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CHS tennis courts removed to make way for cars

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE THE tennis courts at Carmel High School were “used very much by neighbors,” according to a resident who spoke at a 2022 Carmel Unified School District Board of Education meeting about proposed changes that included turning them into parking, they weren’t used much by students. “Taking them out and putting in parking is disgusting,” the woman, who only identified herself as Susan, said at the time. Nonetheless, that’s what’s happening.

Demolition begins

After residents complained loudly that the school’s plan to install lights at the athletic field — work that was completed in 2023 — would create parking problems in their neighborhood, the district expanded the project to provide more parking on campus, along with safer vehicle and pedestrian access. This week, crews began demolishing the tennis courts to make way for those new parking lots. While the light posts were DarkSky certified in December 2023 — a critical environmental test clearing the way for the field’s use after dark — no night games have been played there, though some practices have.

That’s because the project’s environmental impact report contains numerous mitigation measures “to ensure safety, accessibility, and compliance with environmental

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Crews were busy this week working to transform the CHS tennis courts into parking areas to serve the crowds expected at its football stadium at night.

City to try valet service to ease parking woes

■ Mayor seeks end to eternal problem

By MARY SCHLEY

A PRIVATE company should be hired to offer valet service in downtown Carmel to address the chronic issue of parking congestion, the Carmel City Council decided last week. And employees should be discouraged — if not prohibited, somehow — from leaving their cars in precious spaces intended for shoppers and diners. At a special meeting June 2, those ideas and several others, such as finding workarounds to unwind some of the changes brought about by the AB 413 Daylighting Bill that turned many corner spaces into loading zones and red zones, were made by Mayor Dale Byrne, volunteer Andrew Hooks and National Parking & Valet owner Steve Summers. “There are a number of things we can do,” Byrne said, with some costing more and requiring more work than others, and some ostensibly costing taxpayers nothing at all.

“I personally believe every single thing on here could be done,” he said. “We need to stop talking and do something.”

Economic damage

Byrne, who led the effort and the presentation, said data he obtained indicates the city and its businesses lose 10 percent in revenue because people get frustrated while trying to find parking and then give up and leave, and others avoid the city altogether. He also said the city could legally undo many of the changes mandated by AB 413, which banned parking near intersections to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Byrne argued downtown is actually more dangerous with corner spots converted to yellow zones and red zones, because drivers find them confusing. Hooks suggested reducing the speed limit to 15 mph within the central business district, and said parking

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\$37M project to restore Rancho floodplain

By CHRIS COUNTS

CONSTRUCTION BEGAN June 3 on an ambitious project to restore habitat along a 1-mile stretch of the lower Carmel River in Palo Corona Park, according to



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Floodwaters cover portions of the Rancho Cañada golf course in February 2017. A new project will turn the land into riparian habitat.

the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. The work, which proponents say is critical to the well-being of steelhead in the river, is expected to cost about \$37 million, much of it funded by taxpayers. The project is expected to be completed by Fall 2027. Known as the Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project, it’s intended to “transform 40 acres of a former golf course into thriving riparian habitat.” The work includes excavating 650,000 cubic yards of fill, lowering the ground and making it easier for the river to flow into the natural floodplain during the wet season. Besides benefiting steelhead, the work will improve conditions for the California red-legged frog, migratory birds and other wildlife. “The project will result in the restoration of a mile-long section of Carmel River, lowering approximately 40 acres of surrounding land to be inundated by the river each year, restoring resilient aquatic and riparian habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species,” according to a park district report. The excavated material will be used onsite “to support other park uses and overlook viewing opportunities, smother invasive grasses, and act as sound and visual

See **FLOODPLAIN** page 28A

Panetta, Laird and Addis blame Trump for L.A. riots

By KELLY NIX and CAITLIN CONRAD

ECHOING A theme repeated by many in his party, U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta said this week that President Donald Trump ordered the military to Los Angeles — where thousands of people have protested and rioted over his immigration agenda — to “stir things up” and distract from his “failed” policies. Panetta on Tuesday joined other Democrats on Capitol Hill to blast Trump’s decision to send the National Guard and Marines to L.A. to protect federal buildings and employees. The congressman claimed the president’s decisions amounted to “provocation.” “It was Donald Trump who sent in the military to a peaceful protest,” the Carmel Valley congressman said. “It was Donald Trump who sent in the military to basically stir things up and give him the image, the fight and the pictures that he wants.” Panetta said Democrats in Congress support immigrants and the U.S. Constitution’s limits on presidential power. “We will stand with the protesters who do it in a peaceful way, and continue to push back on this administration,” Panetta said. “And we will stand shoulder to shoulder, as you see up here today, because we are willing to go toe to toe with the president of the United States.”

‘Threat to democracy’

In an interview with MSNBC Wednesday, Panetta said gang members and violent criminals have “got to go,” but he defended “hardworking immigrants,” including those in agriculture, construction and healthcare. “When you have a president come in with these types of heavy-handed measures and this broad swath of going after others, of course you’re going to see protests,” Panetta said, adding, “that’s why you’re seeing these protests in a peaceful manner.”

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RESTAURANT MANAGER DETAINED BY ICE

■ Multiple DUIs and other legal ills

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNERS of a Pacific Grove restaurant are pleading for the public’s help after the eatery’s manager — a native of El Salvador who married an American citizen — was detained by immigration officials last week and could be deported to his home country. Juan Carlos Contreras, 43, was taken into custody by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials June 4, according to the owners of Wild Fish on Lighthouse Avenue, where he’s worked for five years. While Contreras has lived in the United States for about 25 years, immigration officials have started efforts to deport him. “Our server and long-time manager, known to most of you as JC, went to a routine ICE check-in on June 4 and was arrested,” the owners of the seafood place said.



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Juan Carlos Contreras, in a photo distributed by the restaurant where he works.

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Heroic heart

Posie is a 10-year-old Chihuahua who lives comfortably in her Monterey home. Yet she almost didn't make it past 9. One year ago, she shifted from her seemingly vibrant health to a diagnosis of mitral valve disease, with symptoms including a heart murmur and enlarged heart.

"Some dogs with mitral valve disease can live for many years," her person said. "But Posie's situation was severe and advanced quickly, giving her possibly just months to live. She is my heart dog, my doggie soulmate. I was determined to find a solution."

Within hours of her dog's diagnosis, Posie's person discovered "Mighty Hearts Project," an organization which provides education and support for families who want their dog to have mitral valve surgery.

"One major problem is that only a handful of places in the world perform this surgery, and the master surgeons are in Japan," Posie's person said. "Due to the extremely complex nature of this surgery, it requires nine or 10 specialists intervening for one animal during up to six hours while the dog's heart is stopped on a cardiopulmonary bypass. Then, it requires a week of recovery in the ICU."

While only a few places in the world even attempt this surgery, she said, in Japan, they have been per-

By Lisa Crawford Watson



forming some 10 surgeries a week for 17 years, with an annual 95 to 99 percent success rate.

Seven months after Posie's diagnosis, she was given a surgery date, and the family flew to Japan.

"Although the travel with a very sick dog, the long stay in Japan and the complicated recovery were difficult," her person said, "Posie is now home and continuing to heal, three months post-op. She is wonderfully stable and enjoying her life in the comforts of her home. She truly is my 'heart dog' in every single sense."

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Council seeks no changes to \$39.8 million spending plan

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council last Tuesday unanimously approved the 2025-2026 budget. The decision marked the first time councilwoman Alissandra Dramov has cast a “yes” vote on the city’s annual spending plan since she was elected in 2022.

Drafted using more realistic estimates of revenues and expenditures to cut some of the fat seen in the past, the budget anticipates bringing in \$34.9 million and spending \$39.8 million, with the difference funded by prior years’ savings.

The plan debuted early last month and underwent minor revisions — mostly small cuts to the list of capital projects — during a May 21 workshop, finance manager Jayme Fields reminded the council June 3. More than 80 percent of its revenues rely on the “three-legged stool” of sales taxes (\$10,423,175), property taxes (\$9,198,405) and hotel taxes (\$9,109,116).

“We’re trying to be really realistic in our revenue forecasts,” she said. “In previous years, we had been a little more conservative.”

Most expensive departments

Salaries, benefits and “outside services,” such as contractors, account for 65 percent of expected spending, at \$25,799,795. Estimates for salaries and benefits were based not on the maximum possible pay for each position, but rather on what the people holding those jobs are actually being paid, and vacant positions were funded based on the expectation they wouldn’t be filled until a third of the way through the fiscal year, not on Day 1, as

was past practice.

Department-wise, police and public works are neck in neck for the most costly, at \$5,555,440 and \$5,556,028, respectively, with administration coming in third, at \$3,755,017, the fire department fourth (\$3,427,424) and ambulance fifth (\$2,359,760). The City of Monterey is paid to run the downtown fire department and is set to take over the city’s ambulance service, too, so those figures include contract costs.

Citywide “non-departmental” expenses, such as liability insurance, pension liability and utilities, are expected to total \$4,687,943.

Field mentioned a new metric developed by the council’s financial stewardship workgroup that aims for allocation limits of 90 percent of revenues for operating expenses and 10 percent of revenues for capital projects. The 2025-2026 budget has 91.6 percent of revenues going toward operating costs, exceeding the goal by \$572,227, and 22.44 percent (\$7,834,000) going to capital improvements, an overage of \$4,342,492.

To cut or not to cut?

The list includes improvements to streets, sidewalks, drainage systems, public bathrooms, storm-damaged beach stairs, the beach ramp at Eighth Avenue, various aspects of Sunset Center and other work, and Field pointed to a few projects that could be deferred to reduce expected capital expenditures by \$900,000.

Kicking off the discussion, councilman Jeff Baron said he would approve the budget as presented and supported bringing in another project manager to help get the

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New beach stairs, park bathroom on projects list

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Jaywalker lacked high-heel permit

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.

Pacific Grove: An arson occurred on Ocean View Boulevard. A 25-year-old female from Marina was subsequently arrested.

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Pacific Grove: A 51-year-old male at Chestnut and Spruce who was intoxicated was cited and released to family.

Pacific Grove: Damage to the steering column panel of a vehicle parked on Caledonia Street.

Carmel Valley: Information report at Hacienda Carmel regarding previously investigated claims of fraud that were unfounded and civil in nature.

Carmel Valley: Report of fraud on Southbank Road involving a 52-year-old male victim.

Pebble Beach: Dead body found at a residence on Laurel Lane.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle at San Carlos and Ninth was blocking the flow of traffic and causing a hazard for vehicles. Vehicles were seen driving into oncoming traffic to go around. Vehicle was towed by an outside tow company due to size.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a medical emergency on Costado Road. Incident was documented.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject at Mission and Fifth caused a peace disturbance by yelling at passersby. Subject was counseled. Information only.

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The gavel falls

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

April 16 — Marco Orozco Solorzano, 37, of Salinas, was sentenced to 16 months in prison for carrying a loaded firearm in public. Judge Rafael Vazquez presided over the case. This sentence will be served in the Monterey County Jail.

On Feb. 24, Detective Evan Adams of the Salinas Police Department initiated a traffic stop on Solorzano for riding on a motorized bicycle without a helmet. Solorzano initially stopped his motorcycle but then fled down Garner Avenue and into a nearby apartment complex. Adams pursued Solorzano and quickly apprehended him. Officers discovered a loaded 9 mm handgun on the other side of a fence in the area of Solorzano's arrest. Video surveillance confirmed Solorzano tossed the firearm over the fence.

April 17 — Hon. Andrew G. Liu sen-

tenced Catherine Cheatham, 29, of Salinas, to state prison for three years and four months for crimes including robbery, grand theft, resisting arrest, drug possession, and shoplifting.

On April 22, 2024, Cheatham was the passenger in a vehicle stopped for DUI. Officers immediately recognized she was high on an opiate. When she was booked at the jail, fentanyl was located on her person. Instead of providing it to the police, she ate it and had to be transported to the hospital.

On Aug. 29, 2024, Cheatham entered the Lowe's in Salinas and stole approximately \$400 in merchandise. When confronted by an employee, she brandished a Taser and threatened to harm him.

