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EXPERTS DEFEND FIRE BREAKS, BRUSH CLEARANCE

By CHRIS COUNTS

DESPITE CLAIMS at recent public hearings that clearing brush to create fire breaks and defensible spaces in Big Sur makes the danger worse, local fire officials say the opposite is true and that aggressive removal of fire-prone trees and shrubs is critically needed to protect rural communities from the next wildfire.

Mike Caplin, who lost his Palo Colorado home in the 2016 Soberanes Fire, said more vegetation, not less, needs



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Heavy equipment is used to reduce brush along Coast Ridge Road in Big Sur. Fire officials this week defended such projects.

to go. A board member of the Fire Safe Council of Monterey County, Caplin said there is simply too much fuel for the next blaze. He also pleaded for less red tape to do the work.

“Monterey County is hazardedously overgrown, in large part due to all the rules and regulations for cutting down trees,” he told The Pine Cone. “The county is even protecting dead trees. We live in the Soberanes Fire burn area. I can see trees that were killed by the fire that are still standing — they’re going to be fuel for the next fire. We are primed for a nightmare — all it’s going to take is a fire on a day with sustained winds.”

Critical buildup

The rules around removing vegetation for fire clearance need to be loosened, Caplin said. “We need to change rules and regulations to not only allow but encourage landowners to thin their fuels so we don’t end up with a catastrophic fire,” he said.

One of Caplin’s neighbors, Mid Coast Fire Chief Cheryl Goetz, said her community — where 57 homes burned in 2016 — faces just as critical a wildfire threat today as it did a decade ago. Despite massive efforts to clear brush, the Palo Colorado area continues to be overwhelmed by vegetation.

“It’s been eight years since the Soberanes Fire, and the fuels are worse now,” she said. “We had some work done by Cal Fire three years ago, but the vegetation has come back with more voracity — I’m really worried.”

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Rosen fails to get felony election fraud case tossed

By MARY SCHLEY

A FORMER Carmel Unified School District Board member who was arrested for election fraud just a few weeks before voting day last November — and subsequently lost — also foundered in her efforts to convince a judge to throw out the case against her. As a result, Carmel Valley resident Anne-Marie Rosen pleaded not guilty to four felonies in a Salinas courtroom in March and is set to appear in court again next month.

The Monterey County District Attorney’s Office filed charges against Rosen last fall after an investigation

revealed she lied about where she lives in order to qualify for the Nov. 5, 2024, ballot. According to the allegations, Rosen was a longtime resident of Middle Canyon Way on the north side of Carmel Valley Road, but changed her voter registration on June 26, 2024, to indicate she lived in another home she owns on East Garzas Road in a neighborhood south of Carmel Valley Road.

Reelection bid

The distinction was important because the school board, including Rosen, had voted to shift from at-large elections to district elections. To be able to run for another four-year term, Rosen would have to live in one of the three zones that were on the ballot.

“Rosen was running to represent the board in Trustee Area 5,” Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon explained at the time. “Previously, she represented she resided at an address in Trustee Area

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CPD tracks down, nabs man sought by FBI

By MARY SCHLEY

A 29-YEAR-OLD man sought by the FBI for narcotics trafficking was arrested in Carmel April 16 following a bit of savvy policework, Sgt. Gerald Maldonado said this week.



Jonathan Ureta

According to a “Wanted by the FBI” poster, Jonathan Ureta, along with Louis Escobar and Sergio Ureta-Castro, has been charged by the U.S. District Court in New Mexico “with drug-related crimes.” The poster asks anyone with information on the men to contact their nearest FBI office or American Embassy. Maldonado said Ureta has been on the run for a decade.

Last week, the FBI advised Carmel P.D. that he was in the city — how the

See **FBI** page 13A

Group wants Pastor approval overturned

By MARY SCHLEY

NEARLY A dozen residents, many of whom have vocally opposed it over the past six years, are asking the Carmel City Council to invalidate the planning commission’s unanimous approval of Patrice Pastor’s proposed mixed-use project on Dolores south of Seventh.

According to paperwork filed at city hall Wednesday, attorney Krista Ostoch, whose offices are on Via Nona Marie, is representing former councilman Mike Brown, electrician Mike Cate and restaurant owner Rich Pepe, along with Kristi Reimers, who lives to the rear of Pastor’s project.

Also listed as part of the effort to get approval overturned are Vinz Koller, Courtney Kramer, Cindy Lloyd, former city councilman Steve Hillyard and former planning commissioners Don Goodhue, Ian Martin and Julie

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CHOMP must limit spending, state says

■ Effort to control patients’ charges

By KELLY NIX

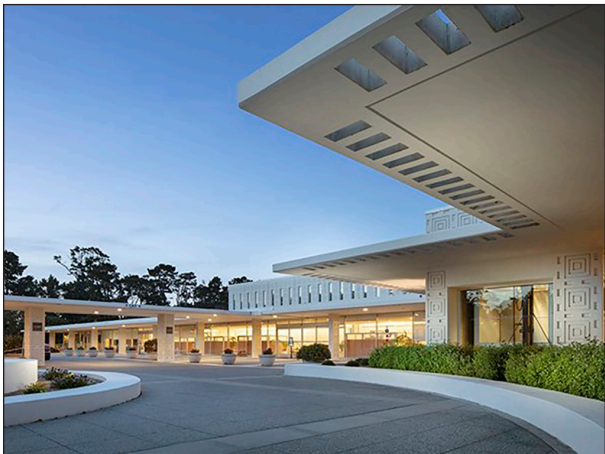
A STATE agency this week imposed rigid spending restrictions on seven California hospitals it says charge their patients too much for medical services, including Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley Health, both of which criticized the decision.

The two Monterey County hospitals and five others in the state that the Office of Health Care Affordability board says are “high cost” must restrict spending growth to 1.8 percent next year, the healthcare board decided Tuesday. In 2027, the companies’ spending growth will be limited to 1.7 percent, and in 2029 it decreases to 1.6 percent.

‘Rate of growth’

The move seeks to limit how much patients are charged by restricting how much hospitals spend.

“Limiting the rate of growth for these hospitals would



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Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (top) and Salinas Valley Health (above) will be under severe spending restrictions beginning next year, a state agency ordered.

bring the costs incurred by consumers for these hospitals more in line with the broader hospital sector, thereby reducing historical inequities between high-cost facilities and more efficient facilities,” the Office of Health Care Affordability explained in February.

High ‘profits’

The agency, created in 2022 by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, maintains that high healthcare prices “affect access and equity,” and it cites statistics indicating that “more than half of Californians report skipping care due to cost, and within this group nearly half say skipping care made their condition worse.” More than one-third of residents reported having medical debt in 2023, it said.

According to the Department of Health Care Access and Information, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and SVMH reported considerably higher profit

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Sandy Claws

Right at home

As she scampered outside Petco at the Crossroads shopping center, and later along the shoreline at Carmel Beach, it was hard to decide whether little Wendy was having the vacation of her life or living her best life in her own canine community. Either way, the 5-year-old Cavapoo, a pairing of Cavalier King Charles spaniel and Poodle, was in her comfort zone.

That she is a tripod, having lost her right leg at 5 months, was not slowing her down.

"A family brought in their puppy, who had a really bad leg fracture," said her person, an emergency veterinarian from Phoenix. "The surgery would be expensive and without promise, so it made the most sense to amputate her leg."

The family didn't want a three-legged dog, so they asked that she be euthanized.

"I absolutely couldn't have that for this perfectly healthy, adorable dog," her person said. "I'd always wanted this breed, so I asked the family if they would surrender her to me."

Just two days later, Wendy was running around on three legs with agility and joy.

"I named her Wendy because I'm a Disney freak," her person said. "I have a tortoise at home named Happy, from Snow White. Wendy is my best friend. We travel everywhere together."

This time, they came to Monterey, Carmel, and Big Sur.

Wendy's person came to the Peninsula with her fiancé and her pup because she'd heard so much about the 'phenomenon' of the Monterey Bay Aquarium and wanted to experience it for herself.

"This community clearly appreciates all animals," she said, "but I'd heard Carmel is the most dog-friend-

By Lisa Crawford Watson



ly city in the country. Other places like dogs, but this is next level. You have dog menus at restaurants, plus water bowls and treats in stores."

It seems a move from Phoenix is not out of the question.

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Valero contemplates joining oil exodus from California

By CAITLIN CONRAD

THE GOLDEN State could soon be down another oil refinery. Last week, Valero announced it will shutter its Benicia facility that turns petroleum into gasoline, diesel and other essential products. The move follows a pattern of oil giants moving operations out of California, citing increasing costs and regulations.

On Wednesday, Valero said it had submitted notice to the California Energy Commission of its intent to “idle, restructure, or cease operations” in the North Bay by the end of April 2026.

The announcement came six months after the Benicia refinery received a record \$82 million fine for exceeding toxic emission standards. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District issued the fine, and

several months later, the City of Benicia voted to give city officials the right to issue fines for safety and air quality violations as well.

The Valero refinery in Benicia is the sixth largest in the state and processes up

to 170,00 barrels of oil a day and accounts for 9 percent of the state’s refining capacity. The refinery is also one of the city’s largest employers, providing jobs to more than 400 people.

Shuttering the facility could disrupt the California fuel market and raise prices at the pump.

“We are in the process of addressing any anxiety that may be created or any market disruption that may be created by that announcement,” Gov. Gavin Newsom told reporters at a press conference the day after the news broke.

Price impacts

California drivers already pay the highest gasoline prices in the nation. According to AAA, the state average is \$4.82 per gallon, which is \$1.66 more than the national average. On the Monterey Peninsula, many gas stations are charging well above \$5 per gallon for regular.

Part of the reason for those high prices is the fact that California remains a gas island that relies on refineries within the state for supply. Some refined fuel is exported to Arizona and Nevada via pipeline, but unlike most other states, there are no gasoline pipelines for import into California.

Even if California could import gas easily, state law requires a special blend be sold here. It’s called CaRFG, which stands for California reformulated gasoline, and it is unique. There are 13 refineries in the state but

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The Valero refinery in Benicia, which will close next year, according to an announcement from the company.



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Police & Sheriff's Log

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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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Check fraud reported at San Carlos and Sixth.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted with an elderly woman suffering from Alzheimer's with a suspended driver's license.
Pacific Grove: Found dog on Maple Street.
Carmel Valley: Dead body on Cachagua Road.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found property at Ocean and Mission.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male trespassed

several times at a property at San Antonio and 13th and used the spa area, bathroom area, and shower area without authorization.
Pacific Grove: A driver's license was turned in to the police department and is being held for safekeeping.
Carmel Valley: Civil dispute on Cachagua Road. Incident documented.
Pacific Grove: Individual on Pacific Grove Lane was placed on a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].
Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a missing person on Aliso Road. Incident documented.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a suicidal subject on Ocean Avenue. Subject was not located.

See POLICE LOG page 4RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

March 5 — Jose Sanchez, 25, of Salinas, pled no contest to one count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one count of driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury. Sanchez also admitted enhancements for causing great bodily injury and having a blood alcohol level above .15 percent at the time of the crash.
On July 20, 2024, just after 1 pm, Sanchez was traveling southbound on Highway 101 through Salinas in a black Acura. Witnesses reported seeing Sanchez speeding and weaving in and out of traffic in a reckless manner. Victim Virginio Cortez was on the side of the road just south of the Laurel Drive overcrossing changing a tire on his granddaughter's vehicle. Due to his level of impairment Sanchez swerved out of traffic lanes onto the freeway shoulder, striking the victim. Cortez was pronounced dead at the scene. Sanchez

also struck and injured the victim's daughter, who had been attempting to alert oncoming traffic to the disabled vehicle.
Sanchez was contacted by California Highway Patrol officers after the collision and they observed that he appeared to be under the influence. A subsequent test of Sanchez's blood alcohol level found it to be .220 percent, over twice the legal limit.
Sanchez faces up to 11 years and 8 months in state prison.
The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office specialized DUI prosecution unit.
March 5 — Hugo Alvarez, 26, of Salinas, was sentenced to 4 years in prison by Judge Andrew G. Liu for being a felon in posses-

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Why CPD lobby interviews are bad

By MARY SCHLEY

AMONG THE many complaints about the deteriorating Carmel Police Station is that officers are forced to interview crime victims in the lobby, which is open to the public, because there's nowhere else to do it. While that can make for some uncomfortable and awkward moments, particularly when discussing highly personal information, one day last month, it became dangerous.

At around 2 p.m. March 19, Sgt. Jacob Clifford was interviewing a burglary victim in the front lobby when a man walked in to talk to an officer at the front window, according to CPD Sgt. Gerald Maldonado.

When the man, later identified as 81-year-old Carmel Valley resident Donald Enea, had a hard time hearing what the desk officer was saying to him, he told Clifford and the resident to leave.

"The male told Sgt. Clifford and the victim to go outside because he couldn't hear what the front desk was saying," Maldonado said, and then became "disruptive and argumentative."

Observing that Enea was angry and agitated, Clifford tried to get himself and the victim — a man who'd recently had his home broken into — out of the lobby, but Enea blocked them from leaving. "The man then shoved Sgt. Clifford," he said.

Police arrested Enea but subsequently released him without a citation and decided to forward the case against him to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

Other cases pending

So far, no new charges have been filed against Enea, who lives on Center Street in mid-valley, but new hearings are scheduled in three earlier criminal cases in which he is named, according to Monterey County

Superior Court records.

In 2021, Enea was charged with several felonies for incidents at a couple's Pebble Beach property in which he made terrorist threats, stalked them, and trespassed. The couple also filed a civil harassment case against Enea and requested a restraining order, which the judge granted.

"Donald Enea has repeatedly harassed and threatened me and my wife, trespassed onto our property, and impeded traffic in front of our property because we display a Black Lives Matter sign," the husband wrote in the request for a protective order. "He seems unstable, and I fear for the safety of my family."

They had never met Enea before he showed up in front of their Ronda Road house

as the husband was finishing a run through the neighborhood. "Donald Enea was in his car and saw me and stopped in front of my driveway and threatened to break my legs," he wrote. "I called 911 while he continued to insult me, calling me a 'disgrace' and other names, and telling me to take my Black Lives Matter sign down."

On probation

On two other occasions, Enea returned to the property, according to the petition. In one instance, he walked onto their lawn, ripped out the BLM sign and threw it into the woods.

In the criminal case stemming from those allegations, Enea eventually pleaded guilty to one count of misdemeanor threats, and the rest of the counts were dismissed. He received two years' probation and was told to stay away from the couple and their home.

In 2023, another civil harassment case was filed against Enea by a woman who

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TELECOM LAW FINALLY GETS COASTAL COMMISSION HEARING

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN 18 months after the Carmel City Council voted to adopt it, a revised law limiting the installation of cell towers in the city is set to be considered by the California Coastal Commission at its May meeting in Half Moon Bay.

The coastal commission’s staff is recommending approval of what the council proclaimed is “the strongest wireless ordinance possible to protect the special and unique characteristics of Carmel-by-the-Sea while remaining consistent with relevant state and federal telecommunication laws.”

That unanimous vote in September 2023 followed years of battles in city hall and in court over Verizon Wireless’ attempts to install cell towers in town. The telecom giant had accused the city of having outdated codes that don’t meet federal and state guidelines, and tens of thousands of tax dollars were spent on lawyers and city staff working to revise the law, which underwent several iterations.

Because the entire city falls within the coastal zone, the California Coastal Commission must sign off on any amendments to Carmel’s coastal zoning rules.

The basics

“The purpose of this chapter is to establish comprehensive requirements and development standards for the siting, design, construction, maintenance and modification of wireless facilities in Carmel-by-the-Sea, including on public and private property and in public rights of way, in order to manage their deployment and minimize adverse aesthetic impacts

to Carmel-by-the-Sea’s unique village character, consistent with and to the full extent of the city’s authority under federal and California law,” the revised ordinance states.

Generally, the law — an update of the original wireless ordinance adopted in 2004 — requires telecom companies to propose locations for their equipment “that

will be the least intrusive to community character and values,” and identifies the central and service commercial districts and the “community and cultural” district as the most compatible areas for such installations, followed by parks and theaters. All the residential districts are in the “least compatible” category.

It also calls for locating towers and equipment on public and private property rather than in the public right of way — especially in any that are “highly incompatible” areas such as streets in single-family-residential neighborhoods, near historic resources, and along Scenic Road.

‘Effective prohibition’

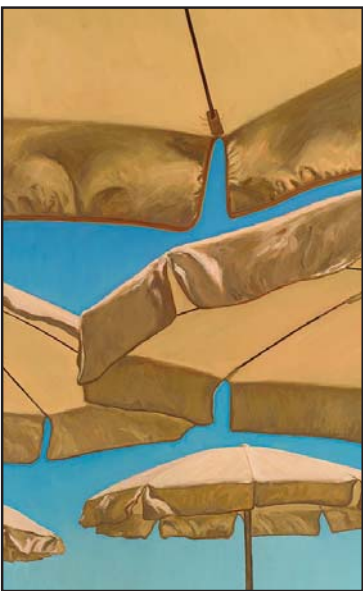
If a carrier wanted to install a tower near the beach, for instance, the company would have to show that denial or otherwise prohibiting it would result in “an effective prohibition on wireless service,” which would violate federal law.

To address aesthetics, the rules include limits on height and other dimensions, shrouding and “stealth” concealment, noise reduction, fire-risk mitigation, specific finishes, restrictions on lights, requirements for trees and landscaping, and security measures.

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Tree growing through deck can go

By MARY SCHLEY

GOING AGAINST city forester Justin Ono’s recommendation, the Carmel Forest and Beach Commission earlier this month narrowly voted to allow the owner of a home at Santa Fe and Fifth to cut down a large oak to make way for a remodel.

Decades ago, a deck was built around the oak — one of 14 trees on the 4,000-square-foot lot — and architect Adam Jeselnick sought permission to remove it, citing impacts on the foundation, walls and roof.

But at the April 10 meeting, Ono said he assessed the oak, which is considered “significant” because of its size and age, and found it to be “mature and in good health, while it is growing in less-than-ideal conditions within a deck.”

Allowing the removal of a significant tree that doesn’t constitute a public hazard to accommodate construction requires four findings, according to the municipal code, and Ono said none of them could be met.



PHOTO/ADAM JESELNICK

Commissioners said a homeowner could cut down this tree to improve and protect the house.

Generally, such a tree can only be taken out if there are no feasible options for building around it and failure to allow its removal would deprive the owner of reasonable economic use of her property.

