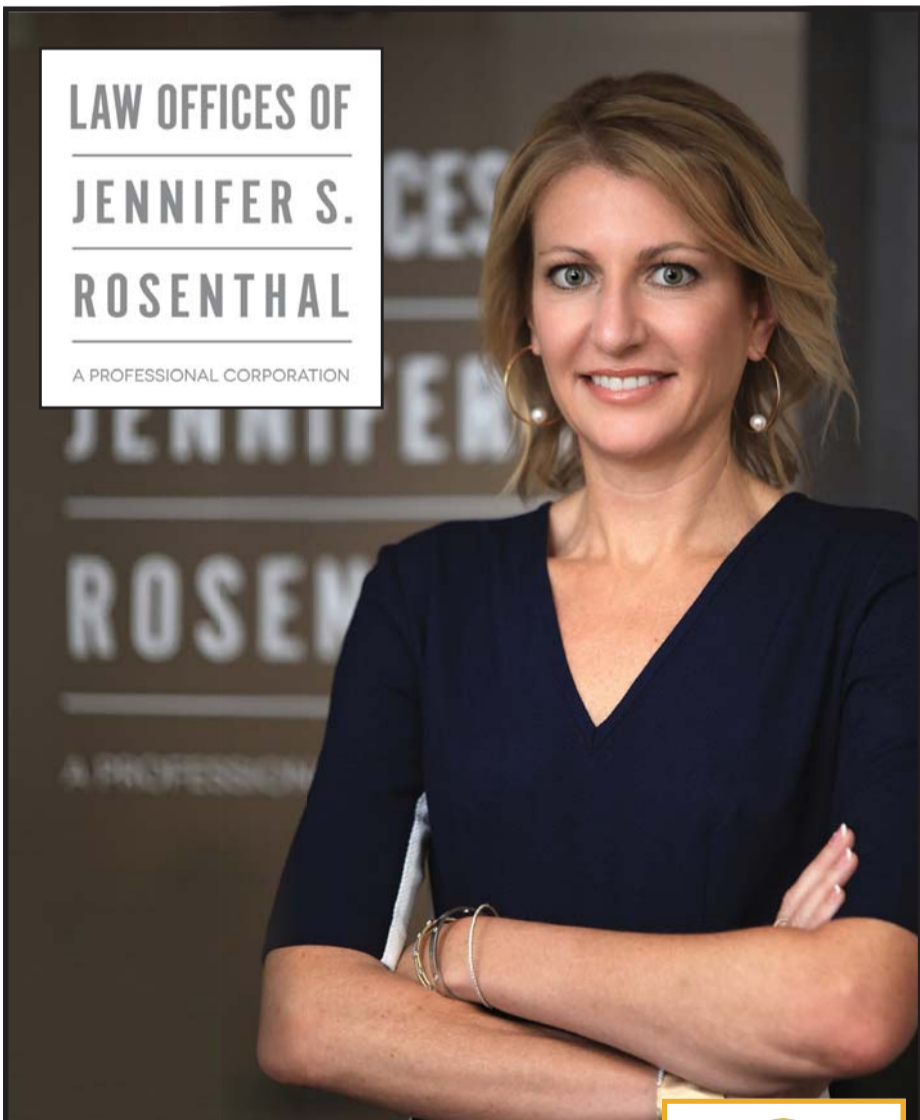
Collaboration

The owners often collaborate and frequently refer customers to each other's businesses for help or supplies. Each has their own niche and clientele.

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Quilts are art you can wrap yourself in on a foggy night. The ones on display at Back Porch Fabrics (left) are made by Claudia Sammis (right) and her staff, often with repurposed fabric leftovers.



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located just around the corner from the brunch bustle at Stationaery. “Visitors and neighbors drop in, not just to shop but to see what we’re working on,” said Rodrigue.

Through floor-to-ceiling windows, past hanging vines and a display of handbags made in furoshiki — cloth folded origami-style into various useful shapes, handcrafted by Musubi Furoshiki of Kyoto, Japan — you can glimpse Shironishi’s sewing station and a large workbench where Rodrigue upholsters cushions and other commissions for clients near and far.