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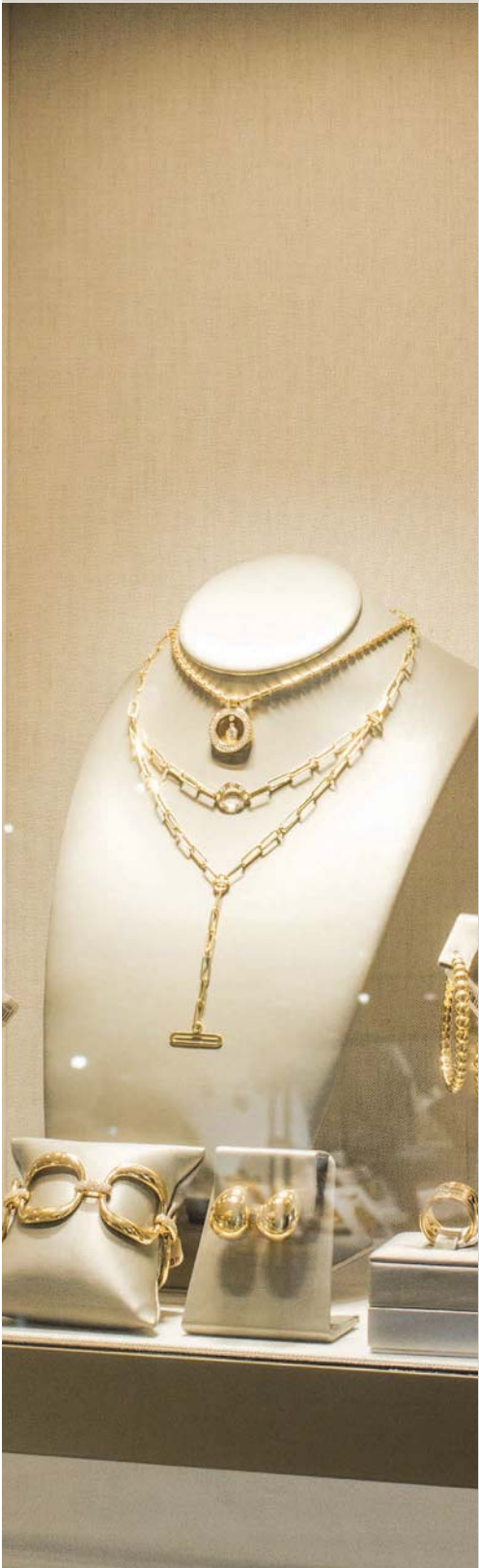
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Latest CUSD suit alleges racism

■ Online petition takes aim at superintendent

By MARY SCHLEY

ANOTHER CARMEL Unified School District employee has sued the district and its administrators, alleging racism, discrimination and retaliation. Meanwhile, an online petition drive is demanding that superintendent Sharon Ofek be placed on leave and investigated.

The lawsuit filed by “Jane Doe” in Monterey County Superior Court last month is the fifth complaint against the district in less than two years to allege discrimination and harassment based on race or gender.

Represented by attorney James Fitzpatrick, Doe, who is Black, has worked as a receptionist and human resources assistant since July 2023 and says chief human resources officer Craig Chavez “has repeatedly acted in a racist manner” toward her and other Black employees, “failed to act” when she reported racist incidents, and “denied job opportunities and professional development opportunities” to her.

Parents, too

According to Doe, she “has been directly subjected to discrimination on the basis of her race” by Chavez and by parents in the district, including a December 2023 incident in which a parent told her she was happy to see Black people employed by the district, as “they needed diversity in Carmel.”

“She went on to say how she had a Black nanny growing up and how much she cared for her,” Doe complained in an email to Ofek. The parent said she would often be mistaken for being half Black

“because she had thick curly hair and full and ‘pink’ lips.

“I was taken a back by the comment of ‘pink’ lips because as a Black woman, the first thing that comes to mind is blackface.”

In another instance during last year’s presidential election, a different parent commented that because Doe is Black, she must be voting for Kamala Harris.

She complained to Ofek and Chavez that those situations made her very uncomfortable, but they never followed up to discuss how she should deal with them, according to the suit.

The employee also alleges that when she requested a performance evaluation at the end of her six-month probationary period because she “was eager for feedback and interested in obtaining training and opportunities for professional growth and advancement within CUSD,” Chavez refused. After her repeated requests went unfulfilled, she filed a grievance with her union rep.

‘Black Girl Magic’

She also complains that Chavez unfairly criticized her for wearing a T-shirt with a black, brown and orange rainbow and the words, “Black Girl Magic,” even though the district doesn’t have a dress code and school was not in session.

“Plaintiff was hurt and offended, and his comment caused her significant distress,” the lawsuit says. “Plaintiff frequently wears graphic print T-shirts and slogan shirts to work, and Chavez has never said anything about any other T-shirt — only the Black Girl Magic T-shirt.” She says she didn’t report the “overt racist behavior” because she feared Chavez might retaliate against her.

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HR director blamed for failure to act, retaliation

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CUSD expands tech ed with \$1 million in grants

By LILY PATERSON

WHILE MANY high school students name college education as a primary goal, most would admit what they’re really striving for are gainful careers that lead to milestones like home ownership, marriage and children, savings in the bank — once those first student loan payments have cleared.

For others seeking a less costly path to the career-and-milestones part — or an “in” to growing industries like engineering, medicine, and transportation — administrators at Carmel Unified School District have been working to enhance its technical education program for all students, college-bound or not, with classes offered to students at Carmel High and Carmel Valley High, and plans to include eighth-graders at Carmel Middle next year.

The technical educational program has grown “exponentially,” according to the district’s director of college and career readiness, Ivonne Glenn, who in May presented a year-in-review to the board of education. Glenn said plans to expand offerings and replace old tools and technology have garnered more than \$1 million in grants ahead of the 2025-2026 year, along with several exciting industry partnerships.

Joby Aviation, a Monterey-based electric aircraft company, Greentech, a San Francisco Bay area-based biotechnology company, and the Carmel Area Wastewater District are among the first of CUSD’s industry partners, connecting students with mentorship, summer internships and career networking opportunities. Engineering and biotechnology are just two possible “pathways” for Carmel Unified students enrolled in technical education courses.



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILES

Last year, a robotics team from Carmel High (above) participated in high-level competition in Houston. Advanced robotics courses are coming to CUSD, part of its million-dollar commitment to modernizing vocational education classes.

The program offers two-year curricula across the arts and media, agriculture, transportation and automotive industries, engineering, medicine and business. A total of 210 high schoolers across the district took advantage of the offerings this past year, Glenn shared.

Earning college credit

Worth mentioning is that many of these classes are dual-enrollment, meaning students can accrue high school and college credit simultaneously. Students also have the opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications, from OSHA 10, a standard workplace safety certification across healthcare and the industrial sector, to the Adobe Certified Professional stamp, a boost for aspiring photographers and graphic designers who rely heavily on software like Photoshop and InDesign. Glenn explained that these sorts of certifications aren’t just appealing to employers, but to college admissions committees at two- and four-year schools.

“I want to emphasize how important these dual-enrollment classes are. Not just for college acceptance, but the passion they bring forth. We saw such a great influx of students interested in business,” said CUSD student board representative Cullen Pritchard, a senior at Carmel High. He was referring to business and finance classes, which are offered through the technical education program for college credit. Business I is open to all Carmel High

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Monterey mayor, council to get raises

By MARY SCHLEY

COME JAN. 1, 2027, Monterey’s mayor and city council members will be paid \$1,562.79 per month and \$1,064.20 per month, respectively, following a 3-2 vote by the council May 20. Supporters said offering more money could draw candidates who might otherwise not be able to afford to serve, while detractors argued for fiscal conservatism in light of an uncertain economy.

The increases, which were proposed in early May and approved 3-2 during a first reading at that meeting, are based on a Government Code section that allows increases of up to 5 percent per year. They will boost the annual cost to taxpayers by \$6,492.60.

According to finance director Rafaela King, a Senate bill that took effect in January 2024 noted that the California Legislature hadn’t increased the base pay for city councilmembers since 1984. The bill’s author, State Sen. Bill Dodd, argued that “city councilmembers have one of the hardest jobs in California government,” since they “deal with a wide range of issues, from street maintenance to emergency response duties.”

Juggling is hard

“And all too often, they do this job with very little financial compensation,” he said. Dodd observed that people don’t run for city council to make money, “but the low levels of pay make it much harder for them to balance their careers and personal obligations with the calling to serve their community.”

Dodd also said raising elected officials’ pay would “make it easier for members of marginalized communities to serve,” and the League of California Cities sponsored the bill because “lengthy time

commitments and limited pay discourage many, especially low-income residents, single parents, people of color and young people, from running for public office.”

In response, in September 2023, the city council voted to increase councilmembers’ monthly compensation to \$965.25 and the mayor’s monthly pay to \$1,417.50. The new rates took effect the day Dodd’s

bill did. Elected officials in Monterey also receive health coverage and other benefits.

King’s recommended rates were based on the Government Code section allowing increases of 5 percent per calendar year. “The need to increase city council and mayor salaries revolves around attracting qualified candidates, ensuring fair

compensation for the demanding work, promoting diversity, improving public service, and boosting overall governance,” she said.

Mayor Tyller Williamson and councilmembers Kim Barber and Gino Garcia agreed with King, while councilmembers Ed Smith and Jean Rasch opposed the pay increases, at least for now.

Not just rich people

“This would create opportunities for everybody from diverse backgrounds, including people who might not come from financially wealthy backgrounds and might have a hard time serving, so that we can have a set of folks who might run for office and it will be able to financially pencil out for them,” Williamson said.

Smith countered that the council received a large raise less than two years ago and that it would be “incongruent” to OK another “when we are facing substantial decisions” on financial issues.

He further observed that elected

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Still a ‘crazy parking mess’ — supes extend safety measures at Bixby Bridge

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN WHAT will no doubt come as good news to those who live along the Old Coast Road, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 June 3 to extend an emergency parking ban along the road near its intersection with Highway 1. They also agreed to keep in place K-rails on the county dirt road to deter visitors from parking along it — where they often block local residential traffic.

Those safety measures were put in place when construction began on the Rocky Creek viaduct, which is located less than a mile to the north along Highway 1. The viaduct became necessary after a major slip-out in March 2024 took out a big chunk of the southbound lane.

The June 3 action was needed because the safety measures were set to expire upon completion of the viaduct, which is expected in the coming weeks. It’s unclear how long the measures will be kept in place.

Several speakers — including Monterey County’s director of public works, Randy Ishii — urged supervisors

to extend the measures to deter visitors from creating traffic quagmires at the site, which offers the best views of landmark Bixby Bridge.

“Over the past decade, Bixby Bridge has become a destination for millions of Big Sur visitors each year,” Monterey County’s director of public works, Randy Ishii, told supervisors. “Unfortunately, the area has become an unsafe bottleneck, with visitors stopping and parking directly on Highway 1, barricading access points and illegally crossing the highway in order to take photos of the iconic bridge.”

County road blocked

Ishii noted that access by residents to adjacent Old Coast Road has been “severely impacted by increased levels of visitation.” He shared photos showing traffic jams before the temporary safety measures were implemented.

California Highway Patrol officer John Yerace, who lives in Big Sur and regularly patrols the area, told supervisors he is “intimately aware” of the problems that occur

there.

“I don’t believe we’ll be able to decrease the volume of tourists who want to visit the coast,” Yerace testified. “It’s become a real concern for us.”

California Highway Patrol Cpt. Nicholas King told the board that vehicle congestion near Bixby Bridge has also raised concerns about emergency vehicle access.

A resident and a member of the Community Association of Big Sur, Rachel Goldberger urged supervisors to “continue the prohibition” on visitors parking along the Old Coast Road and make the measures “permanent.”

Lindsay Stevens of the marketing group, See Monterey, told supervisors her group tries to “discourage bad behavior” at Bixby Bridge. “It’s bad for the tourism economy and it’s bad for the quality of life, so we appreciate and support any effort to curb that,” Stevens said.