“The applicant is worried about the impact to the house, though nothing was found when we were there,” he said. “It really is to accommodate the new construction.” Ono suggested Jeselnick could change the design to save the oak.

“With those findings and the tree being healthy, I would recommend denial of the removal,” he said.

What’s significant?

Jeselnick said his client, Elizabeth Gonzalez — who bought the 1940s-era house in September 2023 for \$2.2 million, according to Monterey County records — wants to make modest additions to modernize the interior and make it more livable.

But he also argued that the oak and its limbs overhang the roof, causing a hazard, and complained that it blocks some of the residence’s natural light.

“These will be minuscule additions based on existing site coverage and trees, with a modest design,” he said. “I understand the tree conditions outlined by Justin, but I do think this tree, regardless of construction, the applicant would want to remove.”

Resident Melanie Billig sided with Ono. “It’s a very significant tree and it’s been there a very long time,” she said. “Trees come first and the development comes second.”

She also claimed that oaks in the city “have suffered horribly in the last number of years,” and said that “every one that can be saved should be.”

Commissioner Gerald Montmorency described the tree as “the best oak on the whole lot” and said the proposed addition “is a lot less significant than that tree.”

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MEASLES QUESTIONS: WHEN TO WORRY, WHAT TO DO

By ELAINE HESSER

Do YOU know if you had a measles vaccine as a child? Do you know if you had two? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that outbreaks are on the rise around the world — including in the United States — and with millions of tourists and immigrants coming here annually, it might be worth discussing the subject with your doctor.

Dr. Martha Blum, Montage Health’s medical director for infection prevention, said measles is highly contagious, and infected people can pass it on before they have symptoms. Also, said Blum, the virus can linger in the air — for example, in an airport — for as long as two hours, and that risk is higher in airports with international traffic.

She explained that most people born in 1957 or later

received at least one dose of the MMR — short for measles, mumps and rubella — vaccine, and the CDC said that after an outbreak in 1989, a recommendation for children to get two doses was implemented in the United States.

Who’s at risk

People born before 1957 are presumed immune because the disease was so prevalent, but if they’re in an at-risk group (listed below), they should also consider getting a measles vaccine. A blood test can also indicate whether someone’s immune.

The second jab, Blum said, takes effectiveness to 97 percent — one of the highest levels of protection a vaccine can provide — and you should consider it if you may have received a less effective non-MMR measles vaccine (given to children between 1963 and 1967), travel internationally,

have HIV, or live with someone who is immune-compromised and can’t be vaccinated.

While most people who get measles have flu-like symptoms that clear in about two weeks, the CDC said about 20 percent of them will require hospitalization. Five percent of children develop pneumonia, and other complications include encephalitis (swelling of the brain). During pregnancy, it can cause premature birth or low birth weight.

The California Department of Public Health notes that 95 percent of the state’s children receive the recommended two doses of the MMR vaccine, believed to be enough to maintain “herd immunity.”

In 2000, the United States was declared free of the measles, but this year has seen more than 800 cases so far, mostly in people who were not vaccinated.

People in at-risk groups should talk to their doctors



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CASI hosts panel discussion on nutrition

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CALIFORNIA Arts & Sciences Institute will host a panel discussion on nutrition and its role in overall health on Monday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the Barnyard shopping center.

Organizers said the event will bring together leading experts, including nutritionist Jennifer Nader and food and fitness specialist Penelope Wasserman, to explore how diet choices affect longevity and wellness. The panel will examine evidence from global dietary patterns, particularly focusing on regions known for exceptional health outcomes and longevity.

Topics will include the impact of antioxidants on disease prevention and cognitive aging, the effects of ultra-processed foods on health, and practical strategies for maintaining a balanced diet in today’s fast-paced world.

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SEA DOGS 11:30AM
17 MILE HIGH BAND 1:00PM
STU HEYDON 2:30PM
RED BEANS & RICE 4:30PM

FOREST STAGE
(FOREST AVE/LIGHTHOUSE AVE)
DJEMBE JOURNEY 10:30AM
ZUMBA-NANCY JOHNSON 11:30AM
NEON CITY LIMITS 1:00PM
THE TRANSDUCERS 3:00PM
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JEFFREY A. MEYER BAND 10:00AM
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LAUREL AND DAN 12:00PM
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SUNNY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN 3:00PM
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VICTORY LANE 11:00AM
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NEW WAVE BAND 4:00PM

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Seabirds in distress for second year

By KELLY NIX

LIKE LAST year, pelicans in Monterey Peninsula are being found thin or emaciated, weak and unable to care for themselves, prompting a local animal welfare organization to once again step in and help. Some of the large seabirds are being discovered in odd locations, including near Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, according to SPCA Monterey County, which has rescued 17 pelicans since April 11.

“They are weak and unable to fly,” SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser told The Pine Cone this week. “They desperately need our help.” The birds have also been found at the Monterey Peninsula landfill in Marina and in a neighborhood in Royal Oaks in North Monterey County.

Expensive
The SPCA Wildlife Center is medically stabilizing the rescued pelicans, most of which were found to be in serious to critical condition. They have decent appetites and the SPCA’s staff is feeding them about 10 to 20 pounds of fish per day. Brookhouser said the SPCA is not sure why the pelicans are experiencing the

health issues, but that the symptoms are very similar to what they saw in the species last year. In April 2024, the SPCA Wildlife Center rescued 52 pelicans from April 19 to the first week of May, including 12 from another wildlife rescue group that asked for the nonprofit’s assistance. Because it’s pricey to care for the birds — and the roughly 2,500 other animals it rescues and rehabilitates every year — SPCA Monterey County said monetary donations are appreciated. Donations can be made at spcamc.org/donate.



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These pelicans were unable to care for themselves so SPCA Monterey County is rehabilitating them.

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Tesla cameras catch ‘prowling family’

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A COUPLE of adults with a pair of kids in tow were caught on camera as they searched for unlocked cars — presumably with the intent of stealing items found inside — in the area of San Carlos and Fifth Tuesday afternoon. And it was one of the cars they messed with that ended up surveilling them. “A resident received a notification from their Tesla that someone was tampering with it and trying to open it,” Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado said. “The resident reviewed the video footage and observed a group of four people who appeared to be a family.”

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federal agency knew that was not disclosed — and provided “a vague vehicle description of a tan Toyota,” Maldonado said. “It always happens when you’re given a vague vehicle description that all you see are vehicles like that.”

And sometimes, it’s the right one. While on patrol, officer Joe Boucher and Cmdr. Todd Trayer believed they spotted the wanted man’s car parked on Scenic Road and “came up with a fluid and improvised operations plan to apprehend Ureta safely without attracting too much attention,” according to Maldonado.

‘A lot’ of meth

“Ureta was wanted for trafficking a lot of methamphetamine. We’re not talking about a low-level street dealer,” he said. “Dealing with people like that is very dangerous, because they’re typically armed, and they don’t want to go to jail or back to jail.”

As they set up their perimeter to try to prevent Ureta from leaving, Trayer spotted

According to the report, the adults would send the children, who might be teenagers, to examine cars parked in the area, and then the adults would attempt to open them if they looked promising. The item in the weekly CPD log described them as a “prowling family.”

Teslas are equipped with multiple cameras, and even when the car is parked and locked, it records and stores footage when people or objects get too close.

“The Tesla recorded them doing this to multiple vehicles in the area,” Maldonado said, adding that the car’s owner is planning to turn over the footage in hopes the people might be identified.

him, and the officers had to change up their strategy in approaching him, according to Maldonado.

As Boucher rounded the corner onto Scenic from 12th, “he found himself face to face with Ureta,” he said, so the officer got Ureta to linger by talking about parking rules near the beach, even though Ureta’s car was actually legally parked.

That bought enough time for Trayer to get there, and together the officers advised Ureta he was under arrest and got him handcuffed.

Though he initially provided a false name, Damien Quientero, his unique tattoos gave him away, according to Maldonado. “He has his last name tattooed on his arm,” he said. “He eventually admitted that his true name is Jonathan Ureta.”

Maldonado said Ureta went on to admit that he’d been approached by police before but had successfully evaded arrest for the past 10 years by giving fake names and wearing disguises.

“He asked how he got caught, and he was told it was because he came to Carmel,” Maldonado said, adding that Ureta told police he had come here on vacation.

The FBI took Ureta into custody on his outstanding drug-trafficking warrant.

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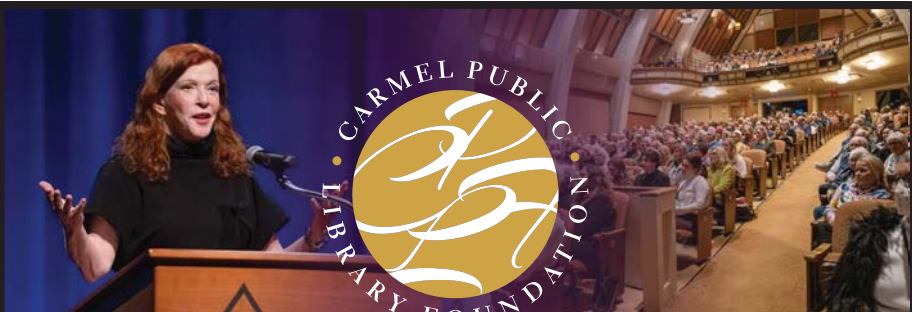
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ROSEN

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4, which was not up for election last November.”

After filing a new voter registration listing the Garzas address, she submitted a declaration of candidacy for Trustee Area 5 in August, declaring that she met “the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the office, including citizenship and residency.”

But investigators concluded she was not actually living in the Garzas Road house, and as a result, Rosen was charged with four counts, two for violating California Elections Code sections that make it a felony “for a person to file a declaration of candidacy knowing that it or any part of it has been made falsely” and “to be registered as a voter, knowing that she is not entitled to registration,” and two for violating the California Penal Code section that “makes it a felony to knowingly procure or offer any false instrument to be filed, registered, or recorded in any public office within this state.”

Not as you say

In January, Rosen, represented by defense attorney Juliet Peck, asked for the charges to be dismissed, arguing that the facts in the DA’s complaint against her did not “constitute a public offense.”

Because the law permits a candidate to run for a board seat if she resides in the trustee area “on or before the day of the election,” the allegation that she violated the law because the address was wrong on a form she signed three months before voting day was “premature,” according to her filing.

Further, she said she did not willfully register to vote

with knowledge that she wasn’t entitled to it, because she knew when she filed the paperwork that she would be living in Trustee Area 5 by Election Day. Rosen considered her voter registration as “one step in the process of changing her residence,” according to the filing.

And while the information on her voter registration and declaration of candidacy might have been incorrect, she wasn’t “offering a false or forged document,” as alleged in the DA’s citing of the California Penal Code section, her demurrer said.

Finally, Rosen alleged the matter should not have been addressed in criminal court at all. Instead, because the DA’s investigation was prompted by her school board opponent, Jason RemyNSE, it should have been handled in civil court, if anywhere.

“In many, if not most cases of this sort where a political rival claims, in the midst of a campaign, that an opponent is not a resident of an electoral district,” she said, the complainant must identify himself and provide information to the California Attorney General’s office, which decides whether a civil case should proceed.

“But in this case, the prosecutor opted to file felony criminal charges against Rosen, with much public fanfare,” she said in her court papers.

“A month later, Rosen, who was the third biggest vote



Anne-Marie Rosen

getter in 2020, garnered only 40 percent of the vote and lost the election to RemyNSE.”

‘Tests only defects’

The DA’s office, of course, disagreed. In her objections filed Feb. 19, prosecutor Amanda Puck countered that Rosen’s move, legally called a demurrer, “tests only defects appearing on the face of an accusatory pleading,” not the evidence supporting the prosecution’s case.

The criminal complaint states facts that amount to a public offense, Puck said, because the Elections Code prohibits candidates from filing nomination or candidacy papers “knowing that it or any part of it has been made falsely.”

“The People contend on the date defendant declared her candidacy, she stated that she resided in a district in which she did not live,” Puck summarized.

She used similar arguments in defending the DA’s office’s allegations that Rosen submitted a voter registration form that contained information the candidate knew was incorrect.

Regarding her contention that the Penal Code section doesn’t apply because Rosen’s forms were not “false instruments” — as in, counterfeit — Puck said the law’s reference to a “false or forged instrument” “would include an instrument containing false information.”

At a March 20 hearing, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark Hood considered their arguments and denied Rosen’s motion to get the case dismissed.

As a result, she entered not-guilty pleas on all four counts.

Rosen is expected to return to court in late May for the scheduling of a preliminary hearing in which the prosecution will lay out the case against her, and Hood will decide whether there’s sufficient evidence to proceed to trial.

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HOSPITALS
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margins from 2018 to 2022 than the state-wide average. Salinas Valley Health and Community Hospital are nonprofit corporations, but the state agency still used the word “profit” to mean the difference between revenue and expenses. California requires nonprofit hospitals — which are exempt from federal taxes — to reinvest any surplus funds into their organization.

In 2022, Montage Health, Community Hospital’s parent company, reported to the IRS that its revenue exceeded expenses by more than \$306 million, after reporting losses of about \$30 million in the two prior years. The company’s net assets or fund balances totaled more than \$1.35 billion, an increase of more than \$172 million over the previous year.

That same year, Montage’s former president and CEO, Dr. Steven Packer, earned a total of about \$2.6 million, while senior vice president Laura Zehm received total compensation of more than \$1 million. Chief mental health officer Susan Swick received about \$826,000, and CEO of Montage Medical Group, Mark Carvalho, made about \$843,000. Montage did not disclose how much it pays doctors, nurses and other medical staff.

‘Recklessly endanger access’

The healthcare industry has been highly critical of restrictions on so-called high-cost hospitals.

In March, the California Hospital Association called the proposed spending restrictions “rushed, based on questionable data and biased methodologies, and, if adopted, would recklessly endanger

access to healthcare in communities across California.”

Insurance companies, more than 400 other California hospitals, and other health-care providers are already under an order imposed last year to limit their spending increases to 3.5 percent in 2025.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula said it was “deeply concerned” by this week’s decision by the Office of Health Care Affordability.

“This outcome, along with other ongoing



Michael McDermott (left) and Allen Radner are the CEOs of Montage Health, parent company of CHOMP, and Salinas Valley Health.

ing actions at the federal and state levels, may have unintended consequences that could affect the quality and availability of care in Monterey County,” the hospital said in a statement to The Pine Cone.

Community Hospital said it understands that the cost of healthcare is a “significant burden for many in our community.”

“That’s why we are deeply committed to finding practical, sustainable ways to reduce expenses without compromising the high-quality care and access the community has come to expect and deserves,” the hospital said.

In contrast, the Monterey Bay Teachers Association, a labor union for Monterey

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Peninsula Unified School District teachers, lauded the state agency’s decision this week, calling it a “huge win.”

“This will force our local hospitals to change how they bill us for services and should help with the constant onslaught of increasing healthcare costs,” the group said in a letter to its members.

The state said it could impose financial penalties on health care entities that exceed their spending growth targets.

‘Could jeopardize services’

Salinas Valley Health spokeswoman Karina Rusk released a statement from the hospital stating it’s “disappointed” by the “high cost” designation, considering its “longstanding commitment to making healthcare more affordable and accessible for everyone in our community.”

“The flawed methodology used fails to recognize the reality and complexity of our role as a safety net provider serving a diverse and predominantly government-insured population,” the hospital said. “We remain dedicated to providing high quality care despite increasing financial pressures, uncertainty surrounding Medicaid and the unknown impact of tariffs on medical supplies and equipment. We are deeply concerned OHCA did not consider how the designation could jeopardize essential services for those who need them most.”

In a letter to the state board, the Salinas hospital noted the high proportion of Medi-Cal patients — including thousands of undocumented immigrants.

“These cuts will severely impact those already facing significant barriers to care,” it said. “We are alarmed by OHCA’s unwillingness to acknowledge the profound harm this decision will cause in a community with limited healthcare alternatives and persistent health equity challenges.”

Several other county medical providers and the Monterey County Health

Department also decried the move in letters to the state board in early April.

Newsom is hoping the spending targets will address affordability, expand access and improve the quality of healthcare. Last year, California expanded Medi-Cal for low-income illegal immigrants, at a cost of more than \$9 billion to taxpayers.

Meanwhile, the average price for one night at Community Hospital was \$12,300 in 2022, according to a January 2024 article by news outlet CalMatters, while in New York City it was less than \$7,000, and in Chicago it was \$3,500,

TREE

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But chair Kelly Brezoczky worried about its proximity to the house and the damage it might cause as it continues to grow. “It would be unfortunate for the property owner to redo these plans, only to be back here in five or 10 years to ask for the tree to be removed for safety concerns,” she said. “That seems unfair.”

The property contains other similarly sized oaks that will remain, commissioner Sarah Berling observed. “To me, a person’s home is every bit as important as one oak tree,” she said. “I believe people should have the option of removing a tree.”

Commissioner Tamara Michie acknowledged the oak is healthy and is not impeding on the house, but it soon could be. She also raised the issues of falling branches and fire risk. “I think the owner is trying to get ahead of a problem,” she said.

Montmorency was conflicted. “There’s reason enough to leave it, and there’s reason enough to take it out,” he said. “And that’s why this isn’t an easy decision.”

New commissioner Neal Rutta also didn’t like the idea of cutting the tree down.

Berling moved in favor of removal, with a requirement that Gonzalez fund the planting and maintenance of a tree on nearby public property, and it passed 3-2.



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FIRE BREAKS

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Goetz said fuel breaks aren't perfect, but they're necessary because they make stopping a fire easier.

"Do fuel breaks always work?" Goetz asked. "No. But what we hope to do is to bring down the intensity of a fire."

While Goetz disagrees with those who want to stop large-scale vegetation removal, she said they're right about the need for "hardening" homes by making them more resilient against fire.

Goetz said it's essential that fuels for fire are reduced on a consistent basis — like every two years — which she said isn't happening.

The fire chief said long-range planning, along with taxpayer funding, is needed to confront the wildfire threat in places like Big Sur. To help fund it, she suggested creating something similar to the state's solar rebate program.

"There has to be some sort of program in areas of high-intensity fires," she added. "There needs to be a funding mechanism."

A forester who is managing a vegetation removal project at Big Sur's Ventana Inn, Tad Mason said brush clearance must happen to prevent a fire from destroying

the resort, which he noted is the largest source of jobs down the coast.