And what about all that Yohji? Fifteen years into her own venture, Shironishi is finally ready to share — and sell — her stash. You can peek at her collection on Instagram, @msyohjiarchives. “There’s a

lot of remote engagement!” she said, referring to international fashion heads who have contacted her to purchase a piece (or ten).

Shironishi sells a large selection of Yohji garments and accessories at Bee, Bark & Moss alongside leatherwork by Ezra Arthur, jewelry by Matthew Swope and work by several artisans who, Shironishi said, left the fashion world to make something of their own.

Another little alley

So colorful is every square foot of Beata Vavrova’s shop, Bea’s Studio, on San Carlos between Seventh and Ocean, that the space itself appears luminous.

The space is half storefront, half studio, which means Vavrova is never far from

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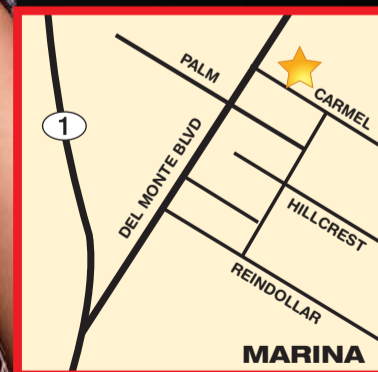


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Hauville moved to San Francisco, where she worked for a few more years. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, she moved down the coast to live on Country Flat Farm in Big Sur. That's where she met her neighbor, farmer Charlie Cascio, who is also a cheesemaker and taught Hauville his craft, then invited her to take over his former job at Carmel Valley Ranch as its cheesemaker.

"After two years, I wanted to do my own thing and also make it more accessible to everybody," said Hauville. "Once I saw Rosie's, I knew. It was so charming and perfect, I just knew it was the right place."

Fresh lemons

Formerly a post office, the small structure at 1 Esquiline Road in Carmel Valley has been known as a meeting spot for locals since it was taken over in 1939 by William Irwin "Rosie" Henry and became Rosie's Cracker Barrel. Rosie's not only provided necessary items and food but created a cultural and social center for the area. Hauville wanted to have a similar space and add some of her own style and specialty with significant French flair. The Carmel Valley Creamery is a family-friendly place for locals to come together, get a coffee, buy locally prepared food, and, most of all, enjoy freshly made cheese. For some families, the creamery is near where students are dropped off by the school bus, making it a convenient place to stop and chat over a latte or cappuccino.

Sunny Bakery Cafe and Carmel Valley Creamery pride themselves on shopping and selling local. Whether it's Bejar using bags of Meyer lemons a neighbor brought in to make her delicious lemon pound cake, or Hauville using Alta Roasting Co. coffee from Santa Cruz, Woven Herbs tea from Big Sur and Ad Astra Bread Co. pastries, they support other small businesses.



CHEESE cont. page 22W

Sophie Hauville took a circuitous route from France to making cheese in Carmel Valley. She's also keenly aware her shop's history as a gathering place.

Women in Business



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tattooed. All those exposed body parts,” she observed.

McWilliams got her first tattoo at 20, but recommends her clients wait until they’re 25 and have a better handle on life. The Pacific Grove native has been an artist for 15 years and has worked in skincare, jewelry design and more. She began doing handpoke tattoos in 2022 and opened the studio the following year.

It reminds her of being a bartender or hairstylist — people who become surrogate therapists. And, she said, each encounter “heals a bit of myself.”

Hampton also affirmed the value of connection. “It’s almost like therapy. Each appointment, you’re getting to know people.”

Think it through

Since tattoos are more or less permanent, these artists want you to take the decision seriously. They can’t legally work on anyone under 18, even with parental consent, nor can they tattoo anyone who seems intoxicated.

Hampton said she didn’t want to do couples’ tats. “What if they broke up two weeks after?” she mused.