County planning commissioner and longtime Big Sur resident Martha Diehl called the site a “concerning

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COSTS, FEAR OF FIREARMS, LEAD P.G. BOARD TO NIX OFFICER PROGRAM

By KELLY NIX

CITING CONCERNS about police officers having guns on school campuses, costs and other issues, the Pacific Grove school board last week decided not to renew the district’s school resource officer program — which parents and police say keeps students safer.

On June 5, the board refused a recommendation by the school district’s staff to renew a contract with the Pacific Grove Police Department for a school resource officer, who spends time at schools interacting with students while also offering security. The cost of the program — which has been in place since 2010 — was about \$90,000 per year.

‘No guns’

The board’s decision not to continue the program comes after an incident in September 2024 in which a transient who trespassed on the P.G. High threatened to shoot a school employee. In November 2023, another man vowed to kill P.G. High’s former principal after wandering around inside the city’s middle school.

School board member Jennifer McNary pointed to numerous reasons she didn’t want a police presence at P.G. schools.

“I’m not in favor of guns on campuses,” McNary said. “I’m not in favor of law enforcement having a private office on a school campus. I’m not in favor of law enforcement being alone with students in a private office. And I’m definitely not in favor of law enforcement on our school campuses being allowed to be involved with student discipline.”

Board member Mike Wachs, who also opposed continuing with the officer

program, pointed to studies he said indicate there is little evidence that school resource officers can stop school shooters.

“Even if officers were at the police station, I imagine they could get to the high school pretty quickly” during an emergency, Wachs said.

He also didn’t like the idea that the district — via Pacific Grove taxpayers — is paying PGPD for a school resource officer when homeowners already pay for police services.

The contract proposal failed after no board member seconded the motion to approve it.

‘Huge success’

Though nobody from the public advocated for the program at last week’s meeting, parents and PGUSD teachers and staff expressed their disappointment through dozens of comments on social media.

The school resource officer position was most recently fulfilled by PGPD officer Andrea Hill, who arrested Riley Elvin in 2023, the man who threatened to kill the then-P.G. High principal.

“Of all things to cut,” one PGUSD employee said. “Officer Hill is such an integral part of the P.G. High and PGUSD community. It makes me angry and sad all at once.”

“Why would they not continue this vital protection detail, especially in light of the recent incidents on campus?” another person asked.

Trustees watched a video message from new Pacific Grove Police Chief Casey Day, who said the school resource officer program has been a “huge success” and

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Should armed police be at P.G. schools? The school board says no.



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Cyclists want trails at Laguna Seca

By MARY SCHLEY

MOUNTAIN BIKERS are circulating a petition demanding that the managers of the Laguna Seca Recreation Area include bike trails in a master plan for the park. The nonprofit Friends of Laguna Seca took over management, maintenance and operations of the Monterey County-owned race-track and surrounding recreation area last August.

“Bikes are prohibited on thousands of trails in Monterey County. Mountain bikers deserve a dedicated space to ride with trail features that enhance the riding experience, build skills, and attract riders of all ages and abilities,” say the petitioners, led by Monterey Off Road Cycling Association VP Peter Berridge. And while public lands under control of the federal government, like Fort Ord, restrict the construction of “popular bike features like berms, jumps and wooden structures,” Laguna Seca has the space and resources.

The raceway hosts the annual Sea Otter Classic, said to be the largest cycling festival of its kind, petitioners point out, but has never built permanent facilities to honor its cycling legacy.

‘Golden opportunity’

The master plan proposed for Laguna Seca represents a “golden opportunity to build a bike park and unlock significant funding and resources; generate proven community benefits and economic return, celebrate Laguna Seca’s cycling heritage and address equitable access to trails,” the change.org petition says. “These funds could also cover costs for planned improvements to Laguna Seca parking, restrooms and campgrounds.”

It states that “there are historic funding and resources available for mountain bike projects,” and that the economic benefits of a permanent facility “are clearer than ever,” but it does not identify any funding sources or back that statement.

The petition pleads with county parks, the board of supervisors and the Friends of Laguna Seca to “identify mountain biking as a priority” in the master plan, develop a “permanent bicycle slalom course or progressive-skills area that accommodates all ages and ability levels,” prepare for the “phased development of a bike park with trails and amenities,” and collaborate with the Monterey Off Road Cycling Association on planning and fundraising.

Feedback indicates community members are “strongly in favor of bike access and bike amenities,” according to supporters, “but decision-makers keep voting against bikes.”

“Bike parks foster stewardship, community connection, youth empowerment, improved bike safety, skills enhancement and even a boost to tourism,” the petition says.

As of Thursday, 738 people had signed it.

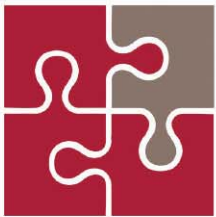
Changes afoot

The petition comes amidst recent staffing changes at Laguna Seca, including layoffs of the raceway’s director of heritage events and public relations Barry Toepke, communications manager Alicia Busa and others, and the departure of Friends CEO Lauri Eberhart.

Eberhart, who spent three decades in Charlotte, N.C., building a career in motorsports management and entertainment law, was hired a little over a year ago as FLS worked to raise the initial \$6 million needed to activate the contract shifting all responsibility for operations, maintenance and capital work from the county. The deal runs for 55 years and entails a \$50 million-plus investment in the property.

Last November, John Narigi, who had been in charge Laguna Seca since 2020, stepped down. In March, the Friends hired motorsports veteran Mel Harder as

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“He is here legally,” the restaurant said, “and attended the check-in with his lawyer, who said he was ‘tricked.’ He is currently detained near Los Angeles, and we want to bring him home.”

The owners, Liz and Kelvin Jacobs, said JC is “known for his big welcomes and professionalism” and the enthusiastic way he greets customers.

“We are bereft without this backbone of our business,” they said.

Contreras’ case has drawn the interest of Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta, who is working with the man’s attorney to secure his release, according to a fundraising webpage for Contreras which said he lives in Seaside and has three children, one of whom is autistic.

Fifth District Monterey County Supervisor Kate Daniels told The Pine Cone Thursday that she’s known Contreras for a long time and reached out to his family after

he was detained.

“JC is a beloved member of our community who my family has known for many years,” Daniels said. “I made sure his family knows what resources are available to them in Monterey County.”

Previous convictions

While no details of Contreras’ immigration status were available, according to Monterey County Superior Court documents, he was arrested Feb. 4, 2018, and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, excessive blood alcohol content of nearly twice the legal limit, DUI with a previous conviction within 10 years, and hit-and-run.

In October 2022, Contreras again pleaded guilty to DUI and enhancements of excessive blood alcohol and multiple DUIs in exchange for prosecutors dropping the other charges.

A plea agreement reviewed by The Pine Cone shows that, in exchange for the deal, Contreras signed a form that stated, “I understand that if I am not a United States citizen, that my plea of guilty or no contest may result in immigration consequences such as deportation, exclusion

from admission into the United States, and denial of naturalization or amnesty.”

In that case, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert Burlison sentenced Contreras to five years of probation, pay nearly \$2,000 in fines and enrollment in an 18-month multiple offender alcohol program. On Jan. 26, 2023, however, records show that Contreras “failed to enroll” in the program, though it’s possible he later attended the classes.

Two earlier cases show that, in 2012, he was arrested and charged with DUI, but a judge sealed the case and it’s not public record. And in 2004, when Contreras was in his early 20s, he was arrested and charged with DUI, hit-and-run with property damage, obstructing or resisting a public officer and failing to provide proof of insurance.

Court records also indicate that in February 2005, he pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace, in exchange for dismissal of other charges. He was given probation and had to pay \$400 in fines.

In an effort to clean up his criminal record, Contreras’

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In addition, she says she was passed over for jobs for which she was more qualified than other employees and wasn't given an interview when other candidates were. After she became upset, Chavez criticized her job performance and gave her a negative evaluation.

"Chavez specifically criticized her for the April 29, 2025, lack of professional behavior and he directed her not to engage other staff during work time for reasons of 'your dissatisfaction,'" the complaint says.

The next week, she arrived to find her phone unplugged and access to files and email cut off. She submitted a CUSD Uniform Complaint to report she "had been discriminated against, bullied and retaliated against by Chavez and said she did not feel safe."

Doe's mistreatment at the hands of Chavez and others has resulted in lost income and retirement benefits and caused "extreme emotional distress," the suit says. "For her health and safety, plaintiff has been forced to take a medical leave of absence."

She's seeking "general damages, back pay, front pay, exemplary and punitive damages, and prejudgment interest" in excess of \$25,000, as well as legal costs and other compensation, and is demanding a jury trial.

Ofek said the district will defend itself. "On behalf of the district, we will be filing an answer to the complaint that denies the material allegations and which asserts what we believe are applicable affirmative defenses," she said.

Petition targets Ofek

Meanwhile, an anonymously created online petition at change.org targeting Ofek has garnered 114 signatures since May 27. "We believe this urgent action is warranted due to a pattern that seems to show serious leadership failures, ongoing lawsuits, and fiscal mismanagement under her tenure," it says, purportedly speaking for "parents, educators, staff and concerned community members."

It references the lawsuits filed against the district, including former River School principal Alberto Ramirez' April 17 complaint demanding \$1 million in damages for harassment and discrimination, and the findings last summer by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights that CUSD failed to respond to antisemitic harassment at Carmel High School.

"These are not isolated incidents," the petition says. "They paint a troubling picture of a district in crisis, where student and staff safety have been repeatedly compromised under superintendent Ofek's leadership."

The campaign demands that the board put Ofek on leave and "commission an independent, third-party investigation into allegations of harassment, retaliation, financial mismanagement, and failure to protect students and staff."

The district has seen a lot of turmoil over the past decade, including high turnover in the top post.

After longtime superintendent Marvin Biasotti retired in June 2015, his replacement, Scott Laurence, left after just a year — six months of it on medical leave — and was paid \$100,000 in the settlement that ended his

employment. He was followed by acting superintendent Karen Hendricks, who applied for the permanent post but was passed over in favor of Barb Dill-Varga in 2017. In May 2020, however, the board abruptly forced Dill-Varga out without any public explanation but continued to pay her \$270,000 annual salary through May 2021.

She was replaced by Trisha Dellis, who had the difficult task of navigating the district through Covid shut-downs and distance learning and then retired in June 2021. Ted Knight followed, having been selected after a nationwide search, but his controversy-filled tenure came to an end when he was paid \$770,000 to resign in August 2023. (A September 2023 lawsuit challenging the payout is pending.) Ofek, who was hired as deputy superintendent in 2022, was made interim superintendent and then got the permanent job in early January 2024.

A distraction

"When I first took on this role as superintendent, I knew it would be challenging, as the district had been repeatedly entangled in lawsuits. However, I am deeply concerned that some individuals are misleading the public by attaching my name to lawsuits regarding alleged activities that took place before I even began my tenure," Ofek told The Pine Cone. "This misinterpretation distracts from the real work at hand — educating all our students so they can thrive and succeed in and beyond the classroom."

She said she refuses "to let a few detractors shift the focus away from our students and the incredible progress we are making as a district" and is "proud of how our families, staff and students have embraced our efforts."

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lawyers informed the superior court in March that he had "been placed in removal proceedings," and there was a threat he could be deported.

They requested that his criminal record be expunged and that he be released early from probation, of which he's served two of five years.

'Children need their father'

"According to Mr. Contreras' immigration attorney, early termination of probation and a dismissal of his convictions would strengthen the chances of his success in his immigration proceedings," his attorney Dustin Ercolano wrote in the petition, suggesting that his client's effort to remain in the United States is "an uphill battle in the best of cases."

"Those who know Mr. Contreras closely, attest to his good moral character and the positive role he plays in their lives and the community," Ercolano said.

Several other people who know Contreras, including friends, a pastor, an attorney and family members, wrote letters to the court testifying to his character. One of them was the father of Contreras' wife, Hilda Natalie Portillo.


"I hope this family does not disintegrate," Jose Israel Perez Garcia said, adding that Contreras is an honest man and a hard worker. "The children need their father. And the father needs the love of his children and his wife."