"If we lose Ventana, which employs 200 people, it would hammer the local economy," he warned.

The work Mason is overseeing, which is being done in coordination with the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County, includes doing "defensible space" work across approximately 20 acres, and removing vegetation near electrical lines on 3 acres. Some "dead, dying, diseased and overstocked" trees will be removed, as well as invasive plants.

Mason conceded that some oversight for work like this is needed, but he said there has to be a balance between protecting communities and the environment. He noted that it took two years to get the work at Ventana approved. "We have way too much vegetation out there," he told The Pine Cone.

Striking a balance

Besides removing or thinning vegetation, Mason would like to see controlled burns.

"We need to strategically reintroduce fire," he said. "It's not just about deploying chainsaws and mastication equipment."

Mason said he's supportive of efforts by Gov. Gavin Newsom to make it easier to remove vegetation. Newsom proclaimed a

state of emergency in March to streamline environmental regulations and expedite fuel-reduction projects.

At recent hearings, a number of residents have spoken out against large-scale vegetation-removal projects, contending that not only do they make the threat of fire worse, they also destroy critical habitats.

But a district ranger for Los Padres National Forest, Fin Eifert, countered that some large-scale vegetation removal projects are necessary.

"Vegetation grows really fast," Eifert said. "It's a constant battle to remove those ladder fuels to protect communities."

The official noted that not only do fuel treatments improve the odds of containing a wildfire, they also help keep firefighters safer.

Eifert attended a public meeting Wednesday in Big Sur that delved into the details of what's called the Wildfire Risk Reduction Project. The original plan sought to do wildfire prevention work on 230,000 acres in Los Padres National Forest, but based on public comments, "it was scaled back dramatically" to about 90,000 acres, he reported. About 11,000 of those acres are located in the Monterey Ranger District, which includes much of Big Sur. The sites were selected to protect homes and infrastructure.

Eifert insisted that the project — along with similar ones — go through a rigorous environmental review.

"We're following the National Environmental Policy Act process," he said. "We're trying to strike a balance."

Kinports said the work will mostly be done in chaparral, grasslands and conifer forests, and invasive plants will also be targeted. The original plan called for extensive thinning in oak woodlands, but environmental concerns have removed many of those areas from the revised plan. "We want to make sure we're being thoughtful," he said, noting that more research is needed. "We want to help and protect ecosystems and not make things worse."

Besides minimizing the impacts to oak woodlands and habitat, Kinsports said the work needs to account for "fairly stringent" viewshed concerns. "People will not see a scar on the landscape," he suggested.

More fuel breaks

While the project was scaled back due to environmental worries, Caplin said he would like to see future efforts to reduce vegetation expanded. In particular, he called for wider fuel breaks. "The wider they are, the more effective they will be," he said.

According to Caplin, elected officials, at the behest of environmentalists, "are leaving laws in place that are interfering with reducing vegetation to safe density levels." He suggested that "preventing people from keeping themselves safe appears to violate rights acknowledged by Article 1, Section 1 of the California Constitution."

Caplin also pushed back against the idea that the fire risk will decrease if the land is left alone.

"The bottom line is: What activists have been asking for isn't natural because fires have been suppressed for 100 years," he added.

The public comment period for the Wildfire Risk Reduction Project will be open May 2-June 2 for anyone interested in contributing their insights.

"We encourage folks to read through the documents and offer their comments," Eifert added. The website to do so is: fs.usda.gov/r05/lospadres/projects.



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PASTOR

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Pastor’s proposal has been in the planning pipeline since 2019 and has undergone numerous changes after hearings in front of the historic resources board, the planning commission and the city council over the years. Architect Jun Sillano’s design includes a pair of two-story buildings totaling 12,971 square feet containing eight upstairs apartments and approximately 5,100 square feet of ground-floor retail space situated on three lots.

The second floor steps back from the property line, and the buildings top out below the 30-foot height limit. It also comes in below the 16,200-square-foot floor-area limit.

An 852-square-foot basement and

space at the rear is designed to include a dozen parking spaces, five of them created by installing lifts. Because 17 spaces are required, Pastor would pay fees to the city’s in-lieu parking program, which accumulates money for public parking projects.

The plans call for Mission-style clay tile roofs, decorative ceramic tile, metal-clad wood doors and windows, stucco walls with “random exterior stone,” red-wood headers, beams and rafter tails, and rooftop landscaping.

The former community room behind the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse and its surrounding decorative wall would be preserved, as required by the city council.

CEQA, zoning

In the extensive staff report he presented to the commission at its April 9 meeting, senior planner Evan Kort detailed every aspect of the project, noted the changes made in response to the commission’s

LOBBY

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lived in a nearby apartment after he repeatedly showed up in the area, asked neighbors for her name and other information, tried to get into the secure area of the complex where she lived, and followed her in his car as she walked her dog. Despite her repeated requests that he leave her alone, she said in her petition for a restraining order, he continued to insist that he just wanted to talk to her.

“He is scaring me, and I just want to

live peacefully and be able to walk my dog,” the woman wrote. As with the Pebble Beach couple, the judge granted the restraining order.

But according to misdemeanor cases filed against Enea in 2023 and 2024, he violated those stay-away orders. Those cases are still active and in court last month, his defense attorney, John Coniglio, said Enea had been referred to a psychiatrist and requested a hearing on a possible mental health diversion. If the judge decides Enea is not mentally competent, the criminal proceedings against him will be set aside while he undergoes treatment. A hearing is set for May 1.



A screenshot from a video rendering of Patrice Pastor’s JB Pastor project shows how it might look from Dolores Street. The project was approved, but a group wants it stopped.

most recent feedback last July, and recommended approval of the design, an associated lot merger and other required permits.

But the planning commission should not have OK’d it, according to the opponents who filed their appeal April 23.

Specifically, they are arguing that the project must undergo more in-depth review under the California Environmental Quality Act. They also say it violates a municipal code section restricting the size of a building to 10,000 square feet of floor area, because, while Kort said the structures are separate, opponents argue they

are connected.

The group objects to the proposed landscaping plan and says the development fails to comply with parking and open-space requirements. Further, Pastor shouldn’t be allowed to pay into the in-lieu parking fund, and the complex violates zoning standards and the general plan, according to the appeal.

Finally, they say, it does not adequately follow the city council’s direction, which included preserving the decorative wall and community room, and complying with historic preservation requirements.

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As a consumer, to address potential inflation, find ways to cut back. You also may want to build, or replenish, your emergency fund to help handle price increases in various items, such as car parts. Consider keeping your emergency fund in a low-risk, liquid account.

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VALERO

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Following the news from Valero, the California Assembly Republican Caucus warned it could impact prices for drivers.

“Once again, Californians are paying the price for New-som’s incompetence and self-serving attacks on energy producers. Unless the state changes course, the job losses and gas price increases are only going to get worse,” said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher of East Nicolaus in Sutter County.

Valero’s potential shuttering of its Benicia facility fol-lows a pattern of oil giants exiting California in one form or another.

In October Phillips 66 announced plans to close its Los Angeles-area refinery within a year. The refinery is the seventh largest in the state, and operations there make up about 8 percent of the state’s refining capacity. Phillips 66 plans to close its Southern California refinery in October. The closure of the Los Angeles refinery and the poten-tial closure of the Benicia refinery could result in higher reliance on imported oil from Asia, potentially driving up prices.

Prior to the Phillips 66 announcement, Chevron dropped the news in August that it would be moving its headquarters out of California. The company said it would relocate its corporate offices from San Ramon to Houston. By the time the announcement was made, the company already had 7,000 employees in the Houston area and 2,000 based in San Ramon. However, the move marks the first time Chevron will be headquartered outside of Cali-fornia since its founding more than a century ago.





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Increased regulation

Oil and gas companies have faced ever tightening reg-ulation in California over the years, but two bills passed in separate special legislative sessions called by the governor may have contributed to the recent oil exodus.

One limits how much money oil refiners make in the state. The law passed in 2024 allows the California Energy Commission to set a cap on oil refiner profits and establish penalties for companies if they make too much off Cali-fornia drivers.

The second law signed in October 2024 is designed to prevent gas price spikes. It requires oil refineries to keep a minimum fuel reserve to dip into rather than go offline when they go down for routine maintenance. According to the bill’s authors, supply shortages during these main-tenance events create price spike, and the hope is reserves will help smooth those out. Refiners argue the new regula-tions will only drive prices up.

In a written statement about the potential closure of its Benicia facility, Valero said politics will be a factor in its ultimate decision.


“These factors also include, but are not limited to, the uncertainties that remain with respect to current or con-templated legal, political or regulatory developments that are adverse to or restrict refining and marketing opera-tions,” said the company.


Valero also operates another refinery in Long Beach; however, its output is less than the refinery in Benicia.

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The April 18 report prepared by Central Coast District manager Kevin Kahn and coastal planner Maura Siciensky says telecom ordinances in communities in the commission’s jurisdiction must “protect coastal resources, including by ensuring that wireless facilities are sited in areas that will not have adverse visual impacts nor convert protected habitats, while also including specific terms and requirements pursuant to federal telecommunications law, including related to application review periods, health and safety issues, and coverage requirements.”

‘Iconic area’

Carmel’s revisions meet those dual objectives, according to the report, by outlining preferred vs. discouraged locations — “including mapping the city’s shoreline along Scenic Road where wireless facilities should not be located so as to ensure that visual clutter does not adversely impact this iconic and visually sensitive area” — and providing specific design requirements.

“The city proposes a robust ordinance that should continue to effectively regulate these facilities in the coastal zone, while remaining consistent with state and federal telecommunications laws, and also protecting Carmel’s unique community character and resources,” Kahn and Siciensky wrote, and they are recommending the coastal commission approve the revised law as presented.

The hearing is set for May 8.

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RYAN STEPHEN KENEDY

Ryan Stephen Kenedy, a devoted husband, loving son, caring brother, and cherished friend, passed away on March 25, 2025, at the age of 42, in King City, California. He was born on Dec. 24, 1982, in Santa Monica, and lived most of his life on the Monterey Peninsula, growing up in Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach, and later moving to Salinas. He graduated from Stevenson School and attended Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, before completing his bachelor’s degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Ryan was very intelligent, thoughtful, principled, and, above all, generous and kind, always putting the needs of others before his own. His desire to help the community led him to pursue a career in law enforcement, and in 2014 he joined the King City Police Department, where he served until his passing, rising to the rank of Sergeant. He is remembered as positively impacting many in the community.

A lifelong lover of sports, Ryan was a member of the Pacific Grove youth baseball all-star team that reached the Bronco World Series in 1995, a multi-sport varsity athlete at Stevenson, a collegiate heavyweight rower at Trinity, and an avid snowboarder. Another passion was singing. Ryan sang at Stevenson, in an *a cappella* group at Trinity, even in the police department locker room while gearing up for patrol. He loved Lake Tahoe and enjoyed boating, horseback riding, fishing and nature.

Ryan is survived by his beloved wife, Solly Kenedy; his parents, Robert and Ann Kenedy; his brother, Rob Kenedy; and his dog, Rocky. He will be deeply missed and always loved.

Good night, sweet prince,
And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.



GARY ALLAN WANGBERG

July 28, 1938 – Feb. 16, 2025

It’s impossible to capture the full heart of Gary Wangberg in just a few words, but we will try – because he deserves to be remembered with the same love he gave so freely in his lifetime.

Gary passed away peacefully at his home in Monterey, California, on Feb. 16, 2025, at the age of 86. And with him, the world lost one of the kindest and most grounded souls to ever walk this earth. He was a devoted husband to his late wife, Mary Lou Wangberg – the love of his life – and the most loving father to his daughters, Sherrie and Erika, which he considered his greatest achievements. He was the proudest father to his daughter, Erika, who was truly the apple of his eye. His love for her ran deep, and he had the greatest admiration and respect for her husband, Richard, whom he considered a true partner to Erika and a third son.



He was also a loving stepfather to his two stepsons, Jeff and Stephen. They were the two sons that came to him later in life, but his love for both of them was supreme. He was a devoted grandfather who made each grandchild feel seen, supported and deeply loved. A man of few words and great humility, Gary let his actions speak loudly with unwavering love, his thoughtful planning, steady presence and the way he always showed up when it mattered most.

Gary was born in Oakland, Nebraska on July 28, 1938. He had a deep appreciation of being born into the small town with their incredibly strong Swedish roots of which he was so proud. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard at the age of 18 and was honored to serve his country. Shortly after leaving the Coast Guard, he began his career in title insurance and escrow.

He worked tirelessly throughout the years, and ultimately rose to co-partner in the early ’80s at Heritage Escrow, one of the largest independent escrow companies in California. However, he spent the majority of his career as an incredibly well-respected and beloved executive at First American Title from which he retired.

His work ethic, loyalty and calm leadership left a lasting impression on colleagues and family alike. Even in the final years of his life, he had many colleagues continue to reach out to him to just say hello. He deeply touched so many throughout his professional life. But no matter how much he gave to his work, his heart always belonged to his family.

The second half of his life was by far and away the emotionally richest. Meeting Mary Lou was one of the greatest, single moments for him. They built an incredible life together that seamlessly blended two families together.

He had a love for golf – the game brought him peace, focus and time with friends. But in his retirement, he was devoted and singularly focused on family and travel. He had a passion for good food, fine hotels and meticulously planned vacations. But none of these things meant anything to him without the people he loved by his side. Family time offered his most cherished moments in the world – whether it was an adventure to Park City (sometimes with as many as 19 family members), Thanksgivings in Santa Barbara, Napa or Ojai, Fourth of July and Christmases in Grangeville and McCall, weekends in San Francisco with friends and family, trips to Paris or Florence, his two favorite cities in the world, a shared breakfast (always with pancakes and cappuccinos), his nightly FaceTime calls with his granddaughters, Kristina and Nicole, or simply sitting together in a room, content to just be near each other – family meant everything to him and made his heart beat.

He was our rock, our quiet strength with a strong dose of stubbornness and perfectionism, and our favorite person. And though our hearts are broken, we carry his lessons, his love, and his legacy with us every single day. His selflessness and utter devotion to others, made us all want to always do better and to be better as human beings.

Gary is survived by his daughter, Erika (Richard) Burton; his stepsons, Jeff (Becky) Goldman and Stephen (Chrissy) Goldman; and his cherished grandchildren, Kristina (Matt) LaRochelle, Nicole (Ty) Trumble, Wesley, Lauren, Stephen and Stefano Goldman. He also leaves behind great-grandchildren, Owen, Kolby, Ashton; and numerous other loved ones, including his nephew, Derek (Tammy) Wangberg; and his sister, Margo Wangberg Nagel.

Gary was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Lou Molinari Wangberg.

Gary was also preceded in death by his daughter, Sherrie Wangberg Kirkley, for whom his love for her was beyond measure.

Also preceding Gary in death were his father, mother and step-mother, Edwin Wangberg, Winona Wangberg and Margaret Wangberg, in addition to his two brothers, Don Wangberg and Rex Wangberg.

Upon Gary’s request there will be no services. A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider directing donations to Hospice of the Central Coast.
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A chef who’s come quite a long way from warming a pot on a rock

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

CHEF MOISES Muñoz became a citizen of the United States years ago, but he never ceases to be grateful for the opportunities the nation — and especially the people of the Monterey Peninsula — have afforded him. Nor has he stopped making his own contributions to the rich culinary landscape, most recently by putting his considerable local experience to work at his own business.

He recently prepared an authentic Mexican taco bar for a birthday celebration hosting some 60 guests in a private home. He made pork carnitas, carne asada, chicken barbacoa with sides and fresh toppings. This was washed down with flavored margaritas. While Mexican food is the cuisine of his heritage, the chef has cooked all sorts of foods, beginning with dishes of slim pickings.

Making it in America

Born in Oaxaca and raised by a “tough uncle” in even tougher circumstances, Muñoz recalled using a rudimentary fire to heat a smooth rock, which, in turn, warmed the pot that held his meager meal. In 1982, he was 18, and his friends told him he could make a lot of money, put a roof over his head and live a quality life if he came into the United States.

He didn’t speak English.

“I came to San Jose where, for two years, I worked at a nursery for \$2 an hour,” said Muñoz, adding he lived inside a greenhouse. He saved \$400, bought a 1964 Chevy Impala and said, “I felt I had made it in America.”

A friend suggested Muñoz could make more money on the Monterey Peninsula, so he headed south in his new ride. In late 2016, after all the ado over the presidential election, Muñoz decided to become a citizen. In 2017, he completed his studies and passed the naturalization exam. “I learned a lot of information to pass that exam,” he said.

“My kids told me this was a very special day in our

lives, a celebration. So, they took me to Macy’s to buy a brand-new suit. I stood tall in that suit, next to the American flag.”

Following a career that has included cooking for Bud Allen’s Bud’s Pub, Clint Eastwood’s Hog’s Breath Inn, Carmel Valley Ranch, Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel in Menlo Park, Corral de Tierra Country Club and Carmel Valley Athletic Club, Muñoz created his own catering business.

In deciding what to call it, he consulted longtime CVAC tennis player and staff member, the late Susan Thamer, who said, “You’re coming from a tennis club where every day, over and over, you heard, ‘Forty Love!’ Why not call it Forty Love Catering?”

“I have met so many people who have helped me along the way, some with important careers,” said Muñoz. “But all have been important in my life. It wasn’t easy, but so many good things have happened — most of all, my kids, Moises, Josselyn, and Joan. Even as they’ve grown up, we continue to go to church together. If you don’t have God in your life, you won’t go anywhere. He brought me here.”



PHOTO/COURTESY MOISES MUNOZ

Chef Moises Muñoz after his naturalization ceremony in 2017 — his kids said it was “a very special day in our lives, a celebration.”



Winifred J. Chandler

Winifred J. Chandler, 99, passed peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 5, 2025. She was a long-time resident of the Monterey Peninsula.

Win grew up in small town in Wisconsin. As a girl, she read a book that inspired her to become an occupational therapist. After graduating from Milwaukee-Downer College, Win wanted to join the U.S. Army to specialize in hand therapy. Her parents did not want Win to join the Army because her two older brothers were killed in World War II. But that did not deter her.

While stationed at Letterman Army Hospital she met a handsome radiologist and future husband, Eugene Chandler. They enjoyed many adventures together. Win eventually left the Army to be a full-time mother. The family moved to Monterey when Gene was called up to serve in Vietnam. After his return, they built their dream house in Monterey where they lived for many years.