“It’s become more common lately to alter and correct” things like that. “Normally I put a flower, like a hibiscus, over a name,” she said.

Twigg has some guardrails, too. She strongly resists facial, neck and whole-hand designs on younger clients because it can limit their career prospects.

She’ll usually try to talk them out of it three times before either refusing or, sometimes, relenting to ensure it’s done tastefully and safely, “instead of them just getting it on the street.”

All the women said they wouldn’t do anything like a swastika, nor would they



Iris McWilliams at Song Dog studios (top) and a tattoo by Ellen Walker, a resident artist there.

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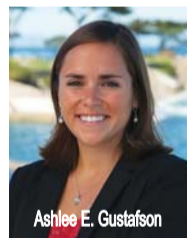
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Hauville said the most difficult part of cheesemaking is patience, a virtue both owners cited as a necessity in starting their own businesses. And, although bringing their dreams to reality took a lot of time and work, Bejar and Hauville are extremely grateful for everyone who has helped them.

Sharing techniques

They also agreed that one of the most important aspects of food service is its history. Sharing ideas, techniques and hints about ingredients has helped generations pass down so much tradition through food.

"I've always been very passionate about training people, teaching people and



Carmel Valley Creamery is a showcase for local gifts, and a place to have coffee and watch cheesemakers at work.



JESSICA ANSBERRY

is a visual artist specializing in acrylic and watercolor painting, hand lettering, illustrating and murals. She is the Owner of Progress not Perfection Paint Parties. Jess loves to create art everyday, collaborate and help inspire individuals to find and follow their own creative journey. Find Jessica teaching Art and Design at Notre Dame High School, teaching art at Madonna Del Sasso School, painting at various local venues or holding Virtual Painting Events locally and internationally.

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sharing what I know," said Bejar.

Similarly, Hauville implemented the idea of sharing the process into the creamery, which has large windows where guests can watch while she and her apprentice, Alexis Sabolsice, make cheese.

When customers see their food being prepared, it not only assures its quality but creates an even more hospitable environment and a connection to the people who make it.

Bejar and Hauville greatly value the feeling that their businesses are meeting places for local families, old friends, and all those who come through their doors.

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copy other artists' work. They don't ink tribal or indigenous symbols on people who aren't part of those groups, because they believe it's disrespectful.

Artists often have a selection of pre-sketches "flash" images that they'll apply for a set fee, while custom designs usually cost more. They help clients select colors that work with their skin tone and apply the artwork safely, working with varying skin thicknesses and textures in a sanitary environment.

Deciding where a tattoo should go is

another issue. Working on some spots is more painful because the skin is thinner, or there's less fat or more nerve endings. Numbing agents, like Bactine, can be used to mitigate discomfort.

Depending on the extent of the work, it could be done in minutes or may require multiple visits and upwards of 75 hours.

Whether it's for fun or to make something ugly, beautiful, marking something into someone's skin is highly personal. "It's not about me. It's about the people who come here and their experiences. I have an overwhelming feeling of gratitude every single day," said McWilliams.



Handpoke tattoo done by Ellen Walker (right) and other practitioners is an ancient art form.



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her creative arsenal. That includes acrylic paints, soap-making supplies and blank rubber stamps that she carves by hand — recently, into some adorable renderings of local marine life, stamped in shades of blue and pink on sturdy tote bags.

It's a sweet set-up for a working artist, but there's more than convenience to this mixed-use space.

She said when she has doubts, or, as she put it, "Whenever I feel like 'What did I do?!'" someone always comes into the studio and says, "Thank you for moving in here, this is what Carmel is all about."

The self-described "color seeker" has pursued her palette halfway across the world. Encouraged by a creative home life

— her mother was a seamstress, her sister, a painter — Vavrova studied animation and graphic design as a teenager in Bratislava, Slovakia.

"I'm surprisingly pragmatic!" laughed Vavrova, describing her pivot to business school, where she studied marketing and communications. She found another way to sustain color in her life, which was to secure J-1 visas every summer between semesters in order to travel to the United States. The exchange visitor program, sponsored by her school, brought her to Glacier National Park in Montana.