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Cal Am to move out of Pacific Grove

By KELLY NIX

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN Water is moving its Monterey Peninsula headquarters from Pacific Grove to Ryan Ranch, the company confirmed.

On May 19, the utility, which provides water to most Peninsula residents, purchased a two-story building at 5 Mandeville Court from Mandeville RE for \$5.3 million, according to records at the Monterey County Assessor's Office.

The 29,870-square-foot building was built in 1992. Spokesman Josh Stratton said Cal Am will move there in about two years.

"To streamline operations and increase efficiency, California American Water will

be consolidating our facilities into a new location at 5 Mandeville Court in Ryan Ranch," Stratton told The Pine Cone. "This move will bolster organizational effectiveness by bringing all of our nearly 100 local employees under one roof."

The relocation will centralize Cal Am's field operations employees and office staff, including customer service. A listing for the building by commercial real estate firm Mahoney & Associates, said "the property is conveniently situated along the Highway 68 corridor between Monterey and Salinas." The building is located between Upper and Lower Ragsdale drives.

California American Water has been located on Forest Lodge Road in Pacific Grove since 2007.

Movie about teen swallowed by whale

By CHRIS COUNTS

A FILM crew set up shop at Marathon Flats just south of Rio Road with numerous trucks, trailers and tents — and also took over part of the parking lot at the Monterey Harbor — to work on an upcoming film, "Whalefall," about a scuba-diving teen who is searching for his father's remains in the ocean near Point Lobos. His plans go awry when he is swallowed by a whale.

Crew filmed Monday

The crew filmed Monday at Monastery Beach but is being tight-lipped about future locations "for safety, security and smoothness," Monterey County Film Commissioner Karen Nordstrand told The Pine Cone.

The film commission also helped put out a casting call for background extras. Nordstrand said the film commission helped 20th Century Studios find locations for filming. She said the film is based on a book of the same name.

Written by Daniel Kraus and published

in 2023, the book received generally positive reviews. The story is set on the Monterey Peninsula. A teenage boy struggles to get over the death of his father, who committed suicide while scuba diving near Point Lobos. His body, held beneath the water by diving weights, was never recovered.

The teen, Daniel, decides to search for it, but his diving gear gets caught up in the tentacles of a giant squid, which is soon swallowed by an 80-foot-long, 60-ton sperm whale. With about an hour's worth of oxygen left in his tank, the boy must act quickly if he's going to survive what promises to be a horrific ordeal inside the digestive tract of one of nature's largest creatures.


Starring Josh Brolin, the cast includes Elisabeth Shue, John Ortiz, Jane Levy and Emily Rudd. The director is Brian Duffield.

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Pedestrian dies near Rocky Creek

A 24-YEAR-OLD man was struck and killed Tuesday morning by a white Chevy van while walking just north of Rocky Creek Bridge in Big Sur, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The incident happened shortly after 5 a.m. Following the crash, the driver of the van, who was uninjured, remained on scene.

“For reasons still under investigation, a pedestrian was in the southbound lane of Highway 1, north of the Rocky Creek Bridge,” according to a police report. “The van was unable to avoid a crash with the pedestrian. The front of the van struck the pedestrian.”

Drugs or alcohol didn’t appear to play a role in the incident, the CHP determined.

“The pedestrian sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene,” the report added.

He was identified by the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office Thursday Elk Grove resident Arredondo Delgado.

Near miss

The victim apparently had been walking along Highway 1 for some time. On Facebook, two locals reported that they saw someone dressed in black that evening walking along the highway near the site of the collision. One man said he saw the victim about 20 minutes before the accident and nearly struck them with his vehicle. “I barely saw them in time to swerve around,” he posted.

New leadership at Pebble Beach church

By KELLY NIX

DEL MONTE Forest’s only church has a new senior pastor, but he’s certainly not new to the area.

On June 1, Mike Harbert started his new role at Church in the Forest with help from the Rev. Ken Feske, who will be departing in July. Harbert told The Pine Cone this week that he and his wife had already decided to return to the Peninsula when the Pebble Beach church asked him to consider the senior pastor gig.

“Laura and I had decided we wanted to return to this place we love when the time was right,” Harbert said Wednesday, adding that he’s excited about the new job. “The fact that her 90-year-old mom lives at Canterbury Woods in Pacific Grove also influenced our decision.”

Harbert is very familiar with the Monterey Peninsula. He grew up in Carmel Valley and from 1991 to 2014 worked at churches in Pacific Grove and Carmel. He also had roles in churches in Connecticut,

Texas and Los Angeles. Harbert and his wife have five grown children and two grandchildren.

“We are all excited about both Rev. Mike and his wife Laura joining us,” long-time parishioner Michele Axley said this week. “This summer will bring in quite a few out of towners to our little Church in the Forest, with a large group of Texans already on their way.”

The church’s board of directors selected Harbert for the job.

Christ-centered

Church in the Forest’s founding minister was Lamont Wiltsee, an Episcopal priest who was assisted by Stevenson School chaplains Dr. Paul Woudenberg, a Methodist minister, and Clifford “Coach” Wilson, an Episcopal priest.

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PARKING

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capacity could be increased by making spaces smaller and cutting red zones to 6 to 8 feet.

As for valet service, Summers noted that his company has worked with the city in various capacities for decades and would manage a trial program based in the tour-bus parking area at the east side of Carmel Plaza at Junipero and Ocean, where up to 16 cars could be staged at a time.

“We could move 70 to 100 cars off the street immediately,” he said, with valets taking them to “spots that are just on the outside area of the downtown” and “are on city land, for the most part,” including at public works, the Forest Theater and the Sunset Center ramp. Drivers would pay an hourly rate and would text when they want their cars returned.

Summers also said he could implement paid parking in the Del Mar lot at the foot of Ocean Avenue by having an employee in a kiosk onsite to take drivers’ money.

Redoing the Forest Theater lot could add 30 spots, according to Byrne.

“The neighbors are pretty much in favor of this,” he said.

Another 10 to 12 spaces could be gained in the north lot at Sunset Center by getting rid of the pedestrian path and straightening the wall on the Eighth Avenue side, and hundreds of parking spots could be optimized on public and private property throughout the city — and beyond, maybe even at Carmel High and River School — through some creative programs.

Hit list?

A significant and perennial issue is employees (and sometimes their bosses) occupying parking spaces downtown and then leaving work every couple of hours to move their cars to avoid being cited. Hooks estimated workforce parking occupies up to 350 spaces and characterized it as a “big problem.”

“They’re gaming the system by moving cars while working,” he said. “They are the biggest offenders.”

He proposed solutions ranging from incentives to punishment, such as arranging ride-sharing programs and rewarding people who use them, running shuttles, and enforcing a ban on worker parking by collecting and analyzing license plate numbers to identify employees’ cars to compile a “zero tolerance list.”

“You could ticket anyone on the zero-tolerance list immediately,” he said, with repeat offenders receiving stiffer and stiffer fines.

Ask the chief

Councilmember Alissandra Dramov asked Police Chief Paul Tomasi for his thoughts on the group’s suggestions.

“You’re the person who knows this kind of thing, so we need to hear what you know and what you think,” she said.

Remarking that the earliest Pine Cone story he could find about parking complaints ran in 1938, Tomasi offered to report back to the council on how some of them might be implemented or might not be feasible. He also said public outreach would be critical.


Resident Joe DiNucci applauded the group’s efforts and agreed with trying to unwind some of the changes made in response to AB 413, which he said have “squandered a lot of real estate” and are confusing.

Katy’s Place owner Randy Burnett said he requires employees to park outside the business district. “The rest of the town could take our example to heart and do something with their employees, and that could open up a lot of spaces,” he said, though some speakers worried that pushing workers to park outside downtown moves the problem into the neighborhoods instead of solving it.


Kati Enea, CEO of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, offered to help form a workgroup to tackle that issue, specifically.

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“We’ve recognized that parking is a challenge,” she said. “We are committed to working with you to find ways to alleviate some of these challenges.”

Speaking for the Carmel Residents Association, Nancy Twomey asked the council to acknowledge that “parking is a priority for the residents, for the businesses, and yes, for our visitors,” and hotel owner and former councilwoman Carrie Theis reminded the group that the city tried partnering with Monterey-Salinas Transit to operate a trolley but that it didn’t get many riders.

She also mentioned the analysis and community surveys conducted by former interim Police Chief Brian Uhler that were never released. City administrator Chip Rerig promised to provide Uhler’s report to the council.

Del Mar out

Dramov supported the formation of a workgroup but opposed getting rid of the corner loading zones created by AB 413,

paid parking at Del Mar, and making parking spaces smaller. “If you think people are frustrated now, imagine them trying to get into even smaller spaces,” she said.

Councilman Bob Delves backed undoing some of the AB 413-driven changes and testing valet parking, but said freeing up parking downtown “has to start with the employees.”

“I think the business community could do a lot more,” he said, adding that he wouldn’t mind having workers parking in his neighborhood.

Buder also supported a valet program and said the city should “pressure test” some of the other ideas.

Regarding employees, “if 350 spaces are being taken up on a daily basis, that is a problem,” he said, but he dislikes the idea of using cameras and logging license plates to try to identify the culprits.

Ultimately, the council agreed with Byrne that tackling parking issues should be a priority and encouraged him to keep working on solutions.

In 2015, the city installed 10 kiosks on Ocean Avenue and charged \$2 per hour parking, with a four-hour limit. After six months, the kiosks were removed because of public opposition.

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JUSTIN FORTUNE GILL

February 25, 1983 – May 20, 2025

With profound sorrow, the family of Justin Fortune Gill announces his passing into the arms of our Lord on May 20, 2025, at the age of 42. Born on the Monterey Peninsula to Brian and Kim Gill, he was a lifelong resident and will be deeply missed.

Justin was exceptional and strived for excellence in all his endeavors. A genuine Renaissance man, his ardor for learning new skills never waned. He played the lead role of Tony in “West Side Story” and participated in “Every 15 Minutes” while in high school. He was unpretentious, adored his gadgets and reveled in all things practical. A frequent chef for family gatherings, he consistently impressed us with his smoked tri-tip, oysters and picture-perfect turkey. He particularly enjoyed sharing his passion for tactical flashlights, often testing their intensity on the wary eyes of loved ones.



The call to serve his community began as a volunteer firefighter while a senior at Pacific Grove High School. His careers were as unique and varied as he was: an ambulance EMT, firefighter (Rookie of the Year), assisting divers as a hyperbaric chamber operator, contractor through the Department of Homeland Security to secure New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, sheriff’s deputy (Overall Achievement Award at Gavilan Police Academy), police corporal (Rookie of the Year) and SWAT team member.

Following his medical disability retirement from the police department, Justin earned his B.S. in marine science at CSUMB, graduating magna cum laude. While there he met his wife and soulmate, Marisa, whom he proposed to on a romantic dive in Monterey Bay. The ocean was always significant to him. As a teen he surfed Namotu, Fiji and later became a master diver, free diver (he could hold his breath for four minutes), and underwater macro photographer. He was pursuing his master’s degree through CSUMB and San Jose State University at Moss Landing Marine Labs.

Justin’s enthusiasm for travel was ingrained in his youth, and he immersed himself in experiencing the cultures of more than 20 countries. An adventurer who thrived on exploring, he enjoyed driving off-road through wild terrain at the family cabin in San Clemente Rancho, Carmel Valley. He consistently guided Marisa on the roads less traveled, declaring “Let’s get lost!” The couple completed a pilgrimage, walking 160 miles along the Portuguese/Spiritual Variant of the Camino de Santiago, and Justin was elated every time they arrived in a new city.

A born-again Christian, Justin was baptized in the Jordan River at Qasr al Yahud while on a spiritual journey through the Holy Land with his mother. He was eagerly looking forward to returning to Israel and Jordan for the month of June, as he planned to baptize Marisa in the Jordan, as well.

Justin’s most selfless contribution was choosing to be an organ donor. His loving family accompanied him on his “Honor Walk,” with friends and hospital staff lining the halls to pay tribute to his well-lived life.