Win served as a volunteer for many local causes and school events. While working at a horse show, she met an orthopedic surgeon who needed an O.T. treatment in his office. Win was very proud of how she helped patients quickly recover the use of their hands after surgery.

Win often said that she felt very lucky to have had such an interesting life and would not change any of it. She enjoyed spending time with friends and meeting new people. Win is survived by her two children, Mark and Callie, and three granddaughters.

At her request, her ashes will be scattered at sea. In honor of her memory, smile and say “hello” to someone you do not know well.

WILLIAM F. LEMOS

Jan. 14, 1933 – April 8, 2025

William “Bill” Lemos passed away peacefully, surrounded by his beloved family, on April 8, 2025, at the age of 92. Born in Gilroy, California, Bill lived a life characterized by quiet strength, wisdom, humility and generosity

Bill proudly served his country as a U.S. Army Sergeant and an active-duty Heavy Weapons Infantry Artillery instructor at Fort Ord from 1952 to 1954. He continued to serve in the reserves until 1960.



In 1955, following his active service, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to Hollister, where he was a co-owner at a 76 gas station.

In 1961, at age 28, the Union Oil company offered him the opportunity to open a newly built station at the mouth of Carmel Valley. Bill and his wife, Shirley, moved to Carmel and raised six children. The Lemos 76 service station became a respected fixture within the Carmel community and is still operating after 64 years. Bill proudly held the title of an owner until he passed.

Bill remarried in 1995. He and his wife Brenda enjoyed countless adventures, traveled the world, and spent a significant amount of their vacation time in Cabo San Lucas, where they often relaxed by the pool with a cold beverage and a mystery novel.

Bill was happiest spending quiet days tending to his garden, harvesting sweet corn in July, tomatoes in September and banana squash in November for his renowned homemade pumpkin pie.

He appreciated simple pleasures: sipping wine, cigars, classic western films, hunting and fishing. He especially loved family gatherings, harvest parties, or quieter times sitting out on the patio, overlooking the “17 Acres” with his wife, children and grandchildren, telling stories, making memories and enjoying quiet moments together. Bill had a modest demeanor, a sense of humor and a distinctive laugh. He did not seek attention, but his actions attracted people.

He was a devoted husband, a caring father, a cherished grandfather and a steadfast friend.

Bill is remembered by his wife, Brenda; and his children, Luanne, Karen, Ron, Carla, Dayna and his stepdaughter, Shelley; 13 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. His son, Bill, and his stepson, Mike, preceded him in death.



Bill leaves an enduring legacy built on honesty, hard work, kindness and generosity — values he passionately emphasized until his final days. He always believed in honesty, working diligently, being kind to everyone and generously sharing what he had.

The family will announce details for memorial services. In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Bill’s memory with acts of kindness and generosity, keeping alive the legacy he so humbly exemplified.

Superb courses, top-ranked players — and they’re still in high school

THE TOP golfer at Stevenson School this spring — and for three previous years — is Luke Brandler, who placed second overall earlier this month in a star-studded, 311-player field at the Champions Invitational at Tahquitz Creek in Palm Springs.

His three-round scorecard — 14 strokes under par

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

— helped the Pirates to a third-place out of 50 formidable high school teams from California, Arizona, Texas, Nevada, Utah, Kansas, Missouri and Vancouver, B.C.

“The trophy lists all of the tournament’s previous individual champions — names like Jordan Spieth (2011), Colin Morikawa (2015), and Rickie Fowler (2006 and



Julien Cho, a junior, is a level-headed player known for overcoming rocky starts to turn in stellar scorecards. He’s No. 2 on the Padres’ varsity ladder.

2007), guys who are now are on the PGA Tour,” observed Stevenson coach Justin Bates. “For Luke to finish second there is really a testament to the fact that he is an elite talent.”

Brandler — the most heavily recruited golfer in the history of Stevenson School — has committed to play at Princeton next season (he’s also a spectacular student). But first things first.

The senior is gearing up to help the Pirates defend the team championship they’ve won the past two years at Central Coast Section tournament, where Brandler captured individual medalist honors both times.

Two-time CCS champ

Brandler won CCS in 2023 by shooting a scintillating 65 on a par-71 course. Last year, his 18-hole score of 62 — 9 under par (five birdies in the front, four on the back) — broke a decades-old course record at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, also the site of this year’s CCS competition, with regionals on May 6 and finals on May 13.

After garnering the 16th CCS crown in school history, Stevenson went on to win the NorCal tournament, where they upset two-time state champion De La Salle.

And then, there’s this: Among his 2025 teammates are seniors Steven Lai (sixth at CCS, third at state) and Johsh Chadha (ninth at CCS), plus sophomore Calvin Etcheverry (12th at CCS).

Each has a compelling backstory.

Sidelines for months

The week after his brilliance at the state tournament, Lai began experiencing wrist pain so severe that he no longer could grip a golf club.

“He was hoping to play a bunch of summer tournaments that are crucial for college recruitment but couldn’t play at all and almost gave up the game entirely,” his coach recounted.

He finally began swinging a club again in December, but his game didn’t really come together, Bates said, until the Palm Springs tournament, where he shot rounds of 69, 69, and 72 (4 under par) to tie for 11th place.



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Carmel’s No. 1 golfer, Jonathan Chen, is a fourth-year varsity player who qualified for state as a freshman after shooting 2 under par at NorCals.

Chadha, said Bates, is one of the team’s most reliable scorers — always around par — but frequently has to battle back from a slow start.

A classic example, said Bates, was a five-team league event April 2 at Quail Lodge, where the senior scored a quadruple bogey on the 2nd Hole.

“It was a nine-hole tournament, and a quadruple bogey that early generally means you’re done,” the coach said. “But Johsh doesn’t give up — that’s what he’s known for — and he wound up scoring three birdies on the next seven holes to finish with one of the best scores of the day.”

And Etcheverry, last year’s freshman phenom, will be scrambling for a spot in Stevenson’s six-player postseason lineup with others on a brutally competitive 23-man roster.

High expectations

“Calvin played a huge year for us as a ninth grader, but this has been a tougher year,” Bates said. “That’s something I’ve seen before. It can be hard for a sophomore to live up to his own high expectations after a great freshman

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year.”

Factor in the emergence of Marc Sasetia, a senior who ascended from a mid-level JV golfer in 2024 to Stevenson’s No. 2 varsity player — right behind Brandler — this year.

“Marc worked extremely hard on his game all summer, played in a lot more tournaments and figured out what it takes to be competitive at the next level,” Bates said. “And now he’s hoping to play in college next year.”

The Pirates displayed their remarkable depth of talent April 2 at the Monterey Classic, a 34-school event that included some of the top teams in the CCS.

Stevenson entered both its varsity and JV teams, taking first and third place.

“I probably felt more proud of our second team (sophomores Etcheverry, Zac Hawkins, Will Keszler, Alex Strophs, R.J. Skinner and Ethan Merrick) for their third-place finish than I did of our varsity guys, who won the tournament,” the coach said.

Good fight

Carmel’s annual battle with Stevenson — a school that attracts golf-focused boarding students from all over the world (e.g., Brandler hails from Hong Kong) — isn’t really a fair fight. But the 2025 Padres have made it look like one.

On Feb. 25, in a nine-hole dual meet at Laguna Seca, the Pirates edged out Carmel by just 4 strokes. At the five-team Gabilan Division tournament on April 2, also at Quail, Stevenson prevailed by 6 over the second-place Padres. On Monday at Spyglass Hill, Stevenson’s home course, the Pirates beat Carmel in a PCAL Gabilan Division match.

“Those close matches came down to the last couple of holes, and it wasn’t because everyone played a fantastic round,” Carmel coach Ross Kroeker said. “My guys were just really consistent those days, and they all felt like they could’ve played better. We left a lot of strokes out on the

course, and Stevenson’s guys would say the same thing.”

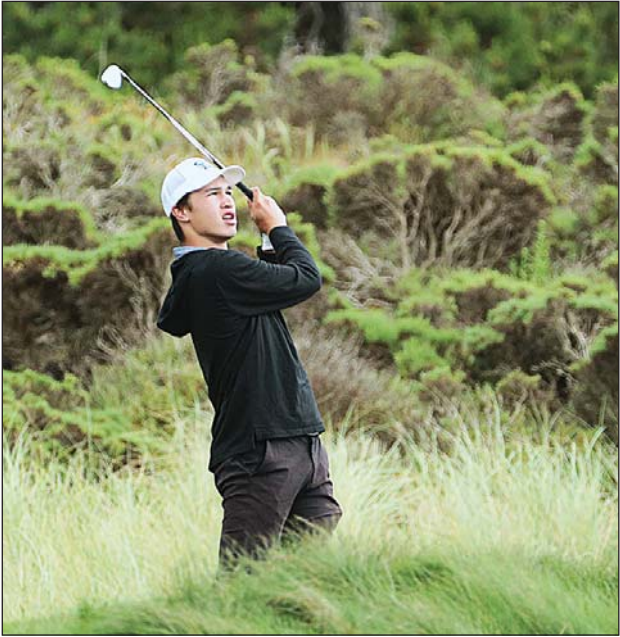
While the Padres figure to be clear underdogs to Stevenson at the PCAL championships (April 29), the CCS Regional (May 6), and the CCS Championships (May 13) — all at Laguna Seca — five of their top six were in Carmel’s postseason lineup last spring. The other, a freshman, might have a very big future in golf.

State qualifier as freshman

Carmel’s No. 1 player, Jonathan Chen, is a senior in his fourth varsity season, a high school career he christened by reaching the state tournament as a ninth grader.

“Jonathan qualified as an individual that year by shooting 2 under par at NorCals, which was really impressive,” Kroeker remembered.

“He was a smaller kid and didn’t hit the ball very far as a freshman, but he’s gotten progressively bigger and stronger, and his shots have the distance now,” the coach said of Chen, who will play golf next year



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson’s Luke Brandler is chasing a third-straight CCS crown this season as a senior, with similar aspirations for NorCals and State. He’ll play next year for Princeton University.

at Dominican University, an NCAA Division 2 program.

“He’s always been very consistent in all aspects of the game, and keeps his emotions on neutral when he plays. He never gets down on himself.”

Second on the ladder is Julien Chen, a junior who carded a smoking-hot 33 in a

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Editorial

Ignoring the nonsense

CALIFORNIA’S ENVIRONMENTALISTS have achieved quite a bit since they began to gain political power in the 1970s. Sure, they’ve protected a lot of things, but they’ve also caused the state’s dire housing shortage, forced the public to spend countless millions to protect “endangered” species that are in no danger of going extinct, cut off access to badly needed public resources (such as the Monterey Peninsula’s water supply), spurred the creation of a very expensive recycling industry that only reclaims a tiny fraction of the materials it handles, caused energy prices to skyrocket for little or no benefit, made everyone needlessly scared of nuclear power, and convinced whole generations of young people not to have children. But do they also want to be responsible for making California’s wildfire danger much worse?

That’s the impression you have to get from the comments made at a coastal commission meeting earlier this month to weigh the creation of “defensible space” around the Ventana Inn, which qualifies as a Big Sur landmark not only because of its luxurious accommodations and clothing-optional hot tubs, but for its wild chaparral setting and rugged architectural vibe.

But a remote setting on a steep Big Sur hillside comes with more than just a romantic atmosphere. The fire danger is also very real, and you can’t fault the owners of the hotel — and the people who work there — for wanting to do everything possible to keep the place from burning down.

Centuries of hard-won experience with California wildfires prove that one of the best things you can do to protect a building — or a whole town — from going up in flames is to keep the adjacent property clear of flammable trees, shrubs and grasses.

A state law even requires the maintenance of “defensible space” around homes, especially in high-risk wildfire areas. Under Public Resources Code 4291, homeowners in these areas must maintain 100 feet of defensible space around structures to reduce risk. This involves clearing flammable vegetation, maintaining grass at a maximum height of 4 inches, creating horizontal and vertical spacing between shrubs and trees, removing fallen leaves and needles to a depth of three inches or less, and ensuring 10 feet of clearance around woodpiles and propane tanks.

If ever there was a place that’s at high wildfire risk, it’s Big Sur, as several major fires and hundreds of destroyed homes in recent years amply prove.

Yet there the environmental advocates were at the coastal commission hearing, arguing that clearing brush around the Ventana Inn would make the fire danger worse — and so does creating fire breaks through the surrounding forest.

When you clear brush, one of them claimed, “you leave behind dried tinder, which creates more sources of dead fuel ignition, perpetuating the risk of fire.” He also argued that fire breaks “allow wind to blow through forests faster, allowing embers to be spread, which increases the fire risk.”

His comments echoed those of something called 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 even suggested that “hundreds of feet of bare ground make a home the target for wind-driven embers.”

These claims fell on deaf ears at the coastal commission, which unanimously approved the Ventana Inn’s brush-clearance project, but that doesn’t mean the arguments against it will disappear. If anything, they’ll get louder, because if there’s one thing California’s environmentalists have proved over the years, it’s that repetition eventually gets your arguments into the media, where they’re dressed with an assumption of virtue and usually start to be accepted by the public, especially if none of the reporters bothers to find out if the arguments are right.

Which explains why our front-page story this week, “Experts defend fire-breaks, brush clearance,” includes interviews with numerous local experts in fire prevention and people who have actually fought wildfires. Their comments are unequivocal.

“Monterey County is hazardously overgrown, in large part due to all the rules and regulations for cutting down trees,” one expert said. “We are primed for a nightmare — all it’s going to take is a fire on a day with sustained winds.”

Amen to that. We are all living with a potential disaster right outside our doors, and this is no time to start listening to nonsense.

BEST of BATES



“Harold, come quick, there’s a child at the door!”

Letters to the Editor

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Conflicting energy goals

Dear Editor,

Your April 18 article, “Supes split on state battery bills,” quotes District 5 Supervisor Kate Daniels as saying California must “transition away from fossil fuels” and ensure that “renewable energy facilities are safe.” These goals are in conflict and, arguably, unattainable.

The push to eliminate fossil fuels is driven by a flawed premise. California contributes roughly 1 percent of global CO2 emissions. Even if the state reduced its emissions to zero, the global impact would be negligible, while the economic cost — evidenced by soaring utility bills — has left residents struggling. For instance, Christmas lights were few in Carmel Valley this year because people can’t afford their PG&E.

In pursuit of this policy, the world’s largest Battery Energy Storage System was built in Moss Landing. That facility recently exploded, reigniting multiple times and releasing heavy metals across the Salinas Valley, from Watsonville to Prunedale. The contamination threatens our region’s agricultural heartland and the ecologically vital Elkhorn Slough,

potentially creating a Superfund site.

Estimates suggest millions of pounds of lithium burned up in the fire, highlighting the environmental risks of battery storage technology, which relies on non-renewable resources like lithium and heavy metals. Moreover, other “renewable” technologies are also deadly. For instance, offshore wind farms, proposed for Monterey County’s coast, kill whales and contribute to carcinogenic microplastic pollution in oceans.

Democratic leaders, including Gov. Gavin Newsom and local representatives like Laird, Addis and Panetta, have championed these policies. Their focus on renewable energy has led to unaffordable energy costs and environmental disasters like Moss Landing. It’s time for accountability and a credible energy strategy based on reliable sources like natural gas and nuclear power to prevent further harm to our community and environment.

David Hurwitz, Carmel Valley

Natural gas is better

Dear Editor,

State Sen. John Laird and Assembly-member Dawn Addis would be doing people who live near Moss Landing a big favor by insisting that all battery storage facilities be replaced with clean, natural-gas-burning generators, which would be less prone to dangerous contaminating fires and be more economical for their customers.

Vince Tuminello, Pacific Grove

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Researching cancer for all creatures

THE SIGHT of a dripping wetsuit reminds Theresa Arteaga of her first job in California, in 2010. This was in Santa Cruz, where the New York City native was surprised and charmed to find that one of

the country once before, to attend UCLA. She headed back to the East Coast for vet school and residency, and, in 2009, she was board-certified in oncology by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. The job offer in Santa Cruz came the next year.

An even bigger surprise was on the way, and she'd be the one to make it a reality.

"It's not something I ever thought I would do," Arteaga admits of founding the Animal Cancer Center in 2015. A few years had passed in Santa Cruz and a corporate veterinary takeover loomed. She was worried. All that "streamlining" would distract from the work of treating beloved family pets for cancer, and layoffs meant she would lose her team. The right office would take a few tries, but in 2021 Arteaga and her team found a home on Ramona Avenue in Monterey.

Cat chats

From a tender age, Arteaga, now in her 50s, was ambitious. Even a case of extreme shyness — "always the kid at the party talking to the cat" — would bend to her first big dream.

"Being a professional ballet dancer set the tone for my life," Arteaga explained. "Every single day, you learn something new. Moving forward has always felt like the pragmatic thing to do."

As a teenager, Arteaga enrolled in a pre-college intensive dance school in New York. (She's still astonished by the "crazy confidence" her family shared in her.) She turned professional at 17 and left for Europe, joining the Royal Ballet at Flanders and a company in Dusseldorf, Germany. Some years in, Arteaga reached that inevitable dancer's crossroad — in her words, "Will I be

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Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

her colleagues, a fellow veterinary specialist, made time to surf before work every day. She liked that about Santa Cruz. She liked what she'd seen of Monterey, too, where Pacific Veterinary Specialists kept a satellite practice.

The return to California had been a surprise in itself. Arteaga had crisscrossed



PHOTO/COURTESY THERESA ARTEAGA

Theresa Arteaga left her professional dance career behind, and many Peninsula pups are healthier for it.

From the mayor's desk — It's time for 'we will' solutions

By DALE BYRNE

WHEN I ran for mayor, I promised to move Carmel from "we should" to "we will." With a dynamic city council and an energized city staff, that promise is now becoming reality. Long overdue tasks like stump removal, sidewalk fixes, tree removals and other infrastructure repairs are happening all over town — driven by a shared commitment to action.

Now it's time to apply this momentum to other priorities: easing parking headaches, fixing beach stairways, upgrading public restrooms and our police station, and evaluating special events. These aren't new issues, but they demand fresh thinking, clear decisions, and a "we will" strategy.

■ Bold strategy for parking

After years of studies, it's time for results. I've asked staff, residents, and business owners to help craft an "all-in" strategy. Can we unlock hidden capacity by rethinking timed zones and loading areas, and adjusting striping between Ninth and Fourth? Can we adjust spaces lost to AB 413 by using local data, lowering downtown speed limits, and making prudent changes at intersections?