Vavrova didn't mind the seasonal gig — she vividly remembers "washing sheets for five different hotels" — because she could spend all her free time outdoors, as did her future husband, whom she met there.

It had been over a decade since she picked up a brush or pen when, five years ago, Vavrova returned to painting and printmaking through simple, playful experiments.

She began visualizing what would become Bea's Studio a little over a year ago, by then living in Pacific Grove with her husband and son. She scouted local talent at farmers and artisans markets around the Peninsula, collecting names by the dozen.

Prioritizing her community, she felt, would "manifest" a space to showcase the artisans she found. Sure enough, the right one came along in a quiet courtyard a few blocks from Carmel Plaza.

Of the art and lifestyle goods available at Bea's Studio, Vavrova's creative

peers share her obsession with the natural beauty and marine life of the Peninsula. Hanging alongside her abstract paintings are scenic giclée prints from oil painter Ethan Walsh, who co-owns P.G.'s Gallery Nila with his wife, Lauren, a florist. Illustrations by Andrea Dingeldein twine between Vavrova's exquisitely detailed paintings of starfish and other tidepool denizens. Dingeldein makes ceramics, too, nestled alongside candles, accessories and



Beata Vavrova owns Bea's Studio, where people can shop and learn to make soap.

Vavrova's hand-poured soaps. She hosted her first soap-making workshop at the studio just last week.

Visitors are always welcome to linger, chat with Bea while she works, and discover local artisans' work.

"It's not exclusive, but it's always community-based," Vavrova explained of her approach. "Everything you see here is made by California artists. The closer to home, the better."

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Nicole Gillott

Nicole Gillott is an inspiring woman entrepreneur whose journey reflects resilience, dedication, and a commitment to empowerment. After overcoming the challenges of an AVM (arteriovenous malformation), she underwent extensive rehabilitation before returning to the workforce. Her strength and determination led her to a significant role in Averitt Distributing; Strategy Development—serving as a Field Buyer and Sales leader, where she continually strives to push boundaries and drive success.

In addition to her corporate role, Averitt Distributing is the visionary founder of the Can't Stop. Won't Stop. Foundation, an organization dedicated to fostering self-compassion, promoting inclusive wellness, and offering peer support. Through her foundation, she works to create meaningful change and provide people with the tools they need to thrive, both personally and professionally.

Further showcasing her entrepreneurial spirit, Nicole is also the proud owner of The Woodcarver's Daughter, a business inspired by her father's beautiful old-growth carvings. The establishment not only highlights the intricate work of various talented artists but also serves as a hub for creativity, with proceeds going toward supporting the foundation's initiatives.

Through her personal journey and entrepreneurial pursuits, Nicole Gillott exemplifies the power of resilience, compassion, and creative innovation, making a lasting impact on her community and beyond.

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from jobs and pursue art."

What happened next was as unexpected as any of Hatcher's previous pursuits. She was working on a commission and needed a tube of orange watercolor paint. She called Aaron Brothers, Michael's, and Beverly's, yet none had orange paint. So, she drove to Santa Cruz, where she found an art supply store that had the paint and a whole lot of other supplies she thought she might need. An idea began to develop on the drive home.

Hatcher called an art supplies distributor and asked how much it would cost to merchandise and open an art supply store. He told her to call back when she'd found a space. Two weeks later, she opened Imagine Art Supplies in Pacific Grove.

"No, I don't think I ever imagined or wanted to open an art supply store, but I knew we needed one," she said. As a

woman of color, she found one other thing auspicious.

"I signed the lease on June 19, 2015 — Juneteenth — which was very important to me. Having spent some of my growing-up years in the South, my understanding of and perspective on American history is a little different. This was the day the slaves found out they'd been freed."

In February 2023, Hatcher presented her mixed-media art installation, "Beyond Bullwhip Days," through Monterey History & Art at Stanton Maritime Museum. The exhibit, a history of slavery based on James Mellon's book "Bullwhip Days" (1988), presented 23 portraits she artistically recreated of people who had shared their experiences of being enslaved.