Justin is survived by his beloved wife, Marisa; cherished daughters, Maddie and Lily; loving parents, Brian and Kim; devoted sister, Kristal Taylor (Asher); nephew, Soren; uncle and aunt, Chris Weberg and Clarice Yeung; cousin, Benjamin, and numerous friends and extended family.

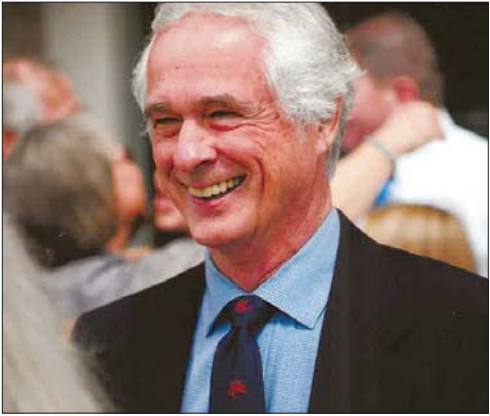
A service celebrating Justin’s life will begin at 1 p.m. on June 30, 2025, at Shoreline Church, 2500 Garden Road, Monterey.

DOUG GAMBLE

Doug Gamble passed away suddenly on April 26th at the house he shared in Carmel with his wife, Bonnie Reid.

Here are some of the tributes from Doug’s friends and family:

Bill Monopoli (long-time friend) – With the passing of Doug Gamble, Carmel has lost one its most brilliant and creative residents. Those of us who were privileged to know Doug lost the most loyal friend and advocate we have ever known. On his website, Doug described himself as a writer whose expertise was humor, soundbites and speech material. That is true, Doug was so very much more. A native of Canada, Doug frequently described himself as an American who was born on the other side of the international border. Upon coming to the U.S. in 1980, he continued a freelance writing career that he began in Canada, following work in broadcasting, public relations and advertising. His clients included his political hero, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, George W. Bush, Mitt Romney, Ted Kennedy and Donald Trump. From 1983-1993, he wrote for comedian Bob Hope. He wrote for more than a dozen Gridiron Dinners, White House Correspondents Dinners and Al Smith Dinners, where political humor was an essential part of the program. Doug earned a prominent mention in Peggy Noonan’s book, “What I saw at the Revolution: A Political Life in the Reagan Era”: “I asked a gifted humor writer in Los Angles named Doug Gamble to do some jokes... He contributed wonderful witticisms, but his most important contribution was not a joke, but a beautiful metaphor taken from FDR’s 1940 campaign slogan: Don’t change horses in midstream. My friends, these days the world moves even more quickly, and now after two great terms, a switch will be made. But when you have to change horse in midstream, doesn’t it make sense to switch to the one who’s going the same way? Months later Ronald Reagan told me this was the best statement of what was at issue in the 1988 campaign.” Doug’s talent for writing humor transferred easily to several comic strips – for years, Doug was contributing writer for “Jeff MacNelly’s Shoe” and for “Baby Blues” as well as for “Frank & Ernest,” “Dennis the Menace” and “Mother Goose and Grimm” among others. Although writers of comic strip panels don’t receive a credit, those of us closest to Doug could easily identify the storylines he had written – they always were the ones that were funniest and most resonant. Doug was also an amazingly gifted songwriter. “Back to the Streets,” “Falling in Love with Doo Wop,” “Doo Wop in My Soul,” “Child of the Fifties,” “I’m Still Me,” “Red, White and Brave” – lyrics all written by Doug. All of this was Doug, the consummate brilliant creative professional. Doug the man was exceptionally gentle and kind and sensitive and empathetic. An introvert who always focused on others – never on himself. Never. A man whose values were aligned with those of a gentler time – the values of the fictional Ward Cleaver and the real-life Fred Rogers. A man who could easily engage with friends who had political views at odds with his own – in conversations that were always respectful and civil and enlightened. Doug had the rare gift of brilliance combined with humility. A gift for making it possible for anyone fortunate enough to be with him to feel Seen and Heard. Those of us who were privileged to have been close to him over so many years are saddened beyond words at his passing. But grateful for the truly extraordinary gift of having Doug in our lives.



Doug Henderson (nephew) — Rest in peace Uncle Doug! You were the last surviving bloodline I had left on my mom’s side. We had a small family size, but we never gave up on each other. You just turned 81 last week, too. I thought you had another 100 years left in you! Say hello to my mom and give her a big hug and kiss for me. You are a true inspiration to me. You were a father figure to me while I grew up without one. You were always there for me, my mom, and my wife and kids. I will always have and cherish all the memories we made. When you left Canada in the early ’80s to move to California to become a successful speech and comedy writer, I knew you would never move back to Canada. I knew you made the big leagues. You went on to write for one of the greatest presidents of all time (or so I’ve been told), Ronald Reagan. You went on to write for both Bush Sr., and Bush Jr., as well as other vice presidents and political figures. Your biggest clients were Bob Hope and Phyllis Diller. I used to love going with you to their houses as a kid. They were the reasons why I became starstruck for famous people. Meeting them and how humble they were, showed me there were good people in Hollywood. I will forever miss you! I love you! This isn’t goodbye. It’s see you later!

Ray Paul (local friend) — Doug Gamble was a true and trusted friend. His word was his bond, and I was blessed to call him my close friend and brother. What you saw and heard from him is exactly what you got, He had a huge heart with an intellect to match. His talent for writing was an inspiration to everyone who knew him and followed his illustrious career writing for presidents and people of great respect and admiration. A poignant lyricist and songwriter, he collaborated on many memorable songs, along with a great sense of humor, was featured in various publications and cartoon strips. I doubt that I will ever recover from his passing, but I have faith and believe I will see him again. In the meantime, there is a large hole in my heart. Rest in peace, my brother – with all the love in the world.

A Celebration of Life will take place for Doug from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21st at the American Legion Hall on Eighth Avenue in Carmel. The family has requested that you RSVP if you are planning to attend at DGCOL42244@yahoo.com.

RIOTS

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In an interview on Wednesday, the Monterey Peninsula’s representative in the California Legislature, Dawn Addis, expressed concerns about the impact the president’s actions could have on free speech across California and the nation.

“This does have a very chilling effect for a lot of people who feel afraid that they are going to be unjustly caught up in any of these militarized actions,” said Addis.

State Sen. John Laird also relayed his opposition to Trump’s action in a written statement to The Pine Cone.

“Deploying the Marines and seizing control of the National Guard without coordinating with the governor or the mayor has only created fear and confusion for countless Californians. I stand firmly with our immigrant communities and urge the Trump administration to end these reckless actions that are sowing chaos instead of solutions,” said Laird.

Workplace raids

While many of the protesters in the Los Angeles have been peaceful, others have burned cars, looted stores and attacked police officers. Trump said he ordered the military and National Guard to L.A. because local officials failed to get control of the city.

The ICE actions that ignited the protests began June 6 at businesses in Los Angeles and surrounding communities, including a Home Depot and a garment district shop — raids Addis said she does not support. About 50 people were arrested.

“These large sweeps are not targeted, they are not strategic, they’re not keeping our communities safe, they are creating fear, they are creating social unrest,” said Addis.

The president’s order mobilizing the National Guard, signed June 7, said that “to the extent that protests or acts of violence directly inhibit the execution of the laws, they constitute a form of rebellion against the authority of the government of the United States.”

But three days later, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Trump betrayed his oath of office when he deployed the Guard without his consent.

“Democracy is under assault right before our eyes — the moment we’ve feared has arrived,” Newsom alleged. Trump’s “taking a wrecking ball to our founding fathers’ historic project.”

The governor also urged Californians to “not give in” to Trump.

Hours earlier, Newsom and California Attorney General Rob Bonta filed an emergency motion in federal court asking for an order to block the Marines and National Guard members from assisting with immigration enforcement in Los Angeles.

After a hearing in San Francisco Thursday, U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer, a Bill Clinton appointee,

ordered the Trump administration to “return control” of the California National Guard to Newsom, but he stayed his order until Friday, giving the federal government time to appeal.

Mayor’s curfew

On Tuesday, after the Los Angeles Police Department declared an unlawful assembly in downtown L.A., Mayor Karen Bass imposed an overnight curfew for 1-square mile of downtown Los Angeles after four nights of increasing violence and looting.

“I do not believe that individuals that commit vandalism and violence in our city really are in support of immigrants, they have another agenda,” said Bass, adding that the violence was unacceptable. “If you support immigrants and the rights of immigrants in this city, you would not be tearing this city apart or vandalizing it.”

On Monday night, several downtown businesses were broken into, including an Apple Store, a jewelry shop, a T-Mobile, an Adidas store, a pharmacy and a marijuana dispensary. Video from the area shows windows were broken and merchandise was cleared from the shelves. The Los Angeles Police Department reported more than 100 arrests on Monday and another 200 one Tuesday night and into Wednesday.

The looting followed a weekend of burning cars, graffiti and pelting police with chunks of cement and other dangerous objects. Two Los Angeles County men also face federal charges for throwing Molotov cocktails at law enforcement in separate incidents on Saturday and Sunday in the Los Angeles area.

Bass’ curfew largely worked, with far fewer protests Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

The president, meanwhile, defended his actions from the White House. “Los Angeles would be on fire, and we have it in great shape, I’m not playing around,” Trump said this week.

His actions may be unpopular with California lawmakers, but legal scholars say he likely has the authority to call in military troops to protect federal buildings and personnel, including ICE agents.

On Saturday, Trump invoked federal statute 10 U.S.C. section 12406 to authorize his takeover of the California National Guard. The statute allows the president to deploy a state’s Guard if there is “a rebellion or danger of a rebellion against the authority of the government of the United States” or if “the president is unable with the regular forces to execute the laws of the United States.”

Legal questions

Daniel Farber, a professor and expert in constitutional law at Berkeley, questioned what actions Trump can direct military troops to take.

Before federal troops can do anything beyond protecting facilities and personnel, Farber said, Trump would have to invoke the Insurrection Act, which he has yet to do.

“I think politically it would be very dicey, because it is kind of ridiculous given the situation in L.A. I am thinking that maybe they are hoping to spark a more widespread confrontation that they could more easily label as an insurrection,” Farber told The Pine Cone.

The professor said his biggest worry is that the situation could escalate and that regular armed forces, such as the Marines, are not trained for riot control. He said this risks things going very bad very quickly.

The illegal immigrants ICE agents arrested in the L.A. area include a 49-year-old Vietnamese man convicted of second-degree murder, a 55-year-old man from

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SUSAN STONEY MORRIS

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Susan Stoney Morris, a native of Carmel-by-the-Sea and Carmel Valley. She passed peacefully at home on May 24. Her husband, Bill, and her kids were with her. She was 90. Sue is survived by her husband, her five children, two grandchildren and her brother and sister-in-law Ron, (Linda) Stoney, of Hillsborough.



Sue lived an unbelievably rich life filled with love, laughter, adventure and, above all, family and friends who adored her; She has so many around the world, and would want you all to know how much you enriched her life.

Sue was born in San Francisco, Feb. 18, 1935 to Gertrude and Ronald Stoney of Carmel. She attended Junipero Serra School and Carmel High School before moving to San Francisco to attend her senior year at the Dominican School for Girls. She attended Lone Mountain, The University of San Francisco College for Women and came home to Carmel Valley upon graduation and taught at Tularcitos Elementary School. During that time, she received the call from the Department of Defense Dependent Schools and accepted a position teaching overseas and the rest is history. Her first assignment, in 1958, was Tokyo. There, among other wonderful experiences, she met Bill, her husband. After a few separate assignments, they were married and raised their family together around the globe.

Sue loved traveling and being a mom. Among her favorite assignments, Châteauroux, France; Turkey; The Netherlands; Nuremberg, Germany; Naples, Italy and finally, Fulda, Germany, where Sue lived for more than a decade and amassed so many friends, travel experiences and sending all her children off to college.

After her career overseas and raising her family, Sue and Bill retired to Sue’s hometown, Carmel, CA. She spent the last years of her life in a place she loved, doing her work as a volunteer at both Community Hospital and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where she volunteered for more than 20 years.

She loved her family, her kids, grandkids, grand-dogs and any other creature lucky enough to know her.