We are also looking beyond the curb. Could locations like the Forest Theater, Sunset Center, and Vista Lobos have potential for more parking? Some public, some reserved for valet, some supported

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Don't miss "Scenic Views" by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.

His vision helped him reach beyond the world of agriculture

OF THE five children born to Salinas artist Elsie Dill (1930-2020), her first three were sons.

George, the oldest, and Henry, the youngest of her boys, went into agriculture, like their dad, Murray Dill, who was a dairy farmer before becoming a schoolteacher, and both grandfathers, Morris

California and some in Arizona, growing asparagus, fruit trees, melons and other products. H.P. Garin died at 60, when his daughter, Elsie, was just 17.

"All of his sons went off to war, leaving him to run the business by himself, and he worked himself to death," Dill said of Garin, who frequently went to Washington D.C. as a lobbyist for the ag industry. "But he took my mother with him on a lot of his trips, and she learned a lot about business."

Elsie Garin was a student at San Jose State when she met Murray Dill (1923-2025), who became her husband of 69 years.

He pivoted from milking cows to education, teaching first at San Lorenzo School in King City, then in Salinas, where he worked as a teacher and vice principal for almost 30 years.

Elsie and three brothers ran The Garin Company after their father passed — and she served on its board of directors.

She also was part owner of Monterey Mercantile for more than 20 years while mothering her three sons and two daughters, Kathy Bourne and Cynthia McGonigle.

An artistic breakthrough

Both girls went to Notre Dame High in Salinas, and all three boys went to neighboring Palma, where Gordon (Class of 1972) had his first artistic breakthrough.

"I made a collage — a 4-by-8-foot panel

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Dill, also a dairy farmer, and Elsie's dad, H.P. Garin. His company financed vacuum-cooled railcars that revolutionized coast-to-coast produce shipping in the mid-1940s.

Gordon — Elsie's middle son — helped his uncles with a few harvests as a youth and cleaned out his share of barns, but was different from his brothers in a consequential way.

The brother who saw color

"Both of my brothers are colorblind, but I'm not," said the 70-year-old Salinas resident. "When I was 8 years old, my mom started taking me along whenever she went out painting in the Carmel Highlands. And she started working with me on my art."

"She also taught me how to do the gardening, because I could see the colors," he said.

Gordon, the gardener, studied ornamental horticulture at Fresno State, earned a degree from in landscape architecture from Cal Poly Pomona in 1980, and spent 44 years sculpting California gardens — including three-and-a-half landscaped Carmel Plaza, where he built a nursery on the roof, and 23 at Carmel Valley Manor.

Gordon, the artist, has shown his acrylics and watercolors for the past eight years at the Salinas Valley Art Gallery, the co-op his mother co-founded nearly 30 years ago. Her works are also exhibited there.

The largest part of his portfolio celebrates the farmlands of the Salinas Valley — "the salad bowl of the world" — depicting harvests, wineries, farmworkers, and the flowers and plants he learned to grow as a master gardener and landscape artist.

The valley turns green

"I just love the Salinas Valley. There's something really special about the springtime here, when everything is plowed, neat and tidy," Dill said. "And then it all turns green when the hills are dry. I've traveled all over Europe, and I've seen a lot of beautiful places, but, to me, there's nothing like this valley," he said. "It really is a gem of a place, and it inspires me to paint."

He never knew his maternal grandfather, who owned farms throughout



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Gordon Dill celebrates the beauty of the Salinas Valley, the Monterey Peninsula and other California scenes with acrylic and watercolor landscapes he shows at the Salinas Valley Art Gallery, a co-op founded by his late mom, Elsie Dill.

— with five scenes of California: missions, the redwoods, the coast, the fields, and I can't remember the other one," he said. "The collage won a religious art show in Monterey."

Visiting Monterey at the time was Chicago Mayor Richard Daly, who attended the exhibit, saw the collage, and wanted to meet the artist.

"So, the mayor of Chicago came to our house and shook my hand, and I was going, 'Who is this guy?'" Dill remembered with a laugh. "And then some couple bought my collage, I think for \$100, which seemed like all the money in the world to me."

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GAVEL

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sion of a firearm.

On Nov. 4, 2024, at approximately 7:45 a.m., a deputy with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office was on patrol when he spotted a black pickup truck with no rear license plate. The deputy performed a traffic stop and contacted the driver, Alvarez, who was on parole. Alvarez admitted there was a firearm in the truck. After conducting a search, the deputy subsequently located a .22-caliber revolver hidden in a black trash bag behind the passenger seat.

Alvarez was sentenced to two years in prison, which was doubled to four years because he had a prior strike conviction within the meaning of California's three strikes law.

March 6 — Following a week-long jury trial, Jesse David Martinez, 43, of Salinas, was convicted by a jury of evading an officer with willful disregard for safety, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, driving on a suspended license, and resisting a peace officer. The jury also found true that Martinez had a prior strike conviction within the meaning of California's three strikes law. Martinez, who was present in court for jury selection, willfully failed to appear for the remainder of his jury trial and was convicted in absentia. A warrant for his arrest has been issued.

On June 20, 2024, Martinez was pulled over for having a tinted license plate cover by an officer with the Monterey Police Department. During the traffic stop, Martinez threw his vehicle in drive and drove away. Several officers pursued him through downtown Monterey. During the pursuit, Martinez sped, swerved between traffic and pedestrians, and ran a stop sign. Officers had to terminate the pursuit due to Martinez's dangerous driving conditions. Officers found Martinez over a mile away from the pursuit and arrested him.

After Martinez was arrested, he admitted to the officers that he had a firearm on him during the pursuit and had thrown it into a body of water. Monterey police officers and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office dive team searched Lake El Estero and found the loaded firearm. Martinez will be sentenced when he is apprehended.

March 6 — Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew G. Liu sentenced Rodrigo Bravo, 33, to a term of 16 years to life in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. On Jan. 8, Bravo pleaded no contest to the second-degree murder of his girlfriend and the mother of his children, Eleni Tavua, in June 2023. Bravo also admitted that he personally used a knife in the commission of Tavua's killing.

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

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

If you or a loved one are experiencing domestic violence and need assistance, contact the YWCA at 1-831-372-6300 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or text "START" to 88788.

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LETTERS

From page 26A

Knowing what's best

Dear Editor,

The Pine Cone recently published another alarmist, adverb-laden letter to the editor about Carmel's "legacy" vanishing as a result of architectural modernism. The drama-filled prose and multi-syllabic descriptors mask my view of the letter's real message: "We" (whoever that is) know what's right for this town, we know what's "thoughtful," and we know which parts of our "irreplaceable legacy" should be preserved.

That letter was supported by a subsequent letter from another author who had the poor taste to identify a home by address that they found "appalling" and "ridiculous." Whenever I see phrases like, "I propose we make it

mandatory," applied to subjective matters of taste (i.e., not to public safety or lawfulness issues), I envision the suggestion coming from people who think they know more than the rest of us about how things "should be."

At the risk of sounding like a broken record: You are entitled to your opinions, but please don't impose those opinions on my rights, and please don't suggest you are blessed with insights, opinions and tastes that are somehow "elevated," relative to those held by people who are not a part of your group).

I have read a number of Pine Cone letters with a not-so-subtle message along the lines of, "if you don't like it here, go somewhere else." An alternative view: If you don't like how Carmel is evolving, changing and in many ways improving, maybe you should look for a town stuck in the past in which you'd be more comfortable. After all, "we" know history has shown that sticking with traditions that discourage diversity, creativity, expression and free thinking almost always works out well.

Even when letters make me want to tear out what's left of the hair on my head, I'm grateful the Pine Cone provides a local forum for voices to be heard.

Chuck McKenzie,
Carmel

Six-story house

Dear Editor,

Last week, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors again denied the six-story, 15,000 square foot home in Carmel Valley Ranch proposed by Amy McDougall and Rene Peinado. Unfortunately, Monterey County does not have a compliant plan under the state Housing Affordability Act. This lack has created a confusing pathway for new construction under the Builder's Remedy legislation that can bypass certain county ordinances and requirements. It is particularly regrettable, however, when a San Francisco-based developer with a lengthy record of litigation attempts to exploit the legislation to build his own massive single-family home.

The stated purpose, intent, and spirit of the legislation (SB 8, SB 330, and AB 1893) is to facilitate the construction of larger-scale, multi-unit developments, particularly those with affordable housing components. Peinado's project does not align with the objectives of the legislation, which focuses on significantly increasing affordable and high-density housing.

The county staff noted in its December 2024 report that it had "identified multiple discrepancies, errors, and misrepresentations" in the applicant's submission which have yet to be resolved. Sixty opposition letters have been filed with the county from neighbors, the land use advisory committee, and the Carmel Valley Association. Peinado is now trying to circumvent the county's review processes by claiming his application should have been considered under the builders remedy all along.

When it decided to retain the denial and send the proposal back to the planning commission, the board of supervisors went out of its way to provide (undeserved) due process to the applicant. The amount of time the county has already invested over the past 24 months is staggering. Given the staff shortages in county planning, their time could have been spent on higher-yielding projects for the community. Instead, they continue to deal with the selfish pursuit of a plan that has been deemed egregious, non-compliant, and unacceptable by neighbors, LUAC, CVA, the county, the planning commission, and the board of supervisors. This project is a colossal waste of taxpayer money and should be killed.

Art Taylor, *Carmel Valley*



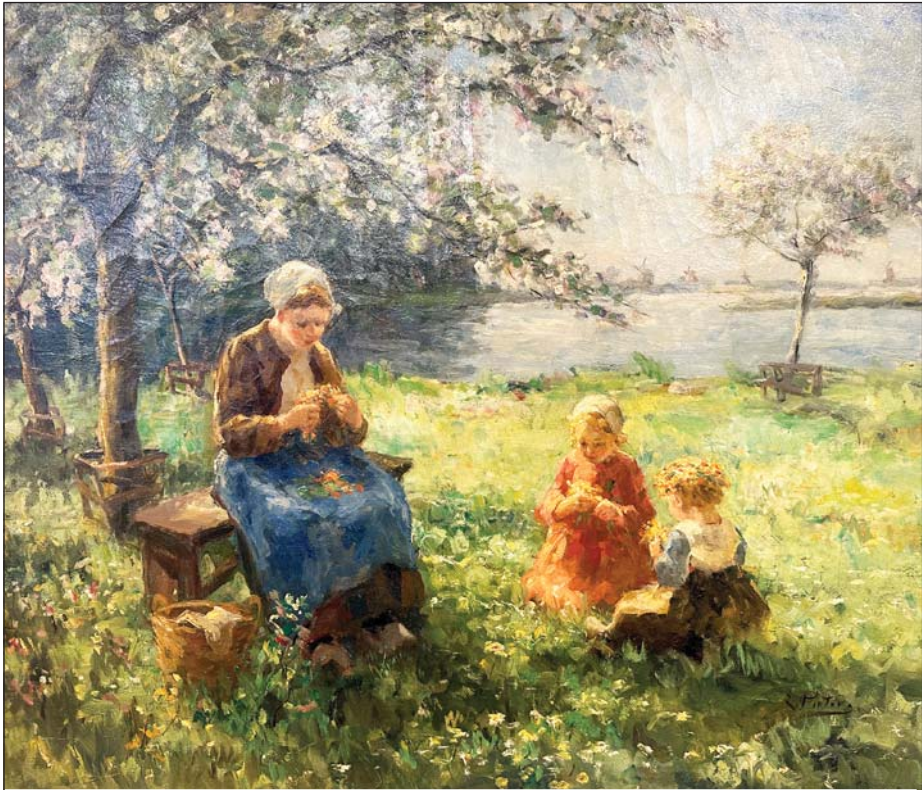
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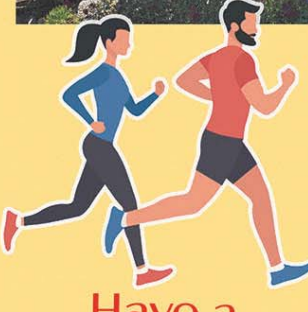
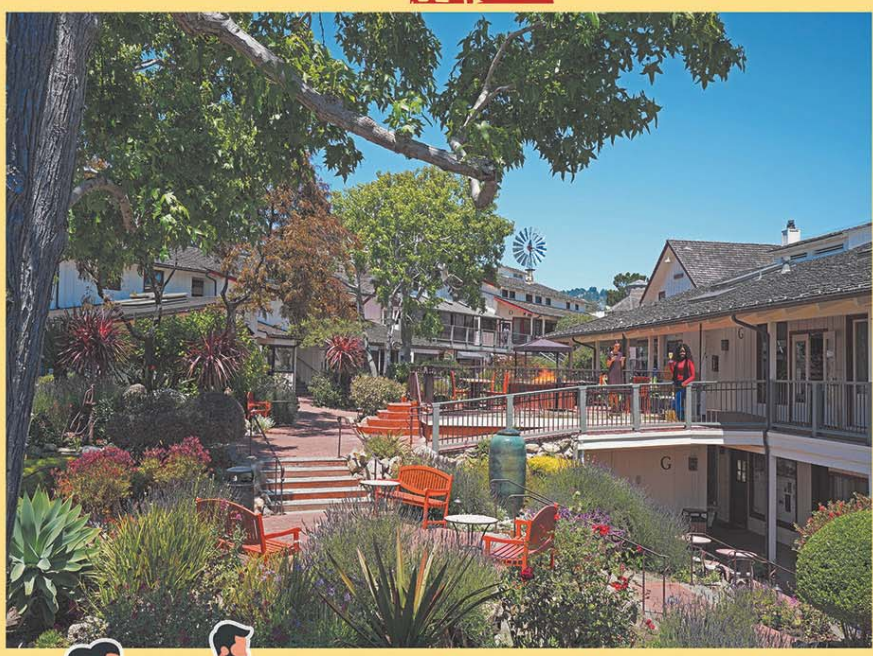
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the next Baryshnikov, or is it time to move on?” In 1995, she returned home to New York and applied to college. That fall, she enrolled at UCLA, where a vague childhood idea about working with animals began to take shape. She wasn’t optimistic — what did vet schools care about a former ballerina? — but she got up the nerve to apply. “I think Cornell University was looking for a weird class that year. We had a Harvard MBA holder, a figure skater, and someone who’d served in the Peace Corps in Russia,” Arteaga recalled of 1999’s incoming class of aspiring veterinarians.

A human business

Then, a few professors at Cornell conspired to get her to specialize. They warned she would get bored with general veterinary life. In 2004, she began her residency at the Schwarzman Animal Medical Center in New York City. The largest nonprofit animal hospital in the world offered state-of-the-art treatment conducted by premier veterinarians and researchers, who prioritized impact and patient care over profit. Arteaga said the Animal Cancer Center does something similar on a smaller scale. “You know, I’ve had oncologists in the San Francisco Bay area ask me how we’ve pulled it off,” Arteaga mused. “But I just don’t know how we could have done it anyplace else. It’s all word of mouth, including the other vets I’ve counted on. We’re very fortunate to be in this community.” Helmed by a close-knit team, the Animal Cancer Center provides diagnostics, chemotherapy, palliative care, and, Arteaga’s specialty, immunotherapy, “which essentially means mapping the unique cancer genome of each dog to try and find out how to recruit or trick its immune system to fight the disease.” As the center’s founder and lead oncologist, Arteaga is accustomed to 12-hour workdays and occasional

weekends. Relaxation looks like a ballet or yoga class, or a hike with her pack of rescue pups. By all accounts, Arteaga is the only veterinary oncologist between San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz, and many of her clients drive their pets more than an hour to see her. The pain of a cancer diagnosis spreads far beyond a scary tumor, so Arteaga and her team are doing everything they can to care for people, too. “A lot of our clients have been ill themselves. Some owners are on the same medications as their pets. I always have to ask, can this person pull this off? We try to offer options, and not just financially,” she explained. She once accepted payment in pears from a client’s backyard. Chalk it up to neighborly love — “She was someone’s grandmother, from Seaside!” laughed Arteaga, who also calls Seaside home. The center is connected to just about every local pet charity you can think of, including Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, Max’s Helping Paws, Golden Oldies and the BirchBark Foundation. Those and other nonprofits help clients with financial support, and volunteers assist with myriad tasks like administering medications and walking dogs.

Tireless researcher

An appointment at the Animal Cancer Center is unique. There is no waiting room. You and the patient, who’s already munching a turkey meatball offered by a vet tech, are shown into a quiet room. There is no exam table — just a comfortable chair, a fluffy dog bed and a little couch for supportive cuddling. Arteaga enters, treat in hand, and administers a good long pet as she talks you through the day’s plan. Eased with hugs and more treats, treatment ranges from cutting-edge vaccines and oral medications to low-dose, minimally toxic chemotherapy, and only lasts a few minutes at a time. One client said her dog “gets so excited to be there, he cries when we pull into the parking lot, like we’re pulling up to the beach.” A few patients get to experience firsthand the results of Arteaga’s tireless interest in cancer research. She says that dogs are the human models for some

cancer research. First, because they’re genetically similar to us. Second, scientists are finding that our cancers, like melanoma, for example, aren’t so different. Some large breeds’ bone cancers look a lot like pediatric bone cancer, and there is a strikingly similar genetic mutation between human breast cancer and bladder cancer in canines. Arteaga and her team have conducted clinical trials that range from liquid biopsies to detect blood cancer, to medication for oral tumors (both successful). As the pilot dog for an experimental lymphoma treatment, one of Arteaga’s patients is celebrating his 10th post-diagnosis anniversary. She and her team see so many patients that they only have time to conduct one trial per year, with all the accompanying documentation and research. But the offers keep coming, from pharmaceutical companies and prestigious teaching hospitals, including Cornell. “My hope has always been for a second oncologist on the Peninsula. What really makes me sad is to hear people say ‘My pet suffered cancer two years ago, and we didn’t know we had an option like this.’ “We’re so busy, but I always encourage people to inquire. We may be able to help.”

MAYOR

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with a shuttle service? Partnering with local churches and businesses could further expand access. A grassroots effort is developing bold, creative and easily implemented solutions to ease the pressures before the busy summer season.

■ Beach access, restrooms


Carmel’s beach is part of our soul, and the stairways are how we get there. Two are currently closed, and others are in disrepair. That’s just not acceptable. A practical and affordable plan is on the table to reopen the closed stairways with high quality, long-lasting like-for-like repairs. But this must be the start, not the end. We need a long-term plan to restore and maintain every stairway and bluff revetment. These are more than structures — they’re essential to who we are.