"When you have conviction about something, you know how to do it," Hatcher said. "When you are an artist and

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you don't know how to do something, you want to learn. 'Bullwhip Days' stuck with me, so I wanted to do something, to make paintings from the book. My portrait work wasn't good enough, and I hadn't done anything artistically with people of color like me. So, I began with collage work and introduced charcoal, followed by transcripts of what these people said. Then I was ready to paint."

Humble and grateful

Over in Pacific Grove, stained glass artist Jenn Hallock was once called "the one to watch" by a local publication. Decades later, she's still a little amazed, very humbled and deeply grateful for the journey that has enabled her to live the life of an artist in the Last Hometown, where modest bungalows, landmark Victorians and historic sanctuaries receive light off the bay through colored glass.

Hallock grew up there, and, for many years, taught art to kids at Forest Grove Elementary and always imagined she'd have a shop. But she wasn't sure what she'd sell.

After taking a class at Monterey Cypress Stained Glass and apprenticing for years with renowned Carmel Valley glass artist Alan Masaoka, ultimately becoming his lead fabricator, Hallock opened her own studio in the Last Hometown.

"I finally started pushing myself and my own business as an individual artist, honoring my experiences in working with Alan but also forging my own path," she said. "I worked mostly out of my garage and did a lot of local art shows, getting brave."

She felt ready to establish Pacific Grove Glass Art, where she creates functional fused art glass as well as custom stained glass and glass earrings, and does repairs. In the true spirit of paying it forward, she teach classes there, as well.

She said, "It's so important to give artists, especially younger artists, a place to learn and a space to show their work, to connect with the community. I wanted to make it a space for everyone, and I now have 25 artists."

That includes her daughter, Ryann Horning, who

started her own art glass business during the pandemic, and Ryann's grandmother, artist Cindy Horning.

"Typically, we're not business people, we're artists," Hallock said. "We want to make people happy with what we do. So, I lean into my clients' aesthetic and, together,

we create a shared vision. I don't leave too much to chance except when exploring my own visions, releasing my creativity without imposed boundaries. Those are the moments when I allow everything inside of me to come out, from my heart and soul."

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courier for Founders Title Company, where she remained for 30 years, working her way up to become the Carmel office manager.

She said she was surprised to find that initially, other women didn't welcome her.

"I was pretty, smart and nice," she said. "But I was naïve. Women were so mean. I didn't have women who wanted me to succeed," she said.

When Steiny became a mom, she arranged to telecommute part time, a novel idea back then.

"We have computers. I'm

self-motivated. If our income suffers, I'll come back in," she told her boss, radically changing working opportunities for those who would follow her.

Since then, she's mentored a lot of other people, mainly women. "They don't appreciate or know what women like us went through," she said of the younger generation. She believes that's partly because people like her have changed workplace expectations and worked hard to bring others along on their own roads to success.

Better together

Once Steiny got her diagnosis, however, the already stressful title company

job seemed downright daunting.

"Why don't you come work with me?" Doug asked.

She demurred at first, she said, because they had different working styles and she wasn't sure the combination would work. She said she just woke up one day and, "it felt like the right thing. I was at peace."

Their workstyles didn't conflict. They were complementary — like "a yin and yang, you know your strengths and weaknesses," she said of their arrangement.

"The weirdest thing started to happen," she said. "Doug was always a good realtor, a top producer. But all of a sudden, things just fell into place." His sales soared and his local production ranking climbed from the Top 20 — not too shabby — to a consistent Top 10 on the Peninsula, then No. 1 at Sotheby's, where it's stayed for the last five years.

Steiny places a high value on spirituality and faith and believes their success was a sign that their work partnership was meant to be.

Visionary

Steiny is one of 12 candidates for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Northern California's Visionary of the Year. Said LLS Monterey Bay campaign development manager Toulia Hubbard, "It's a friendly competition that started in San Francisco to raise funds" for the group. Steiny is one of nine Monterey County participants, and her goal is to raise \$150,000.