Sue gave generously to her favorite charities, including St. Jude’s, Wounded Warriors and the SPCA, among others. Anyone who wishes to, please give to your favorite charity. She would love that.

A memorial service and Mass of the resurrection will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday, June 27 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in Carmel Valley Village. Reception afterward.

LAURA LOCKETT

Dec. 26, 1949 ❖ June 6, 2025

Laura Lockett, 75, passed away on June 6, 2025, after a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer. She was raised in Virginia. After her father’s unexpected death in 1962, Laura and her brother moved with their mother to Mexico City. She attended the American School Foundation there and graduated in 1968. She attended college in Mexico City for two years before being offered the trip of a lifetime, an around-the-world cruise for one semester through the World Campus Afloat. Upon returning to the United States, she worked in Newport Beach in the hotel industry where she met her husband, Ronald Horner.



Laura moved to the Monterey Peninsula with her husband and worked as a travel agent for more than 50 years, ending her career as a beloved member of the team at Pacific Grove Travel for more than 23 years. She was an excellent travel consultant where her clients always came first.

Later in life, Laura became interested in painting watercolors and it became her passion. Here’s what she said on her website:

“I paint watercolors exclusively and primarily on location in plein air. In the early ‘90s I studied with Anita DeCarlo and that started my lifelong quest to continue learning the process. Since then, I’ve had the privilege to study with several Master Watercolorists: Frank Eber, Andy Evansen, Tom Fong, Charles Reid and Mary Whyte. My paintings have been on exhibit in various locations around the Monterey Peninsula in solo and group juried shows with awards. I have enjoyed participating in plein air events in Monterey and Carmel Valley.”

Laura was predeceased by her mother and father, Marjorie and Ralph Lockett; and her brother, Gordon Lockett. She is survived by her beloved husband, Ron.

No services are planned. Donations in Laura’s memory may be made to AFRP or Golden Oldies Cat Rescue.



Jane Allen Turner
3/29/42 ❖ 3/4/25

Jane Allen Turner, long-time resident of Garrapata Canyon and Monterey, was born in Rhode Island and moved to Monterey in the early 1960s.

She is survived by her spouse of many years, Red’s Donuts co-owner Matthew O’Donnell.

Avid environmentalists: If everyone was like Jane we would not have the problem of global warming today.

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the Philippines whose criminal history includes burglary and sexual assault with intent to commit rape, a Mexican man, 55, with a long criminal history including willful cruelty to a child and spousal battery, and a 43-year-old Peruvian man with a robbery conviction that resulted in 10-year-prison sentence, the Department of Homeland Security said.

Monterey, Salinas rallies

More protests across the country are planned for the weekend, including dozens of anti-Trump rallies planned for Saturday — the same day Trump will be hosting a parade in Washington D.C. in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Army.

In Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott sent National Guard troops to San Antonio to help local officers control ongoing

immigration protests in his state. “Peaceful protest is legal. Harming a person or property is illegal and will lead to arrest. The Texas Guard will use every tool and strategy to help law enforcement maintain order,” Abbott wrote on X ahead of the deployment on Wednesday. The president has warned he is prepared to send troops into other U.S. cities if rioting breaks out like it did in Los Angeles. There were protests against ICE in several other cities Wednesday night “I can inform the rest of the country that when they do it, if they do it, they’re going to be met with equal or greater force than we met right here,” said Trump speaking from the Oval Office on Tuesday. Two “No Kings” protests, claiming Trump is trying to make himself a monarch, are planned for the weekend locally, one in Monterey and one in Salinas. Addis urged constituents in her district to protest peacefully.

JIMY (JIM) FRANKLIN CRIBBS

A very kind and gentle man passed on May 20, 2025.

Several years ago, while enjoying a glass of wine sitting in our beautiful back yard, we reflected on what we would like when we died. Jim’s wishes were to pass on in his home which he dearly loved, and he did. He wanted a “short” obituary “... no need to say who I am, my friends and family already know me.” And, he didn’t want a “gathering,” only that his friends and family to be together as his ashes are “returned to the earth.”



Jim is survived by his wife “... my life partner,” Nancy; his five adult children, Gary, David, Michael (Akiko), Lauren (Brandon) and Shayne; his adult stepchildren, Renee and Mattias (Maddy); and his four grandchildren, Brett, Brody, Azalea and Sequoia. He loved you all deeply! I want to thank his amazing healthcare team, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Morrow, the wonderful Hospice group, devoted caregiver Marisol and so many others. And, to all his friends who enriched his life, as he said, “... you know who you are,” I can’t even begin to say how deeply and powerfully your friendship meant to Jim. I will reach out to those who want to be part of releasing his ashes in a few months. So, I believe he would be laughing at me right now saying, “thank you for keeping this short.” To a truly gentle, kind giant, thank you for being just who you were to each and everyone who shared your life journey. We have loved you ever so much!!! May your next journey be as wonderful as this one was.

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THOMAS WILLIAM CRAWLEY

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Thomas William Crawley on June 1, 2025. Tom died peacefully, leaving a lasting impact on those who knew him.

Born on May 12, 1944, Tom was a man of unwavering honesty, integrity and commitment to his loved ones. His kindness, intellect and sense of humor endeared him to all.



Tom was predeceased by his parents, Eva Mae Crawley and George Gregory Crawley; sister, Elizabeth Ann Susano; and brother, Mark Duane Crawley.

Tom and Anita were married for 54 years, sharing a partnership built on deep love and mutual respect. Together they raised two children, Alisha Crawley-Davis (Jon Davis) and Gregory Scott Crawley. He instilled in them the values of hard work and character. He cherished his beloved grandchildren: Juliana Davis, Amaya Davis, Quentin Davis and Samuel Crawley.

Professionally, Tom made a significant impact through his career as an attorney at Health and Human Services and the Social Security Administration, ultimately serving as deputy general counsel for SSA. With a keen intellect and a dedication to public service, he devoted his career to ensuring fairness, justice and the rule of law. Tom’s expertise and commitment to ethical principles earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

Beyond his professional achievements, Tom was passionate about the game of bridge. He attained the rank of Ruby Life Master, a prestigious ranking in competitive bridge.

In honor of Tom’s memory, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Association. Special thanks go to Brookdale Manor and Central Coast VNA & Hospice, who provided extraordinary care during the last months of his life. Instead of a service or memorial, the family requests that you celebrate Tom’s life in a way that is meaningful for you.

DIANE SINKBEIL KAJIKURI
1937-2025

Diane Kajikuri, a devoted nurse, lifelong learner and family anchor, passed away peacefully in mid-April, leaving behind a legacy of care, commitment and community.

She was born in North Dakota and moved to Dayton, WA as a child when her father began work at the Green Giant plant. After graduating high school, she went on to study nursing and graduated with a BSN from Whitworth College, later beginning her career as a registered nurse in North Carolina.



It was there she met Hisashi Kajikuri, a young doctor on a Fulbright Fellowship. They were married in 1959 and shared 65 years of marriage marked by love, service and adventure. Together, they lived in Japan, Minnesota and Pennsylvania, before settling on The Monterey Peninsula in 1966, where she remained until her passing.

A woman of intelligence and principle, she charted an extraordinary path both personally and professionally. She served on numerous local boards including The VNA, The Monterey Museum of Art, The Santa Catalina School Mothers’ Guild and many others. She was especially proud of her work in developing the Preservation Foundation for the Casa Abrego Club, as well as her role in organizing the creation of needlepoint kneelers for the altar at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

An accomplished entrepreneur, she co-owned The Needlework Studio, a local venture. She also taught needlework across the U.S. and Japan, generously sharing her talents and creativity with a wider audience.

In the 1990s, when her husband opened a private medical practice, she returned to her nursing roots — managing the office and supporting patient care for nearly three decades.

Outside of work, their home was a gathering place. Over the years, it welcomed family, friends and others who, at different moments in life, needed a place to rest, reconnect, or simply be. Whether for a shared meal or a longer stay, they offered quiet hospitality with warmth and generosity.

She loved to travel — whether exploring abroad or enjoying family vacations — but what she valued most was time spent with her loved ones. She took immense pride in her children and grandchildren, who survive her and carry forward her spirit. Along with them, she is survived by her brother and his family, and by countless friends and extended relatives whose lives she touched deeply

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, The Casa Preservation Foundation or to a charity of your choice that fosters learning.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 800 Cass St. in Monterey.

BUDGET

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capital work done.

Councilman Hans Buder said the city is “in good financial shape” but that he would be OK with putting off a few projects, like repairing windows at the library’s Park

Branch and reroofing the yoga center at Sunset Center.

Councilman Bob Delves, who decided to run for office last November because he was concerned about the city’s financial health and practices, said he was not as optimistic, given its liabilities — including pension obligations and deferred maintenance — but that he and the staff “understand the financial hydraulics of our town government.”

He stopped short of being willing to “tell you with a straight face that we are spending your money on all of the

right things and not on the wrong things,” and that “we’re spending it wisely and not wasting it.”

But “I’m not critical of where we are,” he clarified.

Delves worried the list of capital projects was too large, however.

“I would be delighted to cut all the things staff is suggesting,” he said. “They’re saying these aren’t urgent” and might also be suggesting they can’t get them done over the course of a year.

Nevertheless, he said he’d also be OK with leaving everything in.

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Dramov was similarly concerned the worklist is too extensive to complete. “Either we have to hire a second project manager or use consultants,” she said. “Somehow we have to get this work done.”

In a departure from the past, she did not complain about any budget excesses.

Mayor Dale Byrne summarized his colleagues’ comments and supported giving new public works director Ken Wysocki “the flexibility to sharply analyze these projects and sharpen his pencil.”

And with that, the council unanimously OK’d the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. It takes effect July 1, and the finance staff will provide quarterly updates on the numbers and trends.

TENNIS

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and logistical standards,” CUSD chief operations officer Dan Paul explained in December 2024.

“As specified in the EIR, hosting high-attendance events such as football games at the CHS stadium is not permitted until all required measures are completed, with the final projects on track for completion by late summer 2025,” he said then.

That work includes reconfiguring roads and pedestrian walkways on the campus, building permanent storage and a spectator viewing platform — and turning the tennis courts into parking lots.

It’s unknown if the construction will be finished before school — and football season — begin later this summer. Paul is no longer allowed to speak to the media, and the superintendent’s office, where all inquiries are now directed, did not respond to a request for an update.

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DISASTER PREP expert Wanda Vollmer is teaming up with officials from the city’s police and fire departments to offer another series of talks and demonstrations focused on safety, emergency preparations and other potentially lifesaving topics. “We are changing it up a bit this year by adding a training component for each session with the addition of important preparedness information,” said Vollmer, a Carmel resident, captain of the volunteer-led Community Emergency Response Team and the owner of Peace of Mind Preparedness.

The first session in the Community Safety Series, set for June 21, is entitled

“Ready, Set, Defend!” and will focus on defensible space, home hardening and fire-extinguisher training.

Next, “Build Your Kit, Boost Your Skills” will be held Sept. 6, with Vollmer and others discussing disaster kits and first aid. Participants will learn which items are critical to include in their kits, basic first aid skills and how to use an AED.

The final class of the year will take place Nov. 8, with tips on storm preparedness and how to perform hands-only CPR.

Along with expert advice, each session will include raffle prizes and breakfast, and each will run from 10 to 11 a.m. in Carpenter Hall in Sunset Center at Mission and Ninth.

BIXBY

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chokepoint.” She urged supervisors to keep the protections in place. “The current measures do help traffic flow better, both on the Old Coast Road and Highway 1, and they keep pedestrians safer, which in turn, lets more people enjoy the drive,” Diehl said.

Traffic causes gridlock

Fifth District Supervisor Kate Daniels told her colleagues that it can take up to a half-hour for motorists to get past the turn-out on a busy holiday weekend. She called the traffic there a “critical public safety issue.”

“We have a residential road that gets completely blocked by the cars that are filled with visitors dying to catch a glimpse of Bixby Bridge,” Daniels explained. “They are literally putting their lives on the line sometimes to get a peak at this

bridge.”