We’ve always welcomed visitors, but we need to support that hospitality with better infrastructure. Public restrooms are too few, and those we have need updating. We will be evaluating plans to expand restroom access and improve design while supporting ADA compliance. These are quality-of-life improvements — for residents and visitors alike.


■ Police station, special events

Our police department has worked out of a makeshift building for too long. We are leading a realistic assessment to determine exactly what the department needs, now

and in the future, balanced with an achievable budget. Our goal: a right-sized, cost-effective building that supports our officers and protects our community. Special events around the Peninsula bring excitement and energy — but also noise, congestion and disruption. Residents, visitors and business owners are raising real concerns, and they deserve to be heard. It might be time to review our events calendar with open eyes. Which events uplift Carmel’s values? Which ones serve the community, and which may need to evolve or step back? A renewed community activities commission can lead this charge. From sidewalks to stairways, from parking to public safety, we are building a culture of thoughtful progress. When our amazing residents, city staff, businesses and nonprofits come together, we will continue to show that action beats intention. Let’s keep going. Let’s keep choosing “we will.” To hear a podcast generated from this article, go to cli.re/wewill. Dale Byrne is Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. His email is dbyrne@cbts.us.



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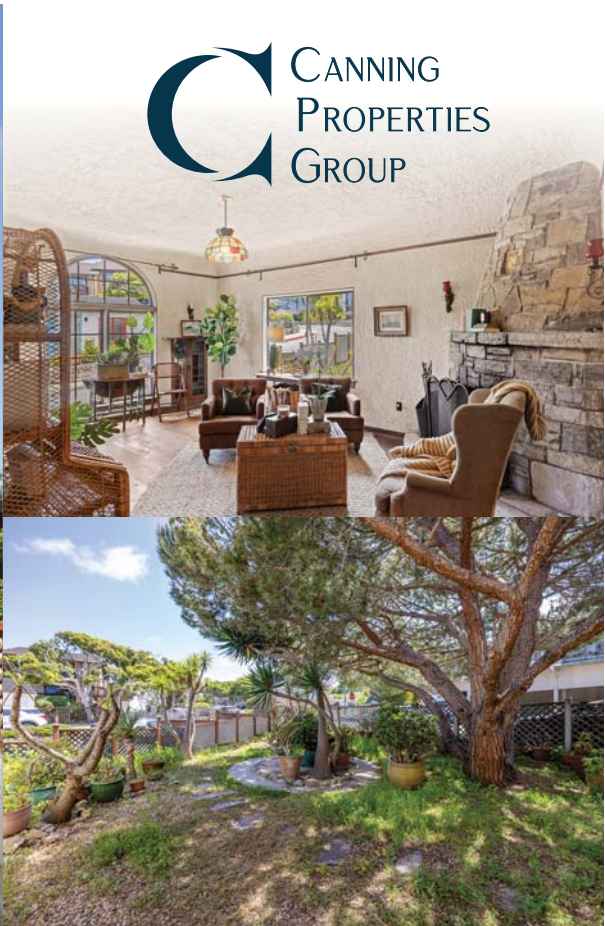
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HEALTHY Lifestyles

A little bit of spit and polish, a whole lot of training and compassion

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

WHEN PEOPLE talk about seeing their dentist, you never know whether they'll mention the upside or the downside. "I'm so glad my toothache is gone," they might say." Or, "I'd rather go through an IRS audit."

Yet, we rarely hear about the unsung heroes, those devoted to doing the grittier work of dentistry — the dental assistants and hygienists who spend years studying and training to pick up where we left off in keeping our mouths healthy and clean.

For 30 years, Sue Poppino stood with her face shield in place as she removed plaque, tartar and stains before polishing her patients' teeth, educating them on oral hygiene, applying fluoride and screening for gum disease and oral cancer, all while forming what always felt like friendships.

She was a dental hygienist for James Emerson, DDS, in Monterey. Following his retirement, she went to work for Sunderpal Dail, who is a prosthodontist — someone who restores and replaces teeth and treats jaw disorders. Poppino recognizes that her work is a very communicative process, which has taught her to become good at listening and sensitive to her patients, their life stories and their experiences in her chair.

Making dentures

Poppino works as a dental lab technician in the same office, fabricating dentures and temporomandibular joint, or TMJ, appliances, which help limit teeth-grinding and clenching while reducing head and neck pain. When needed, she steps back into service as a dental hygienist.

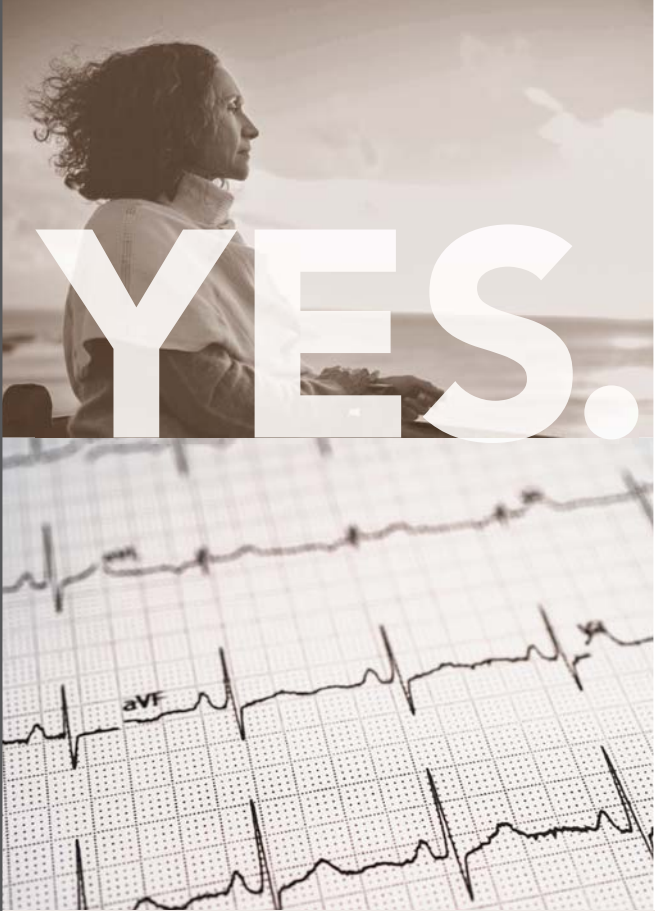
Had anyone told Poppino 30 years ago that she would become a dental hygienist and technician, she would have



Between them, Sue Poppino (left) and Nicole Leonard have nearly 50 years of experience working with dental patients.

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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES

Nice canines — who’s your dentist? What to know about dogs’ oral health.

By LILY PATTERSON

REMEMBER THE “KISS” principle: Keep It Simple, Snoopy. Daily toothbrushing is the secret to your pup’s healthiest smile — all-too-simple advice, all-too-often neglected, according to veterinarian Shira Rubin. A keen researcher of veterinary history, Rubin acknowledged canine dentistry has come a long way since the 1980s, when veterinary programs began to specialize. Rubin is also medical director of Aguajito Veterinary Hospital in Monterey, where the day-to-day reality is not so pearly white.

That’s not necessarily the fault of pet owners, said Rubin. “Dogs — and cats for that matter — need the same dental care as people, and veterinarians have not done a very good job of emphasizing this. But every one of them will tell you that daily toothbrushing is the most effective way to improve oral hygiene, and nothing can come close to replacing that.”

We’ll address the felines another time, but for now, here’s what you may not know about routine care and those pricey annual cleanings, plus below-the-gumline insight into doggie dentistry.

Stay safe

If the mere sight of a toothbrush sets your hound snarling, you’re not alone. “Most dogs only tolerate a few seconds of brushing at a time, but even that is enough to have a significant positive effect,” said Rubin.

“Most owners can realistically only brush the outside of the upper teeth. Unless you have a very well-trained dog, it’s just not safe to put your fingers inside the mouth to get the inside of the teeth.” She explained that the majority of a dog’s saliva comes out over the front canines and those big premolars toward the back of the upper jawline. Calcium and other minerals in saliva play a big part in plaque formation, so brushing those upper teeth — and wherever else they’ll let you reach safely — will make a notable difference.

To train their pups to be a little more cooperative, Rubin refers clients to Veterinary Partner, a pet-care information website created by veterinarians. A quick search of “toothbrushing” turned up a guide to “Low-Stress Toothbrushing,” with the clever, cost-effective tip of wrapping gauze around your finger, which is less cumbersome than a toothbrush and offers a more abrasive cleaning than



Teaching your dog to tolerate a little bit of daily dental care can save you both some bigger problems down the road.

rubber finger brushes sold at pet stores. You’ll also need toothpaste designed for pets (consult your vet for suggestions). They come in tempting flavors like chicken liver and peanut butter. Start by letting your pup lick the gauze before running your finger underneath the upper lip. If that goes well, you can try gentle brushing motions.

“The foundation of any training program is rewarding the desired behavior, ignoring undesirable behavior, and being patient. For some dogs, this might mean spending

several weeks just touching the outside of their lip and rewarding them,” said Rubin, who believes it’s never too soon to introduce a daily dental routine. Even though those sharp little baby teeth fall out in three to four months, it’s the perfect window for you and your new friend to get a head start on the process

“I like to use my finger with or without a Vetradent den-

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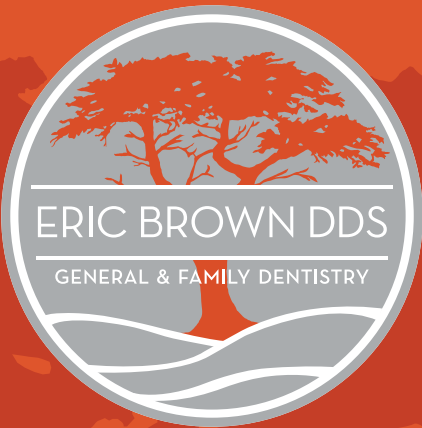
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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES


There isn't a manual for newborns — but there are some classes

By LISA LAPIN

WHEN BRIDGET and Tim Beger welcomed their baby daughters 16 months apart, they worried their lives would erupt into chaos as they coped with both a toddler and newborn while Tim was attending the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

Quite the opposite, the couple said they experienced a positive, life-affirming period of support, a healthy relationship as new parents and vastly improved communication as a couple. They attributed all of it to free parenting classes and groups for new moms and dads offered by Ohana, the youth mental health center for Montage Health.

“I was so much more prepared knowing there was a support system I would go to every Wednesday night,” said Tim Beger, who is a Marine captain. “It was a feeling of a safety net to connect with other dads experiencing the same thing. There aren’t a lot of opportunities for new fathers to talk about what they are going through. It wasn’t therapy, but I found it to be therapeutic. Knowing I would have the opportunity to share with other fathers made me much more confident the second time around.”



Bridget Beger, who left her human resources job to be a stay-at-home mom for the first time, had a similar experience. She started out unsure how she would manage her new roles, being pregnant while her first daughter was still an infant and then managing life with two little ones.

Brittney Borlik

"It was isolating to be at home, so I went to check out Ohana and became a regular," she said. "The more I went, the more I started to form relationships with other moms. It was great to not only get feedback and help from other moms with my first baby, but also to help manage all the emotions, everything that comes with being pregnant

again while also being postpartum. The topics each week encourage other conversations, which also grows friendships, which can be hard as adults.”

The Begers attended group meetings for expectant and new moms and dads, as well as couples sessions, for more than 18 months. They could bring their daughters — Carson, almost 2, and Skylar, now 6 months — to the gatherings, so they didn't need to find childcare.

Free classes

The free classes, workshops and support groups are offered by Montage Health's Parent and Family Education unit. Courses are available for parents and caregivers of children of all ages, from birth through teens, including working parents and ones where the baby is still on the way. There are even classes specifically for grandparents.

“There is a lot of evidence that the better mental health new parents have, the better outcomes their children have. So we are supporting parents from the very beginning,” said Brittney Borlik, the perinatal educator for Ohana.

Borlik was hired in December 2023 and is responsible for organizing the weekly, monthly and quarterly workshops. Topics include “Thriving in Pregnancy” and “Building Resilience for New Parents.”

“People’s relationships change with children,” Borlik said. “Partner mental health is key. You could have a mom with postpartum depression, and that’s widely recognized. Dads are rarely asked how they are doing. If both parents are mentally well, it’s better for the children. Parent mental health plays a big role in their child’s mental health down the road.”

Since more and more grandparents are serving as caregivers, Ohana also offers a monthly “Grandparenting Today” session. At a recent online workshop, five sets of grandparents gathered on Zoom to discuss how much parenting has changed and how they can best support their adult children to be parents.

Borlik led grandparents through common parenting styles, with “authoritative” having the best outcome.

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Almond Flour Torte with Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Courtesy Ginna BB Gordon, author of ‘GB’s Café: The Bakery’

THIS NATURALLY gluten-free cake — thanks to the almond flour — is the perfect treat for anything from brunch to afternoon tea to dessert. Tortes tend to be denser than traditional cakes due to their higher egg content and minimal (or no) flour. For those wondering about the butter or concerned about cholesterol, it ends up being a tablespoon or less of butter per serving (depending on how big you slice your torte) which is within the daily recommendation for butter consumption. The American

Heart Association recommends aiming for fewer than 6 percent of your daily calories to come from saturated fats, like butter. For a 2,000-calorie diet, this allows you a little over a tablespoon of butter a day. Monkfruit and allulose are both sugar substitutes that won’t spike your blood sugar. Monkfruit has zero calories and allulose has just 10 percent of the calories of sugar, gram per gram. Monkfruit can be found at most major grocery stores as well as local specialty shops such as Cornuco-

pia and Elroy’s. Cornucopia also carries allulose. But what exactly are they? Monkfruit is a small round fruit native to Southeast Asia approved by the FDA as a sweetener. Its sweetness comes from antioxidants called “mogrosides,” not glucose or fructose like other fruit.

Allulose is found naturally in figs, raisins, wheat, and maple syrup, but in minimal quantities. What you’re getting at the store is manufactured by processing cornstarch.

While allulose is approved by the FDA as a “natural sweetener” it is on the “generally regarded as safe” list, as not enough research has been done to understand its long-term effects.

If you have frozen berries you want to use up, Gordon said to “thaw them first and drain them...works great.” You could also substitute plain yogurt for whipped cream to serve.

4 eggs at room temperature, separated
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 to 1/3 cup slivered or sliced almonds
1 cup fresh fruit, such as blueberries or cherries
Coconut oil spray, for greasing pan
Whipped cream, crème fraîche, or plain yogurt for serving

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8-inch springform pan with coconut oil and line the bottom with parchment.

Add flour, baking powder and salt to a bowl and whisk together.

Mix the melted butter with allulose or monkfruit and maple syrup. Add egg yolks, one at a time, blending each one in fully. Add vanilla extract.

Using a mixer with clean, dry beaters and bowl, whip egg whites and cream of tartar until soft peaks form.

Add half of the flour mixture to the egg yolk mixture and mix thoroughly. Add remaining flour mixture. Gently fold in the egg whites and scoop gently into prepared pan. Sprinkle fruit on top and place almond slices around the edges.

Bake until a toothpick or knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Let cool in pan for 30 minutes. Un-mold and let cool completely on a wire rack. Transfer to a cake plate.

Slice and serve with whipped cream, creme fraiche or a good-quality yogurt.



INGREDIENTS
(Serves 8-12)
2 cups almond flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
1/2 cup monkfruit or allulose sugar (see notes)
1/4 cup maple syrup


Chef Bio

GINNA BB Gordon is many things — a chef, event planner, retreat cook, artist, writer, gardener, nurturer and friend. She has created businesses like Ginna’s Café, managed kitchens and cafés, including Rainbow Ranch Calistoga, the Chopra Center for Well Being La Jolla, and the Thunderbird Bookshop. She has also created events for nonprofits including the Carmel Music Society and Carmel Bach Festival for many private clients — she counts actor Steven Seagal among them.


Throughout her busy 30-year career in the food and event business, Gordon has entertained and sustained herself and friends with art and garden parties, ceramics workshops, gifts from the garden, and kitchen and herbal products. She also found time to author 11 books, most recently “GB’s Café: the Bakery.”



She and her husband, musician and author David Gordon (spiritsound.com), are partners in Lucky Valley Press, a pre-press and indie publishing company found at luckyvalleypress.com. Her cookbooks and novels are available wherever books are sold.



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“Involving kids in setting rules, listening, enforcement of consequences — this has the best outcomes,” Borlik said. “Being uninvolved, lacking emotional support, has the poorest outcomes. Permissive parenting also has poor outcomes, because there is no enforcement of consequences.”

Grandparents in the workshop had many questions about how to be the greatest help without getting in the way or interfering. Borlik advised them to “respect the boundaries set by your adult children,” and to avoid spoiling grandchildren.

“Don’t outshine the parents. It’s good to be expressive, to stay in close communication, to send cards and notes that I am thinking of you. You can’t spoil grand-

children with too much love. But it’s not helpful for grandparents to let them have everything they want.”

Grandparents were advised to try to avoid offering criticism, even if they don’t always agree with their children’s parenting styles. “Be a supportive presence and actively listen to your own adult children,” Borlik said. “Spend quality time with your grandchildren when you can. Play games with them, read books with them.”

Encouraging environment

Positivity reigns, as does support. There is also a heavy emphasis on open, constructive communication and communication styles that foster understanding.

“We got more vocabulary to talk about what we were going through,” Bridget Be-

ger said. “It was nice to hear other people share the same feelings that I had. People had similar struggles. The sense of community and support was huge.”

And the difference in her husband after he attended “was noticeable and helpful,” she said.

The Begeres are understandably eager for other parents to hear about the free resources offered by Ohana, and they urged all new parents to attend. The classes and workshops can be found at the Montage Health Ohana website under “Parent Education.” Offerings include groups for prenatal and expectant parents and go on throughout the entire parenting spectrum, including assistance for parents of school-age children, teens and young adults. There is also ample online advice.

New parents can find information on “giving babies the love and attention they need,” with encouragement to respond to coos and cries, and to cuddle, sing and play and enjoy time together.

Class sign-ups are online, and family members can start in the next session. “New and Expecting Dads,” for example, meets every other Wednesday and discusses transitioning to fatherhood, navigating relationships, and caring for the baby, co-parent and yourself.