"LLS is part of why Lisa's alive. About 33 percent of individuals diagnosed with blood cancer," of which lymphoma is one form, "won't last past five years." Hubbard said, adding that it's the No. 1 cancer in children and adolescents.

Steiny said that if her illness recurs, she knows there are still options. "It's just hope. That's all anyone wants." She also said the research meant that she could shepherd her daughter, who was 9 when



Lisa Steiny's long career in real estate began with a job as a courier for a title company.


she was diagnosed, into adulthood.

To help with her fundraising efforts, go to pages.lls.org/voy/mry/mont25/lsteiny.


More than anything, Steiny comes across as grateful. She emphasizes the positive — she lives in a place she loves, her two children have become adults, and she's in a successful business with work she enjoys and a man she clearly loves. "We joke a lot," she said. She takes nothing for granted and, though fundraising isn't something Steiny imagined doing, as Hubbard said, "being of service is in her comfort zone, as it is for all our candidates."

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friends.

Across town, Cavazos has come a long way from teaching at local beaches and empty parking lots during Covid. She graduated to paying by the class for a spot inside First City Crossfit on Garden Road in Monterey, and Boxing Strong (boxing-strong.com) is now a long-term tenant at that location. If Cavazos and her team aren't there, they may be teaching at one of the gyms belonging to Monterey, Pacific Grove, or North Monterey County Unified School Districts, where Cavazos got Boxing Strong classes credentialed as P.E. units.

Bridging a gap

You've probably heard that successful entrepreneurs don't have good ideas; they identify problems, then solve them.

Valdez spent years searching for a solution to what she saw as physical therapy patients' biggest problem — the gap between short-term rehab and long-term recovery. The Los Angeles native studied kinesiology and exercise science at CSUMB, where she put in hours at doctors' offices and gyms around the Peninsula. Already the first member of her immediate family to attend college, she graduated in 2016 and was accepted to Duke University's prestigious doctor of physical therapy program. Then she hit a wall.

"At Duke, I became so frustrated, because physical therapy is heavily restricted by insurance. Your prescription is to rehabilitate one part of the body. Once you're finished working on it, you're done."

She noticed many clients departed their

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Masha Cavazos (left) got into boxing because she enjoyed the mental and physical challenge.



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physical therapists' offices lacking confidence to return to the gym, or even resume their favorite activities.

Valdez departed Duke after one year to resume work as a personal trainer, with a special focus on post-rehab clients.

"I wanted to create a facility that bridged the gap between physical therapy and long-term fitness," said Valdez, who has experience working with individuals suffering chronic and degenerative conditions.

"My team has a significant background in exercise physiology, which is essential when we're working with clients who struggle with chronic injuries and diseases like Parkinson's," she said.

She wasn't surprised when other fitness

professionals gravitated to her mission. Her staff includes six trainers — mainly CSUMB alums — all certified personal trainers who have trained under licensed physical therapists. Valdez said they shared her frustration with the short-sightedness of many insurance providers and the impact on patients.

Working at Strength Monterey, which offers private training in addition to group classes, gave them a chance to break that cycle.

Cavazos' problem hit closer to home. According to her, "I couldn't just take any cool, unpaid internship, because I had my first son during my second year of college," while attending business school in the Netherlands. The internship that paid the most happened to be in Los Angeles.

She continued her education at USC's Marshall School of Business where, like Valdez, she balanced her coursework with a busy athletics schedule, boxing her way to win the 2017 National Collegiate Boxing Association West Coast Championship (139-pound fight class).

Around the time of her last fight, she was thrilled to receive an offer from Peninsula-based Nordic Naturals. That's when she found her problem: there wasn't a single boxing gym in Monterey.

"I started going to Gold's Gym and hitting the bag. Almost immediately, people started approaching me asking, 'Can you train me?'" That was around 2018, and Cavazos has since established a permanent space and a four-coach staff — plus her oldest son, who in January brought wrestling to Boxing Strong's roster of classes.