First District Supervisor Luis Alejo expressed concerns that the California Coastal Commission could object to making the measures more permanent. In response, county planning official Craig Spencer told him that he has reached out to the powerful state watchdog group.

“They are amenable to working with us,” Spencer reported. “They see the issue — the enjoyment of the coast and its degradation from overcrowding and overuse. They will want to work with us to retain some level of parking access for visitors — as much as we can accommodate.”

This week, Daniels told The Pine Cone that the fix at Bixby Bridge is temporary, and it’s unclear how long the measures will remain. She conceded that the situation at the site is “still a crazy parking mess.” “It makes sense to keep them in place until we can come up with something better,” she added. “It helps the CHP to manage the situation. The benefits are significant, with little cost.”

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Big Sur’s Beach Boy remembers the late great Brian Wilson

By CHRIS COUNTS

SHORTLY AFTER word went out that Beach Boys legend Brian Wilson died Wednesday at the age of 82, one of his closest and most enduring musical partners,

Big Sur resident Al Jardine, paid tribute to the late singer, musician, songwriter and producer with a post on Facebook that, in less than 24 hours, had garnered more than 58,000 likes.

“Brian Wilson, my friend, my

classmate, my football teammate, my Beach Boy bandmate and my brother in spirit, I will always feel blessed that you were in our lives for as long as you were,” Jardine wrote. “You were a humble giant who always made me laugh and we will celebrate your music forever.”

Jardine also spoke with the BBC, calling Wilson “a humble musical giant”

whose “huge musical intellect was apparent quite early on.”

Old friends

Friends since high school, Wilson and Jardine were two of the five original Beach Boys. Wilson’s brothers, Dennis and Carl, also passed away, leaving Jardine and Mike Love as the last surviving founding members of the band, which achieved worldwide fame in the 1960s with hit singles like “Surfin’ USA,” “I Get Around,” “Don’t Worry Baby,” “California Girls” and “Good Vibrations.”

Besides his well deserved reputation as a songwriter, Wilson was a groundbreaking producer — the Beach Boys’ 1966 LP “Pet Sounds” is considered his greatest achievement and inspired the Beatles to record their landmark “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band” album.

RAISE

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officials receive additional pay for their service on some of the regional boards, benefit from insurance coverage and “don’t really work that much” for their compensation.

Their arguments did not sway their colleagues one way or the other, and the council voted 3-2 to adopt the increases. They opted for the Jan. 1, 2027 effective date so the raises wouldn’t be implemented until after the next election in November 2026.

BIKE

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president and general manager. Harder was team manager at Chip Ganassi Racing and served as senior V.P. of operations at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Eberhart recently announced she was leaving to continue her “private sector legal and corporate consulting practice, focused on motorsports.”

The Friends board said it does not have any immediate plans to replace Eberhart and that Harder will “continue to lead the day-to-day raceway and facility management duties for Friends of Laguna Seca.”

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TECH

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students, in partnership with Monterey Peninsula College. Intro-to-business classes are one example of how vocational education was reintroduced for the new millennium as Career Technical Education, or CTE, amid the rapid growth of the technology and engineering sectors. As part of a 2005 Senate bill, the State of California began to expand its definition of “technical” education, beyond traditional vocational offerings like automotive and carpentry classes — and state funding along with it. On its website, CUSD defines its approach as “integrating core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to post-secondary education and careers.”

Tech upgrades

Superintendent Sharon Ofek shared that Glenn has been instrumental in the fundraising of \$1 million to expand the district’s program. That figure includes one-time grants — namely, the College and Career Access Pathways grant, which helps network local schools with community colleges, and the Golden State Pathways grant, which focuses on high-growth industries like healthcare, education and climate technologies. Glenn said that “100 percent” of the latter went to an “infusion of heavy machines” for engineering classes at Carmel High School, which apparently hadn’t been replaced in more than three decades. The grant allowed the district to add computerized milling machines and 3D printing equipment to the mix. Glenn shared that a new career matching survey — a resource accessible at no cost to students statewide via CaliforniaColleges.edu — is “a wonderful tool” for exploring new additions to CUSD’s class offerings. She said that over 400 students, ninth through 11th grades, participated in the survey this year. In order of interest, responding students were interested in business and finance, architecture and engineering, law, medicine, and clinical psychology, or counseling. As a result of the surveys, Glenn said that agriculture and natural resources classes are coming to the Carmel Valley High School campus this fall, and courses in advanced robotics and electric vehicle engineering are slated for the 2026-27 school year at Carmel High.

OFFICER

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reduces “campus risk.” “The officer serves as a caregiver, educator, informal counselor and law enforcer,” said Day, who was sworn in April 2. “This approach not only protects our students but also builds trust and positive relationships.” A recent safety assessment of PGUSD schools indicated that “additional safety supervision on the campuses” was recommended, assistant superintendent Josh Jorn said. Board president Elliott Hazen said he agreed with many of McNary’s points but was supportive of continuing with the program. He was the only one to back it. “I still feel better having this in place until we have a better solution,” Hazen said.

Staff raises

Board member Beth Shammass questioned the need for the program, given the officer’s relatively limited role, saying that a “feel-good” position didn’t have to be filled by a cop. At the same meeting, the board voted to raise PGUSD employee salaries by more than \$1.4 million for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Pacific Grove Unified, which has a declining enrollment, reported a total projected operational budget deficit of \$1,037,535 during the same time period.

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Editorial

The leader within

IN THE United States, it’s considered a major virtue to be an immigrant — or descended from one.

At the highest levels, our leaders are always eager to express their admiration for people who weren’t born in this country but live here or would like to.

“These people — our neighbors, our classmates, our friends — they do not come here in search of a free ride or an easy life. They come to work, and study, and serve in our military, and above all, contribute to America’s success,” said former President Barack Obama in 2014.

Former President Bill Clinton agreed. “Most of the illegal immigrants from Central American countries are not law-breakers by nature, they’re people who are seeking a better life. It’s hard to leave your family and your home and take the risks inherent in coming to a strange land without the approval of the law,” Clinton said. “And people do it because they want a better opportunity for themselves and their families.”

A third former president made a very similar statement about the advantages of admitting newcomers.

“America’s immigrant history made us who we are,” said George W. Bush in 2019. “Amid all the complications of policy, may we never forget that immigration is a blessing and a strength.”

Similarly, if you’ve ever been to one of the fundraisers or award dinners that take place all the time around the Monterey Peninsula, there’s a good chance you’ve heard a featured speaker or honoree brag about their own immigrant roots as a shining example of the American Dream.

“I’m descended from people who came to this country with nothing, and when I think about where I am today, all I can say is, ‘Only in America,’” the speaker is likely to proclaim.

You can even hear people claim that immigrants to the United States are better than the native born — not only for their willingness to work hard, but for their superior entrepreneurship, cultural uniqueness, humanitarian values, and even that they are more law-abiding than the people whose nation they are joining.

Nevertheless, many of these same leaders have been outspoken about their opposition to illegal immigration, and they have been long before Donald Trump entered the political arena.

“We simply cannot allow people to pour into the United States undetected, undocumented, unchecked, and circumventing the line of people who are waiting patiently, diligently, and lawfully to become immigrants in this country,” said Obama in 2011.

His comments echoed what Hillary Clinton said in 2004. “I am adamantly against illegal immigrants,” she said. “I am adamantly in favor of securing our border, having an earned path to citizenship, and doing what we need to do to create a comprehensive immigration system.”

“We’ve got to enforce our laws. If you’re a criminal, if you’re a gang member, if you’re a drug dealer, you should be deported. That’s what the American people want, and that’s what a secure border means,” Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer added in 2013. He even supported a bill in Congress he said would, “secure our borders in a way we’ve never done before.” Illegal crossings, he promised, “will be reduced to a trickle, and we’ll know who’s coming in and out of our country.”

So, if we’re all in agreement that our nation needs immigrants — we legally admit more than 1 million a year — but don’t want them crossing the border without permission, why is there so much controversy surrounding Trump’s crackdown?

The answer, of course, is politics. As with the British statesman who said more than 100 years ago, “England has no friends, only interests,” people who occupy responsible positions in American government — whether Republican or Democrat — tend not to have moral or intellectual principles that guide them through controversies, they only have strategies to seek electoral advantages. Which explains not only why their behavior is so predictable, but why they tend to act in unison, following the dictates of their party, not their conscience. This is also true of the news media, by the way.

The bottom line is that if you want to know the right thing to do about illegal immigration, Ukraine, the Middle East or any other hot-button issue, don’t ask your betters. Ask yourself.

BEST of BATES



“The problem with living in Carmel is, where do you go on vacation?”

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Let voters decide

Dear Editor,

Pacific Grove residents deserve transparency and respect, not surprise pay hikes. Despite no mention during their campaigns, five city council members recently voted themselves a 130 percent raise, just weeks after the city’s finance director warned of a multiyear budget deficit and \$55 million in unfunded pension liabilities. They even left open the door to taxpayer-funded health care.

More than two dozen residents opposed the raise, even after the mayor cut public comment time in half. Only councilmembers Paul Walkingstick and Lori McDonnell pushed back, suggesting a delay or a public vote. The remaining five outvoted them.

Now, a citizen referendum is underway. If enough signatures are collected by June 30, this issue will go on the ballot, and the voters will decide.

P.G. voters, make your voices heard. Volunteers are gathering signatures daily outside Grove Market and the post office. Speak up by signing the petition. Let’s bring this matter to a vote of the people.

Jane Haines,
Pacific Grove

Beloved yet forgotten

Dear Editor,

Steve Crouch (1913–1983) was not just a photographer. He immortalized the soul of Monterey County and the rugged majesty of the Big Sur coastline through his lens. His work, featured in publications such as “Steinbeck Country” — a 1973 photography book that united his captivating images with John Steinbeck’s prose — stands as a testament to his profound ability to capture landscapes that speak to the heart. Crouch’s talent also shines brightly in “Not Man Apart,” where his 90 hauntingly beautiful photographs share space with Ansel Adams, Edward Weston and Wynn Bullock.

His legacy lives on, with his work gracing the walls of the Monterey Museum of Art, and beyond. Yet his home at Mission and First, built in 1941 among the likes of Murphy, Comstock, and other historians was nearly demolished to make way for a Bay Area Modern. It is time we recognize a man who gave so much to Carmel and its surrounding landscapes.

Crouch didn’t just photograph scenes, he is said to have summoned emotions. His images of California’s coastal and inland

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Waves of saltwater, oceans of ink

THERE'S AN old sailor's cure for common forgetfulness: Write stuff down. Daniel Porter, 73, has never kept a personal journal, only the ship's logs that belonged to his various employers. His memory — an astonishing one — is the result of ceaseless documentation, done by hand for most of his career.

In a perfect world, Porter would be writing this story. Instead, what follows is an effort to describe our three-hour conversation, 3,000 words of correspondence and



PHOTO/CREDIT DANIEL PORTER

Daniel Porter traded open waters and oil fields for even wilder places. He's now a sailing instructor, and lives in Watsonville.

a dozen photos he shared — of the thousand he surely has stored away.

"I can still name all my crews, though, some time later when logs went electronic, it made it harder," said the retired tugboat captain and salvager of shipwrecks, who still offers his professional services as Porter Marine Salvage & Consultancy.

Reading underground

It's hard to say how Porter got the idea to write. Perhaps it came from his dad, an industrious-sounding guy and father of seven who, Porter said, was the principal, math and science teacher, sports coach and

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

bus driver at a country school 40 miles east of Colorado Springs.

Maybe it was the influence of a talented and eclectic Australian family — teachers, wheat farmers, members of parliament among them — who hosted a 16-year-old Porter as a high school exchange student and whose idea of dinner conversation was discussing the latest issue of Scientific American.

Or, just blame it on the books that inspired him.

A 20-something Porter had decided to skip a semester at the University of Colorado Boulder for a job in Lead, S.D., mining the deepest pit of gold in the Western Hemisphere. Called the Homestake, it was founded in part by George Hearst and probably supplied much of the capital his son, William, used to build Hearst Castle

— two things Porter learned while reading W.A. Swanberg's 600-page "Citizen Hearst" by headlamp on his lunch breaks, 4,100 feet below the earth.