“Our kids will reap the benefits for years to come,” said Tim Beger. “Our daughters were aware of and receptive to our emotions and communication with one another. If we didn’t have the safety net of the support groups, it wouldn’t have been as good as it was.”



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been stunned.

“Growing up, I had very ugly, crooked, protruding teeth, which caused low self-esteem,” she remembered. “I never smiled. But my mom was a single parent raising three kids, so she couldn’t help.” Once Poppino was a senior in high school, she called an orthodontist and went in for a braces consult. She took on the financial responsibility, working an after-school job from 3:30 to 9 p.m., when she’d catch a cab home, then start her homework.

“As my teeth shifted, so did my self-esteem,” Poppino said. “One day, I asked an orthodontic assistant how I could become a dental assistant so I could help others.”



Nicole Lasko, director of operations for Monterey Peninsula Dental Group.

dental hygiene program at Cabrillo College. Thirty years later, Poppino considers it a privilege to care for patients, working to ensure they have good oral care and keep their mouths clean and healthy.

In the genes

Surprisingly, she said, “The mouth is actually a private part of the body, so trust is a big factor. My patients are vulnerable, and I am sensitive to their needs. I am interested in their oral health, but I truly am interested in the well-being of the whole person.”

A registered dental hygienist since 2008, Nicole Leonard has been working with Monterey Peninsula Dental Group since 2018. The Prunedale resident and mother of two youngsters drives to Monterey three or four days a week, which offers her the work-family balance she needs.

“Influenced by my grandfather, who was a dentist, I knew in high school that I would work toward becoming

a dental hygienist,” said Leonard. “I trained at MPC and Hartnell, and then went to Cabrillo for their dental hygiene program. When I initially applied to Cabrillo in 2003, they said there was a 12-year waiting list to get in.”

Leonard held onto her goal and was accepted after a

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tal wipe,” said Rubin, adding that whatever method you use, “the goal is to gently massage the gumline, no scrubbing or scraping needed.”

Regarding chewable toys, hard bones don’t do much for plaque removal and can risk damaging teeth. Rubin said if you can’t make a little dent in a toy with your fingernail, it’s too hard. Instead, try Greenies and other Veterinary Oral Health Council-accepted treats — look for the seal — which can’t replace a brushing routine but have been shown to assist with plaque removal.

Your vet may even suggest a prescription diet designed to encourage chewing, rather than gulping. Rubin said she’s a fan.

Let’s address the hulking English mastiff in the room: Are those annual cleanings really necessary?

“Yes, they really are,” stressed Rubin, who acknowledged that the cost — anywhere from \$1,000-\$2,000 for a routine procedure — can be “prohibitive” for pet owners.

Responsible for a significant chunk of that cost is general anesthesia, administered to even the most sedate critters so vets can safely insert a catheter and IV, take pre-exam blood work and perform X-rays.

Otherwise, a pup’s routine cleaning is almost identical to yours, down to the tools used to examine, probe and polish. If everything looks good, your best friend will be ready for pick-up after a couple hours of post-anesthesia monitoring. Expect a run-down from your vet on the procedure, as well as tips on aftercare.

An aside for small dog devotees: Tiny mouths tend to crowd teeth, so dental conditions can progress much more rapidly in dogs under 20 pounds and flat-faced or snub-nosed dogs, like Frenchies. Some vets recommend more frequent cleanings in those cases.

Aftercare for a cleaning is straightforward. A return to regular diet and exercise

is generally fine, but Rubin said to ask your vet. As the anesthesia wears off a little whining is normal, and it may take a day for your pup to feel 100 percent, but always contact your treating veterinarian with any concerns.

Pet insurance

Just like people, most dogs over age 3 have some buildup and inflammation. Should the dental team have to extract a bad tooth or treat some worrisome gum tissue, however, expect the procedure and post-op care to run longer — and your itemized bill to lengthen with it.

“The goal of an annual dental cleaning is to keep the mouth healthy,” said Rubin. “Once there is disease, it’s almost impossible to get the mouth back to normal. A cleaning before then is a win for everyone. The anesthesia time should be shorter, the procedure should be less invasive and painful, and it should also be cheaper.”

Enter Pumpkin, Pet’s Best, ASPCA, Trupanion and more: Pick your provider, but, Rubin said, “I don’t consider pet insurance optional.”

“I always compare it to car insurance. Everyone insures their cars and hopes not to get in a car accident, whereas we know our pets will eventually get old and sick. Pet insurance works a lot like car insurance, too. The higher your deductible, the cheaper your monthly premium. The more valuable your car — in this case, the older or larger the dog — the more expensive it is. Like oil changes or new tires, routine



Veterinarian Shira Rubin is a fan of daily dental care for dogs and cats. She also recommends pet insurance to keep bills from getting out of hand.

dental cleanings are not covered, but many companies will cover things like broken teeth and root canals.”

Rubin has a couple tips for insurance-curious pet lovers:

- Buy it before you need it. Providers won’t cover pre-existing conditions.
- There is no perfect pet insurance. “It’s better to pick one now, so you have something in place, and change later on,” added Rubin, who urges pet owners to remember that a \$100-a-month premium pales in the face of \$5,000-\$20,000 out of pocket for a veterinary emergency.

■ Pet owners in need of financial assistance can look into nonprofits like Max’s Helping Paws, Birchbark Foundation and Peace of Mind, but she emphasized that “the best way to afford dental care is to make it part of your annual budget.”

All this bark about oral care is far bigger than a pearly white bite, Rubin added. “There’s lots of very good evidence that oral health influences all aspects of your body and the same seems to be true for dogs.”

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three-year wait. In the meantime, she completed MPC’s dental assisting program and went to work for an orthodontist.

A registered dental hygienist typically pursues two years of prerequisite classes at a junior college, she said, taking anatomy, organic chemistry and general education classes — math, science and humanities — earning an associate’s degree. That’s followed by an associate’s or bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene. Regardless of the degree, said Leonard, all dental hygienists take the same boards and achieve the same licensure.

“What I enjoy most about working in dental hygiene is helping others, building a relationship with each patient,” she said. “Also, there’s an instant gratification in helping someone gain confidence in their smile and in being an educator, teaching patients about oral health and the impact it can have on their overall health.”

Leonard admits that plenty of patients have said they don’t know how she can clean somebody’s mouth on the daily.

“I do this because it’s gratifying,” she said. “I can have the patient with the highest fear level and the least amount of trust, yet at the end, I see their confidence, their smile, and I know they are better for the care.”

Giving and receiving

Nicole Lasko was an expectant mom when she learned her husband had leukemia. He died when their daughter was 10 weeks old, leaving Lasko to raise and support their child. Today, their daughter is a young adult, and Lasko has risen to be-

come director of operations for Monterey Peninsula Dental Group.

Lasko began working in the dental field at 16, when she would walk to Forest Avenue from Pacific Grove High School to dentist David Simonsen’s office to sterilize and set up equipment and manage the front desk. By 1997, she’d completed the dental assisting program at MPC and gotten her license as a registered dental assistant. After working for a while at Monterey Peninsula Dental Group, she moved to Fresno and, with the encouragement of a dentist there, planned to take more classes in San Francisco to advance her career.

“I think I would have done more dental assisting, but I was planning to go to San Francisco for training when my husband got sick,” she said. “I was three months pregnant when we found out he had leukemia, and he passed eight months later, which caused me to shift my plans from doing more schooling to getting more work experience.” Her husband passed away in 2003, and, in 2004, she returned to the Peninsula and went to work as a dental X-ray technician. More than 20 years later, her “baby” is about to graduate from college with a degree in business and marketing.

Lasko said she appreciates the many different dental office jobs she’s held, as it has enabled her to understand and relate to both staff and patients, so she can be of better help.

“Today, as director of operations, I do just about everything except for the CEO’s role, handling systems, human resources, accounts payable and receivable, and I manage the building. I love doing the jobs that enable everyone else to do theirs on behalf of our patients,” she said.



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Symphony celebrates Mozart, Golden State welcomes acclaimed folk artist

TWO OF Mozart’s most memorable compositions serve as bookends for **Monterey Symphony’s** fourth concert of the season, which is set for Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Sunset Center.

The concert challenges the audience “to hear familiar delights with new ears,” according to the symphony. The program kicks off with Mozart’s *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* (“A Little Night Music”), which the symphony calls “a piece of light entertainment by a musical genius at the height of his powers.”

‘Emotional kaleidoscope’

Next, the symphony will perform Haydn’s *Cello Concerto in D Major*, showcasing cellist **Adelle-Akiko Kearns** as a soloist. The piece will be followed by German composer Franz Schreker’s *Chamber Symphony*, which is described as “an emotional kaleidoscope of hyper-Romanticism.” Closing the concert is Mozart’s *Overture to The Marriage of Figaro*.

Free pre-concert talks by musicologist **Christopher Anderson-Bazolli** start an hour before each concert. Kearns and conductor **Jayce Ogren** present a Q&A talk immediately following Saturday’s concert. Symphony clarinetist **Sarah Bonomo** will play in the Sunset Center lobby before Sunday’s performance.

General admission tickets start at \$45. Tickets for students, teachers and active military are \$12. Sunset Center



Cellist Adelle Akiko-Kearns (left) will be featured as a soloist for Monterey Symphony Saturday and Sunday at Sunset Center, while clarinetist Sara Bonomo (above) plays in the lobby before Sunday’s concert.

and watch an interactive performance by a member of the symphony. For more details, visit mymuseum.org.

■ Dement plays in Monterey

A two-time Grammy Award nominee, singer and multi-instrumentalist **Iris Dement** takes the stage Friday, 7 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Bringing together folk, country and gospel, Dement earned critical acclaim in the 1990s with albums like “My Life” and “The Way I Should.” Two years ago, she released the LP, “Workin’ on a World” — only the fourth album she has recorded in the past 25 years.

Dement often collaborated with late folk artist and close friend John Prine, and recorded with luminaries like Merle Haggard, Emmylou Harris and Steve Earle.

The Goo Goo Dolls paid tribute to Dement with the hit single, “Iris,” which topped the Billboard pop charts in 1988.

Tickets start at \$41. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

■ Sweet Sunday jazz

Embassy Suites in Seaside hosts its latest monthly **Jazz Jam** Sunday starting at 1 p.m., and professional musicians are always invited to join in. The house band will feature saxophonist **Ben Herod**, pianist **Martan Mann**, guitarist **Martin Bender** and bassist **Zach Westfall**, with drummer

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 646-8511 or visit montereysymphony.org.

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Culinary week is back, lunch for a cause, and trivia uncorked

THE RESTAURANTS, wineries and purveyors that call Carmel-by-the-Sea home are collaborating with the city’s tourism marketing group, Visit Carmel, on this year’s Culinary Week. “The Art of the Plate” is set for May 30-June 7 and will include an opening party, special menus and offers, seminars and other food-and-drink-focused fun.

Originally, Carmel Culinary Week was held in the winter, but it made better sense to host it in late spring, when more local produce is available, and the 5th annual event is expected to be “bigger and better than ever,” according to Visit Carmel and Good Roots, which is helping to organize it. Good Roots is an events company that also manages the city’s weekly farmers market.

A kick-off party is planned for Carmel Plaza, with chefs sharing small bites and local wineries offering some of their best, along with artists, music and activities. The

shindig runs from 3 to 5 p.m. May 30 and costs \$75 for general admission and \$125 for the VIP experience, which includes early entry. Vendors slated to participate include Carmel Belle, Dutch Door Donuts, Flaherty’s, Il Fornaio, Jeju Kitchen, Links

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Club, Nicolás Cocina De Herencia, Rise + Roam, Seventh & Dolores, Stationary and Toro, as well as Alvarado Street Brewing, Chalone, De Tierra, Lepe Cellars, Scheid, Shale Canyon, Silvestri, Talbott and Wrath.

Parmesan tasting

On June 3 from 5 to 7 p.m., for \$175 per person, guests will enjoy al fresco family-style Italian food and drink on Dolores Street south of Ocean during La Dolce Vita, which promises a “harvest table and other experiential food, wine and activities,” a live band and a roaming accordion player — which might actually dissuade some people from going — parmesan tasting and an affogato bar.

The next day’s Soirée by the Sea at La Playa Hotel, also from 5 to 7 p.m., will feature “the freshest seafood creations from Carmel’s top culinary talents,” along with

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“roaming oyster shucking,” live guitar and an art exhibit. Tickets are \$175, with a VIP “elevated experience” available for \$250.

The Culinary Showdown returns to the farmers market Thursday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., when chefs will participate in a live cooking competition to demonstrate their speed, skill and creativity. “This year introduces an exciting twist — the element of fire,” organizers said, with every dish incorporating a fire-grilled ingredient prepared on-site. Activities and mocktails will accompany the show, which costs \$20 per person.

And on June 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. Boho Bites & Beats on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth avenues will include “a world of flavors, global cuisine, and a bohemian experience,” with “a culinary journey of diverse regional food and wine,” street performers, art displays and “culinary tarot cards.” The cost is \$75 (\$125 for the VIP experience).

All events, except the Culinary Showdown, are for guests 21 and older. There are also 40 Ultimate Culinary Masterpiece Passes available, providing access to all five for \$675.

In addition, organizers say restaurants will offer specials, deals and experiences in honor of Carmel Culinary Week, though just a few venues so far have posted what they’re offering. For more information and updates, visit carmelculinaryweek.com.

■ **Fresh food fundraiser**

Brighter Bites, a nonprofit that aims “to create communities of health through fresh fruit and vegetables,” is having a fundraising luncheon on June 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Club at Pasadera. The national group began offering its program in Monterey County in 2021, and it works with local schools to provide “an



Brighter Bites, a nonprofit focused on improving families’ health through produce giveaways and a science-based nutrition curriculum geared to elementary-school kids, is having its annual fundraising luncheon at Pasadera. The outdoor event will highlight the impact of the group’s programs and honor produce donors and “community partners” for their support.



evidence-based food access and nutrition education program.”

The organization says it serves more than 5,000 elementary school kids and their families from Pajaro to Greenfield, providing 50 servings of fruit and vegetables — about 20 pounds’ worth of fresh, locally donated produce — per family throughout the school year and for four to six weeks during summer break. This effort is combined with easy recipes and guidelines for healthy eating.

The luncheon will be emceed by Tiffany DiTullio of Salinas Valley Health and the Blue Zones Project. Local produce company Braga Fresh will be honored as Produce Donor of the Year, Community Foundation for Monterey County will be recognized as the group’s Community Partner for 2025, and a parent and child will offer their perspectives on the program’s impacts.

Myriad sponsors include a who’s who of ag companies, among which are Church

Brothers, Drew-Massa, Driscoll’s and Taylor Farms, as well as Salinas Valley Health, Montage Medical Group, the Cannery Row Company, and Judie Profeta of Carmel Realty.

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■ **Quail & Olive contest**

For Mother’s Day, The Quail & Olive at 14 Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley wants cooks to send their best appetizer recipes using at least one of the business’ oils or vinegars to compete for a \$50 gift certificate. Email the recipe and a photo of the finished dish to anni@quailandolive.com by midnight on Thursday, May 1. Anni, the owner of the epicurean shop, will pick her three favorites and Camilla Mann, the “res-

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FOOD & WINE

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ident epicurean” will choose a winner — and the recipe could appear in one of The Pine Cone’s monthly Healthy Lifestyles sections.

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■ Trivia with a twist

On Tuesday, May 13 — and the second Tuesday of most months — at 5 p.m., Scheid’s wine-tasting room at San Carlos and Seventh plays host to an unusual trivia night. Ralph Romero, tasting room manager, said he launched the idea in January 2024 and it’s been quite popular. Guests pay a \$25 tasting fee (no charge for wine club members) and get a flight of five Scheid wines.

There are 20 mixed-category questions, including identifying the wines in the tasting flight. Two winners — one for best overall score and one for best winetasting score — each receive a bottle of Scheid estate wine.

Romero said the event fills up quickly, and you can RSVP by phone, in-person in the tasting room, or by visiting scheidvineyards.com and selecting “Events” under the “Visit” tab. You’ll be sent to ExploreTock.com (where you should ignore references to Thursdays and any theme shown on the graphic) to sign up.

■ Meanwhile, down south

Tickets are on sale for CRU Winery’s June 21 Celebration of Monterey County from noon to 3 p.m. at its Lucia Highlands tasting room (37500 Foothill Road, Soledad). There will be wine, live music from the Morenos band, and Pancho’s Craft Pizza will be churning out its popular wood-fired pies. Admission is \$45 (free for wine club members) and you can buy tickets at cruwinery.com by clicking the Events link under the Visit Us tab. While

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With five themed events featuring a wide swath of local chefs, Carmel Culinary Week swings into action with a kickoff party on May 30, and follows it up with celebrations of Italian, seafood creations, a heated culinary competition and something called “Boho Bites & Beats.”

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MUSIC

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Jim Vanderzwaan and singer **Lee Durley** serving as hosts. There’s no cover. The resort is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

■ Three acts for just \$5

At Pop & Hiss in Pacific Grove Saturday starting at 6 p.m., three very different musical acts — classical Spanish guitarist **Cat Broz**, **The Transducers** and **The Three-Twenty-Five** — share the stage. “The evening’s music will include a variety of genres encompassing classical

and Spanish guitar, rock, pop and funk,” the music venue announced. “Bring your dancing shoes.” Tickets are \$5 and all ages are welcome. Pop & Hiss is located at 215 Forest Ave.

Live music April 25-May 1

■ Big Sur

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

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Sunday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh. **Cypress Inn** — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday

at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

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

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

The Links Club — **Vinyl Revival** (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Mad About You** (’80s & ’90s hits, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.), **Songwriters Showcase** (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through

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LAVENDER

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you’re there, check out the calendar for May’s happenings, including live music and hiking.

If you’re going that way...

Lavender lovers, here’s a good reason for a road trip all the way out through Carmel Valley — we’re talking almost to the Arroyo Seco bridge. Lavender Creek, a family-owned lavender farm, will open its 2 acres of purple-tinted fields to the public for the first time starting Saturday, May 24 and running through the end of June. There will be six weekends of events open to the public, and private bookings are available on weekdays.

There will be culinary lavender

“U-picks” on Saturdays and Sundays, accompanied by demos with tips on drying lavender, using it in cooking, and making “homemade lavender syrup for lattes or cocktails.” (It’s also excellent in iced tea.)

On June 14 and 21 starting at 9 a.m., you can combine the harvesting and culinary experience with a yoga sound healing session in the field led by Monterey Bay Moves.