"I would love to see it be a family thing," said Cavazos, who commutes from Hollister, where she lives with her two toddlers.

Creating a movement

Both Valdez and Cavazos say their greatest challenge became their proudest achievement — building a new kind of gym culture.

"The culture we've built at Strength Monterey is what I'm most proud of," said Valdez, "Especially among the trainers," who are helping Valdez grow an all-ages community of stronger, more confident exercisers.

Between personal training sessions, Valdez's team runs daily group classes capped at four to eight participants, open to all levels for a little less than \$25 per session, with various packages available. Group classes focus on "big moves" that use multiple muscle groups, like weighted squats, deadlifts and presses, in addition to cardio and bodyweight circuits. The classes run in four-week cycles, so clients have a whole month to focus on increasing the weight they use. This strength-building method is called "progressive overload." Valdez said it allows trainers to meet clients where they are, letting personal progress be the motivator.

"Sometimes, I don't even know how I did it!" Cavazos laughed. "I don't really advertise, so it's all word of mouth." She runs everything, from Boxing Strong's social media accounts, to coordinating with insurance providers to get seniors and special-needs populations into the gym. She hopes more school districts will follow Monterey and P.G.'s example in approving her boxing P.E. unit and is preparing for summer, when her business will host three sessions of youth summer camp.

"We are creating a movement," said Cavazos of her team at Boxing Strong, which supports a growing roster of activities in addition to regular programming, "boxing in its rarest form."

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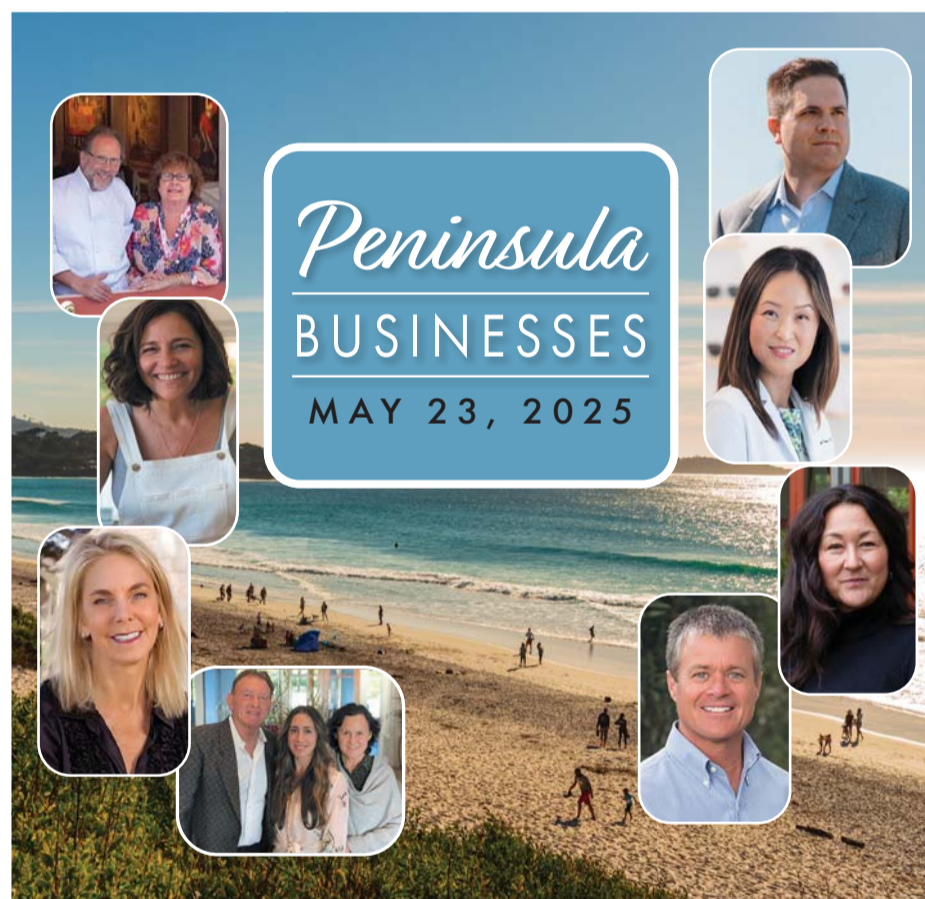
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At Monarch Knitting, there's a huge selection of hand-dyed, all-natural fiber yarns — think merino wool and mohair, cotton and cashmere — from small, women-owned businesses with top reputations among knitters. Monarch Knitting carries its own line of yarn, too, with locally inspired colors including Lover's Point, a mix of tan and aqua, Blue Whale blue and Coastguard Pier gray.