Premium tickets include a gift box. Prices go from \$6 for kids 6 and older and \$15 for adults for the U-pick, to \$49 to \$89 per person for yoga and are available on Eventbrite.com.

Lavender Creek is at 45217 Carmel Valley Road, just outside Greenfield. The events are family-friendly and outdoors, so visitors should bring sun protection, water and walking shoes.

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



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Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.
O’Callaghan’s Pub — **Open Mic Night** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center.
Post No Bills Craft Beer House — **Mighty Maple** (acoustic jams and cool grooves, Sunday at 3 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center.

Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.
The Running Iron in Carmel Valley — **Open Mic Night** (Sunday at 8 p.m.). 24 E. Carmel Valley Road.
Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Tony Burciaga** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.



Saxophonist Ben Herod joins the monthly Jazz Jam Sunday afternoon at Embassy Suites in Seaside.

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Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.
Bon Ton LeRoy’s Smokehouse — **Open Mic Night** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.
Bulldog Sports Pub — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly **Community Jam** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.
Cibo — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.
Hyatt Regency Monterey — guitarist **Glenn Ball** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.
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 — **Dr. T and the Remedy** (rock, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484 Washington St.
Midici Pizza — **Janis’ Jazz Jam** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.
Monterey Plaza Hotel — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.
Pearl Hour — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.
Puma Road tasting room — singer and guitarist **Kristin Gradwohl** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adam Behan** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.
Salty Seal Pub — **Sixth Street Alternative** (alt-rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **Dolce** (r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.
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CONCERT

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Sly McFly's — **Everyday People** ("classic Latin rock with an old-school Funk twist," Friday at 9 p.m.), **Phil 'n' The Blanks** (classic, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (Friday at 4 p.m.). In the Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, 800 Asilomar Ave.

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

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — singer

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

PG's Meetinghouse — **The Arman Sangalang Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist **Kat Broz** (classical Spanish, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — **Weekly Bluegrass Jam** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

■ Seaside

Deja Blue — **The Final Touch Band** (r&b and blues, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **The Mixx** (r&b and soul, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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April 25 – Futurist offers insights for rebalancing life on Earth. Join metaphysician-anthropologist **Ruth Miller, Ph.D.**, as she shares guidance from her book “**To Restore Earth’s Balance**,” at 5:30 p.m., The Mindshop, 322 Central Ave., across from Pacific Grove Library. Affiliated with the Center for Spiritual Awakening. For more info phone (831) 372-2971.

April 25 – Melodies of Verse: The Timeless Harmony of Arabic Poetry & Music. An evening of Middle Eastern poetry & music presented by Monterey Institute of International Studies with support from the Whitney Latham-Lechich Fund. Begins 5:30 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Library. www.pgpubliclibrary.org. 5:30pm

April 26 – Rosé of Grenache Release Celebration. Celebrate the release of our 2024 Rosé of Grenache, enjoy an extra pour added to every tasting flight, along with a complimentary cheese bite selected by **Kent Torrey of The Cheese Shop Carmel**. Taste Morgan is in the Crossroads Shopping Center, Carmel. Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

April 26 – Baum & Blume’s Patio Lunch and Biergarten Re-Launch!, noon to 3 p.m. Come enjoy our fun refreshed lunch menu with new beer & wine offerings, handmade desserts, & daily specials! Reservations advised! Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley (831) 659-0400.

April 26 – Join Daniel B. Summerhill for “Praying for Rain, A Centennial Celebration of James Baldwin,” 5:30 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Library. The inaugural Poet Laureate of Monterey County, Summerhill is a writer, scholar and professor of Poetry at Santa Clara University. He is the author of two collections of poems, “Divine, Divine, Divine” and “Mausoleum of Flowers.” www.pgpubliclibrary.org.

May 2 – Opening Reception for MPC Printmaker’s

exhibit at Pacific Grove Art Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Show runs from May 2 to June 27th at the PG Art Center on Lighthouse Avenue featuring current and former MPC students. For more information please contact Pacific Grove Art Center, (831) 375-2208.

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May 3 – The National Steinbeck Center is pleased to host The Weston Collective’s 2025 Scholarship Awards from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. After the ceremony, guests will have the opportunity to indulge in a dessert bar and be among the first to view the new exhibition, 1 Main St., Salinas.



May 3-4 – Carmel Valley Garden Club Garden Show and Plant Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley Village. Event features flower and photography competitions, large plant, flower and veggie sale, silent auction on Saturday; gardening and craft vendors and food from Woody’s. Donation parking. To learn more, visit cvgardenclub.org

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ARTIST

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His decision to study horticulture, then landscape architecture, was Dill’s way to make a career out of his artistic creativity.

While studying at Cal Poly Pomona, Dill spied Carol Hein, his future wife, by the pool at his apartment complex.

“She was dating this 6-foot-5 basketball player at the time, so I figured I didn’t have much of a chance,” said the 5-foot-8 artist.

“And it took a while — I had to break them up first — but eventually we got together.”

The Dills have been married for 45 years, during which she has taught school in Los Angeles and Salinas. They are parents of four and grandparents of four more.

Elsie Dill’s legacy

Elsie Dill’s art included oils, watercolors, pencil, batik, weaving and basketry, and was exhibited in galleries throughout California. She and other local artists created Art Unlimited, renting their artwork to local businesses and offices.

“Mom was a great salesperson — she got that from her dad — and she’d make connections with doctors’ offices, hospitals, businesses ... their art was all over the place,” Dill said. “The women would deliver them, hang them, make sure everything was good.”

Eventually, Elsie and others founded the Salinas Valley Art Gallery at the Quadrangle, 1000 Main St.. Two moves later, the co-op is at 218 Main, about a block from the National Steinbeck Center.

Elsie’s best-known pieces include a collage at the Grower-Shipper Association in Salinas, a large batik at the Community Center, and a Venetian glass mosaic mural on the façade of Palma High.

In 2008, she was presented the Champion of the Arts award by the Arts Council for Monterey County. She also was inducted into the Who’s Who of American Woman and Women in the Arts.

Gordon’s big brother, George, 72, raises polo horses in La Quinta. Younger brother Henry is a 68-year-old Salinas resident who is retired from a long career in agriculture sales.

Images of Gordon Dill’s paintings and the work of his mom can be viewed at salinasvalleyartgallery.com.

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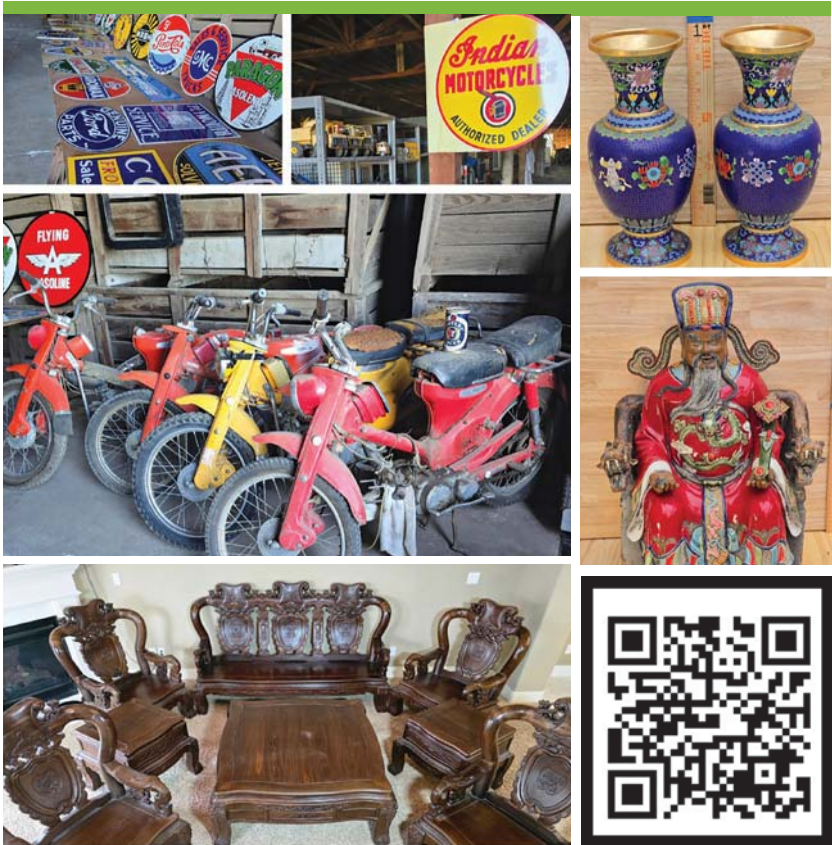
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GOLF

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nine-hole league match at Quail Lodge on April 10 — and was unsatisfied.

“That was the lowest score of the season by anyone on our team, and Julien’s reaction was, ‘Yeah, but it could’ve been a 31,’” Kroeker said.

Chen is one of the PCAL’s longest hitters, and also plays aggressively.

Senior Cullen Pritchard, a leader on the team and the school — class president a year ago, student representative to the school board this year — was Pebble Beach Junior Golf Player of the Year last summer, and the Padres’ No. 3 this spring.

Likely CCS lineup

Most likely to complete the lineup card in the postseason are sophomore Ethan Haas, who shot an impressive 75 in the second round of the Champions tournament, junior Carson Varney, whose best score was 35 over nine at Laguna Seca, and the freshman, Colin Dean, who’s a tournament player with college-level golf potential, his coach said.

Everybody except Dean played in the 2024 CCS



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Marc Sasetia played an ambitious schedule of offseason tournaments, improved his game dramatically, and leapt from JV status to the No. 2 spot on Stevenson’s varsity this year as a senior.

regional tournament, and figure to be motivated for a better showing 11 days from now.

The state tournament, scheduled June 3, will be played at Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach.

Dennis Taylor is a professional freelance writer. Contact him at scribelaueate@gmail.com.

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■ Chasing away the blues

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“Carol uses blue to evoke a mood of calm and serenity in her paintings, exploring a range of hues, lightness and depth,” according to the gallery. “Jennifer employs blue to accentuate her signature cast of characters, infusing them with life and emotion — the vibrant use of blue in her work deepens the narrative, providing a visual language that speaks to the underlying themes of connection and individuality.”

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Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: April 10, 2025
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
File No. 20250706
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PERMANENT JEWELRY MONTEREY, 711 Cannery Row, Suite B, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: THE NORDYKE NEST 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 28, 2023.
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*

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from consultants to provide the professional services listed below for the term, July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, to facilitate the City’s Capital Improvement Program and support a variety of municipal programs and initiatives.

- Architecture
- Building Code Plan Checking, Code Compliance, and Inspection Services
- Civil and Structural Engineering
- Construction Management and Project Management
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
- Environmental Services
- Geotechnical Engineering, Coastal Engineering, and Materials Testing Services
- GIS and Asset Management
- Graphics Design
- Hazardous Materials Testing and Monitoring Services
- Landscape Architecture and Arboricultural Services
- Planning Services
- Surveying, Mapping, and Right-of-Way Engineering
- Traffic Engineering

When projects and programs become funded during this term, SOQs submitted in accordance with this request will be evaluated by committees to select the most qualified consultants to provide the required services. Upon selection, the project-specific scope of work, schedule, and fees will be mutually agreed to, and the parties will enter into a Professional Services Agreement.

Firms interested in providing these services must complete a separate SOQ Submittal for each Service Area using forms contained in the SOQ packet which is available at <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/requests-bid-and-rfps> or by email from Yvette Culver, Public Works Administrative Coordinator, at yculver@ci.carmel.ca.us Submittals will be accepted until Thursday, May 30, 2025.

Publication date: April 25 and May 16, 2025 (PC442)

to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Emme Nordyke, Managing Member
Date: April 11, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 11, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025. (PC 430)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
File No. 20250630
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
DROP IN SURFBOARDS, 517 AIRPORT WAY, STE Q, MONTEREY, CA 93940, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CALVIN SUMMER DYE WISNER
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 03/06/2025
S/ CALVIN SUMMER DYE WISNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/02/2025
4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9/25
**CNS-3915937#
CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025. (PC 431)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and /or other misc. items. Auction to be held at **10:00 am on May 9th, 2025,** at: www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Leonard's Lockers Self Storage, 816 Elvee Drive, Salinas, CA 93901
**Name Of Tenants
Name Of Tenants**
Joseph Daniel Lopez
Lute Fukufuka Yea
Sandra Yvonne Baker
Valerie J Cienega
Bayan Oswaldo Rosales Garcia
Lupe Rodriguez-Gomez

Maria Teresa Ortiz-Hurtado
Mario Frank Nunez
Esther Campa
Christopher Lopez
Sadie Ruvalcaba
Margaret Grijalva
4/25/25
**CNS-3916989#
CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 25, 2025 (PC 432)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. seq.) Auction to be held at **4:00PM on May 9, 2025** at www.selfstorageauction.com.
The property is stored at:
Marina U Store Self Storage 475 Reservation Road Marina, CA 93933
Jose Francisco Perez/Perez Automotive
Cheyenne Lynn Stanley
4/25/25
**CNS-3916980#
CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 25, 2025 (PC 433)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
File No. 20250577
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
SABER COMPANY, 27217 HIGHWAY 1 CARMEL,CA 93923, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
SABRINA GILL
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 09/09/2024
S/ SABRINA GILL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/25/2025
4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/25
**CNS-3913559#
CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025. (PC 434)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
File No. 20250700
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SEVERUD SIGN CO., 1865 Luxton St., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SEVERUD STUDIOS 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 28, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL IN-

FORMATION 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/Sean Severud, CEO
Date: March 28, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 10, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025. (PC 435)

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. 25CV001485
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, STEPHANIE MARIE MARTINEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name:
STEPHANIE MARIE MARTINEZ
Proposed name:
STEPHANIE MARIE MARTINEZ GARIBAY
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: May 13, 2025
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: March 24, 2025
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone*.
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date: March 22, 2025
Publication Dates: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025. (PC 436)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
File No. 20250695
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS #6897, 1092

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPER FEE STUDY AND THE INCREASE OF THE STATUTORY SCHOOL FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) will hold a hearing and consider input from the public on the proposed adoption of a Developer Fee Justification Study for the District and an increase in the statutory school facility fee (“Level I Fee”) on new residential developments as approved by the State Allocation Board on January 24, 2024. The adoption of the Study and the increase of the Level I Fee to \$3.78 /sf of assessable space are necessary to fund the construction and rehabilitation of needed school facilities to accommodate students due to development located within the boundaries of CUSD pursuant to Government Code Section 65995 and Education Code Section 17620.

Members of the public are invited to comment in writing, on or before May 14, 2025, by no later than 12pm, or appear in person at the hearing at 5:30 pm, or soon thereafter, on May 14, 2025 at the following location:

CUSD Board Room 4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923

Materials regarding the Study and the Level I Fee are on file and are available for public review at the District Office located at 4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923, as well as online at the following link: <https://www.carmelunified.org/>.

Any person challenging the approval of the Study or the adjusted Level I Fee rate in a court of competent jurisdiction after the conclusion of the public hearing may be limited to only those issues raised at the hearing or in written correspondences received by CUSD by the submission deadline.

Publication Dates: April 25 & May 2, 2025

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NORTHBRIDGE MALL, SALINAS, CA 93906 County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES, LLC, 233 S PATTERSON AVE, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES, LLC
S/ JEREMY FLETCHER, CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/09/2025.
4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/25
**CNS-3918000#
CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025. (PC 437)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
File No. 20250689
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
TRI VALLEY HOME HEALTH, 1020 MERRILL ST, UNIT 1003, SALINAS, CA 93901, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
WELLNESS WARRIORS LLC, 3290 E HILLS DR, SAN JOSE, CA 95127
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ PAUL BRYAN ZAMORA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/09/2025
4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/25
**CNS-3918619#
CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025. (PC 438)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
File No. 20250693
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
EXTREME ELECTRICAL SERVICES, 9486 COMUNIDAD WAY, CASTROVILLE, CA 95012, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JOSE REYES, 9486 COMUNIDAD WAY, CASTROVILLE, CA 95012
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/17/2015
S/ JOSE REYES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/09/2025
4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/25
**CNS-3918671#
CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025. (PC 439)

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. 25CV001982
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ARSALAN ROB MIKFAR, filed a pe-

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm
Call Irma (831) 274-8645 or email legals@carmelpinecone.com

tion with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name:
ARSALAN ROB NIKFAR
Proposed name:
ROB NIKFAR
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: June 2, 2025
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: April 16, 2025
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone*.
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date: April 16, 2025
Publication Dates: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025. (PC 440)

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. 25CV002045
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LORI JEAN GARCIA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name:
LORI JEAN GARCIA
Proposed name:
LAURIE JEAN GARCIA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: June 17, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: April 18, 2025
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone*.
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
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COMING UP AT SUNSET CENTER



THE RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS

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THE RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS

THURSDAY
MAY 8, 2025
7:30PM

No, it's not the Red Hot Chili Peppers... it's better! The Red Hot Chilli Pipers are bringing Bagrock—the groundbreaking fusion of Scottish folk music with the stadium rock anthems you know and love—to Sunset Center! The Pipers cover hits by bands like Queen, Journey, ZZ Top, and many, many more, in a live music event that is sure to ROCK. YOUR. WORLD.



BOOK AND MUSIC BY DENNIS T. GIACINO
DEVELOPED BY FIELY MATIAS

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FRIDAY
MAY 9, 2025
7:30PM

Poisoned apples. Glass slippers. Who needs 'em?! Not these princesses, that's for sure! In this hit musical comedy, the storybook heroines you think you know are setting the record straight about their not-so-happy endings. This Mother's Day weekend, leave the little ones at home and come see Disenchanted! Intended for audiences 18+. Parental discretion is advised.

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NATASHA CHANDEL

THURSDAY
MAY 22, 2025
8:00PM

Come to Studio 105 at Sunset Center to see stand-up comedian Natasha Chandel, also known as a writer, actress, voice-over artist, and podcaster. She staffed as a writer on Netflix's *Mr. Iglesias*, starring Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias, and Peacock's *Press Start!* and hosts the popular podcast *Kinda Dating*.



NATASHA CHANDEL

YACHT ROCK REVUE

THURSDAY
JUNE 12, 2025
7:30PM

For nearly 20 years, Yacht Rock Revue has wowed audiences with their renditions of classic hits from the '70s and '80s. Whether you're a longtime lover of Yacht Rock or dipping your toes into its waters for the first time, this will be an unforgettable evening of hot hits and chill vibes for all ages!



YACHT ROCK REVUE

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