Back Porch Fabrics carries high-end quilting cotton in hundreds of colors and patterns, with a "vibe" focused on ocean-themed prints, monarch butterflies, and red, white and blue patterns in honor of the local military community.

It's a thing

The fiber stores also are favorites with visitors. "For crafters, it's a thing when you are in a community to visit their store," said Patterson, who carries kits to knit an array of marine animals and has a mailing list of more than 10,000 people, many of whom stopped in while on vacation and now order from the shop online.

During a recent five-week series of workshops at Asilomar, which drew artists and quilters from around the world, a shuttle ran attendees to and from the knitting and quilting stores each evening. Back Porch Fabrics was packed with customers lining up to buy one-of-a-kind patterns and prints, fabric by designers they couldn't find anywhere else.

In all three stores, walls are turned into gallery spaces



Not just patchwork designs: Quilts made by Back Porch Fabrics staff show off a wide range of subjects and styles.

to showcase the work of employees or local artists. And all of the owners are practitioners themselves. Patterson regularly knits and shares her ideas in a newsletter. Sammis' tidepool quilt hangs among the others in her staff show. And Canterbury has her own fiber art statement pieces hung in the shop, along with garments designed by local

crafters.

"We want to show that everyone can be creative," said Canterbury, a former school art teacher. "Creativity is a muscle and you just have to exercise it. It's in our genetic makeup. There is a saying, 'Give a kid of sewing machine, and then get out of the way.'"


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EDI MATSUMOTO GALLERY & WEARABLE ART BOUTIQUE



Step into the enchanting and artistic world of Edi Matsumoto on Mission St. in Carmel. After three decades in healthcare, Edi embraced her passion as an artist and designer. She invites you to her Carmel gallery and boutique, a kaleidoscope of her award-winning paintings and colorful and elegant wearable art. Her paintings have earned acclaim internationally. Experience the world of adorable and whimsical sea otters reimagined in masterpiece paintings, as beloved celebrities, and iconic movie characters. They are sure to bring a smile to your face!

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JILL ALLEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DOROTHY'S PLACE



Twenty years ago, I came to Monterey County to live among beautiful planted fields, a gorgeous coastline, and warm, wonderful friends that cherish the bounty here. I also came to make a difference in how the less fortunate live here. Dorothy's Place is where I choose to make a difference, and every day, I join 40 team members and lots of volunteers as we nurture nearly 1,500 people yearly that are without shelter. Their passion to serve fuels me daily!

Today, I envision a stronger Monterey County that can provide housing for all. My goal is for Dorothy's Place to be a part of that solution through interim and permanent supportive housing that meets the needs of our unsheltered neighbors.

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NICOLE CROMWELL GALLERY



Nicole Cromwell Gallery

Nicole Cromwell uniquely blends her talents as an artist and a nurse, tapping into the healing power of art. Drawing from her nursing background, she creates acrylic paintings that embody calm and rejuvenation, reflecting the natural world's grace and complexity. Her artwork is designed to bring tranquility, inspire creativity, and offer new perspectives, showcasing the impactful role of art in improving well-being. Whether through landscapes, seascapes, or abstract florals, Nicole aims to fill spaces with beauty, wonder, and positivity, offering comfort and joy to viewers. She's dedicated to making art that not only pleases but also supports and uplifts others.

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