'Temporary' job

At first, writing was merely his ticket to see the world outside Colorado. Porter studied journalism at Boulder, and one of his early jobs was reporting for the Carpinteria Times. It brought him a thousand miles west to California, where he gazed at the Pacific Ocean and decided he might try sailing.

A basic Coast Guard class was all the introduction he needed. After getting his able seaman's license, Porter moved to San Francisco for an entry-level crew job, where he shot up the ranks. He earned his merchant mariner credentials in 1984.

Six months into captaining his first tugboat, Porter was dispatched to the Gulf of Mexico — a Christmas relief position, until the former captain never returned from his holiday.

Porter remembered feeling "utterly out of my depth," assigned to a PEMEX oil field in the Bay of Campeche off the Yucatán Peninsula. He described "a vision of Dante's

hell," between the steady burning of gas flare towers and relentless hours.

His employer, Tidewater International, ran tugboats manned by skeleton crews around the clock. It took four to five hours to complete one circuit of the field's 20 platforms, dropping off tools and cargo in one turn and picking up junk the next.

Fears of terrorism, according to Porter, meant PEMEX didn't allow published charts of the oil fields. Instead, his first mate got him up to speed with a hand-drawn chart on a yellow legal pad.

Porter took language lessons on the job, proctored by a salty crew whose unintelligible "Spanish" he later identified as a Mayan dialect.

"I guess they decided I was worth keeping," Porter said — which dawned on him the following November, when his crew entrusted him to prepare their first-ever Thanksgiving bird.

Above the fold

In 1987, Porter took a sabbatical in the highlands of Chiapas, Mexico, where he settled in the painted colonial city of San Cristobal de las Casas, 7,200 feet above sea level.

San Cristobal "lies on the very spine of the continent," Porter wrote in a mesmerizing account of his adopted home. He mailed "Rockets of San Cristobal" — titled after bottle rockets locals used to commence the city's almost daily religious festivals — to a New York Times travel editor.

Porter saw his byline above the fold on Easter 1990. By that time, family and

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Opening the shutter on gritty, unembellished memories

WHEN BECKY Brister looks through her camera lens, she frequently sees a work in progress: an out-of-focus world in need of empathy, equity and inclusion — causes that have motivated her since, well, childhood.

"I got suspended a lot, going all the way back to kindergarten, for speaking my mind and standing up for people," remembered Brister, who, for the past 18 months, has been chair of the photography department at Monterey Peninsula College.

As a fine-art photographer, she is a storyteller. Much of her portfolio is dark and gritty, rife with lonesome images that trigger memories from her own upbringing.

'Like the Wild West'

She grew up in Newbury Park — a then undeveloped part of Ventura County — on property that, according to family lore, was won in a poker game by her great-grandfather.

"Newbury Park, at that time, was like

the Wild West, and we were basically feral children," she recalled fondly and with amusement. "Our childhood was about BB guns and playing on the swings and running free along the creek that ran through our backyard. It was pretty amazing, really."

Must-see entertainment for the locals — especially the kids — was watching

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

local firefighters, including her father, doing training exercises, dousing towering flames they had created themselves.

"Oh, my God, it was awesome," she reminisced. "For me, it was like, 'Wait ... you mean not everybody gets to watch things burn, and climb all over fire trucks all the time? This is so cool!'"

Searing, smoking images of one of those events can be found on her website.

Other website photographs in a series titled "Home" reveal flat, barren, largely treeless landscapes — sunbaked dirt sprouting formidable weeds, cracked pavement — the kind of rural scenes most people ignore at 70 mph.

She was a good student at Newbury Park High, where, as a member of the marching band, she was required to attend the school's football games. Thinking of those events evokes memories of suffocating heat, chilly winds and zero interest in the games.

Dilapidated inspiration

But they also inspired her, as an adult, to photograph numerous small-school football stadiums in several states. Most of the facilities were in dire need of attention: ugly, patchy, pockmarked playing fields with splintery bleachers, peeling paint and weather-beaten announcer booths.

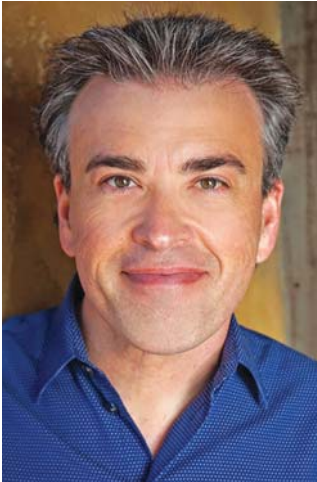
For Brister, it was an odd labor of love. She showed up

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PHOTO/RUBY YANG

The work of Becky Brister, chair of the photography department at Monterey Peninsula College, is among 800 images by 122 artists participating in the Monterey Museum of Art's first Biennial Exhibition, which runs through Aug. 31.



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romantic ties had coaxed him back to San Francisco, where he began running ships again.

The seafaring life is a hard sell, especially nowadays. It’s a “very small” world, Porter said, and growing smaller — which makes it all the more heartwarming to hear about his nephew, who he helped to get his first captain’s job, and how they’ve exchanged letters while at sea.

And there are easier ways of getting on the water, he discovered, to the delight of his longtime partner. Porter retired from his captain’s work around 2017. They live together on a flower farm in Watsonville, and he commutes a few days a week to teach sailing lessons and run catamaran tours for Sail Monterey. He also advises some of the world’s major maritime operators on the best way to salvage shipwrecks, prepare for hurricanes, and recover in the aftermath of disaster.

Seen it all

Between natural events and human error, he’s seen it all.

Fifteen years into his captain’s career, Porter decided to get into the disaster business. His daily driver was no longer a tugboat, but a 400-foot, 8,000-ton barge.

Early in 2001, he captained the barge tasked with raising the Ehime Maru, a Japanese fishery training boat that sank off Honolulu earlier that year, after a U.S. submarine accidentally rammed its hull, killing five adults and four teenagers. The wreck had sunk 2,000 feet, and the \$60

million mission was one of the costliest and most difficult recovery operations ever attempted.

Later, stationed in the Arab Gulf in 2014, he watched his crew remove pieces of a Gulf War-era supertanker wreck from a shipping channel used by the Iraqi Ministry of Oil. His boss at Mammoet Salvage had assigned Porter to the job, already beset by contract troubles, because he had a “reputation for bringing the temperature down.”

At one point, an Iraqi naval engineer asked Porter, 62, his age. The engineer described his own age as “63, 50 at war.” To Porter, it sounded less like a challenge than an invitation.

Discussing history, politics and nuclear disarmament with the engineer was “a lesson in humility,” Porter recalled. The two were close friends when the job wrapped in 2017.

Porter maintains that hurricanes — and he weathered Katrina, then Rita — are in many ways easier to navigate than those uncharted gulfs in culture, language and personality. In the end, though, those are the challenges that make a tough job so rewarding. He considers himself “amazingly lucky to be sent into interesting places, around interesting people.”

Still in print

You can still find Porter’s name in print, if you know where to look. While stationed in Venezuela in the late ’90s, running tugs up the Orinoco River Delta, he counted world-renowned illustrator Robin Restall among his friends there. Restall went on to write and illustrate “Birds of Northern South America,” a two-volume standard featuring 2,300 different species.

“As he was working on it, I was regularly emailing him lists of the birds I was seeing. When I got the guide, I smiled to see that he had named me among the dozens of people who had contributed to the work.

“Fact is, I was seeing things like huge flocks of scarlet ibis at times, hundreds of parrots at dusk, and occasional flights of blue and gold macaws.”

A friend at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural

History credits Porter with half the raw data he used to publish a paper on whale migration patterns — all observations from Porter’s early days, running tugs from San Francisco down to Point Conception.

There have been a great many moments like these — he can name a dozen, off the top of his head — when he’s witnessed “things only a few naturalists are lucky enough to see.”

He’s logged all of his encounters, of course.

FLOODPLAIN

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barriers to help buffer uses within the park,” the park district said.

The first phase of excavation is set for this summer and will focus at the west end of the property. Next summer, a second phase will do the same at the other end.

“Channels and alcoves will be created, offering critical areas of quiet water to aquatic species,” the park district said. “Gravel will be added to raise the water surface elevation upstream, helping push water into new floodplains.”

To help restore “natural geomorphic processes” to the river, about 3,200 feet of riprap will be removed from the river channel. About 175,000 native plants will be planted along both banks of the river, “including culturally significant species identified through tribal consultation with the Rumsen-Ohlone Tribe.” A temporary irrigation system will be installed to help the plants thrive.

Fewer bridges, more trails

The work also involves removing three bridges across the river that were once used by golf carts — and building a new bridge to provide emergency vehicle access to Palo Corona Regional Park.

“Construction is phased over three seasons to minimize impacts on wildlife and park visitors, with most major earthwork occurring during dry summer months to protect water quality and aquatic species,” the park district reported.

Besides its benefits to wildlife, backers say the project will help lower the flood risk for nearby neighborhoods by giving floodwaters a place to go. It will also provide hikers with new trails.

The land was once part of Rancho Cañada Golf Club. It was acquired by the Monterey Peninsula Park Management District in 2018.

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Pacific Grove Art Center hosts first ‘Extraterrestrial Ball’ Saturday

A COSTUME party with a retro fashion theme will raise money for the Pacific Grove Art Center on Saturday at 5 p.m. “Drawing inspiration from the ’60s art-pop movement, ’70s glam, and the Club Kid scene in New York City, we highly encourage dressing up,” the art center announced.

There will be music in three of the center’s galleries. Performers include singer and guitarist Kito Rayburn, singer and

next to a box where raffle tickets can be placed. At the close of the show, one winning ticket will be drawn for each piece of art.

■ Art walk set for Saturday

A three-week show of Rob Holt’s sculptures goes on display Saturday at Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery, while Carmel Art Association welcomes six new members. Both are among 17 artist-owned galleries featured on the latest Carmel Art Walk, which happens the same evening from 4 to 7 p.m.

Perlmutter told the Pine Cone that she wanted to showcase Holt’s creations, which she described as “direct-welded” sculpture. “It’s exceptional work,” she said.

The CAA is hosting a reception for new members Heidi Alonzo, John Cromwell, Katrina Pura, R. Mike Nichols, Polly Osborne and Ethan Welch. All six have art currently on display at the gallery, along with a show by longtime members Robin and Chris Sawyer. The shows continue through June.

Participating galleries will have green lanterns hanging in their windows, and maps available for the public.

Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery and the Carmel Art Association are on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

■ Far more than art lessons

Offering incarcerated young people both inspiration and a creative outlet, a dazzling new mural was unveiled May 30 at Monterey County’s Juvenile Hall facility. The mural was created by prisoners at the facility, with guidance from artist



Under the guidance of artist Fabian Debora, inmates at Monterey County’s Juvenile Hall facility in Salinas created this stunning mural, which was unveiled May 30.

Fabian Debora. The program provides far more than art lessons.

“It helps youth connect with their culture, heal from trauma, and grow as individuals,” according to the county. “Through painting, storytelling and reflection, they find emotional healing and learn more about themselves.”

The mural is located in the juvenile hall

garden but isn’t accessible to the general public. Third District Supervisor Chris Lopez attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the mural May 30. “Created by the young men there, the mural tells a profound story. A farmworker carries an empty box across barren fields, yet strides forward with hope for a brighter future,” the supervisor said.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

guitarist Logan Mason, Cement Ship and many others.

Attendees will be able to “rock out at the Enchantrix Stage, enjoy indie and acoustic sets at the Oddities Stage and dance with DJs at the MPYRE party,” the art center said.

Tickets are \$15, with a \$5 discount for those in costume.

The art center is located at 568 Light-house Ave. Call (831) 375-2208 for more details.

■ Fundraiser seeks donations

The P.G. Art Center is also seeking donations for its annual Tiny Treasures fundraising exhibit. The exhibit is to open July 4, and close Aug. 28.

“Donations of original artwork are limited to a maximum of three pieces, and each should be no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches including the frame,” the art center said. “All 3D art should not exceed 7 inches in depth. All 2D artwork should be ready to hang. Please include your name and title on the back of the piece.”

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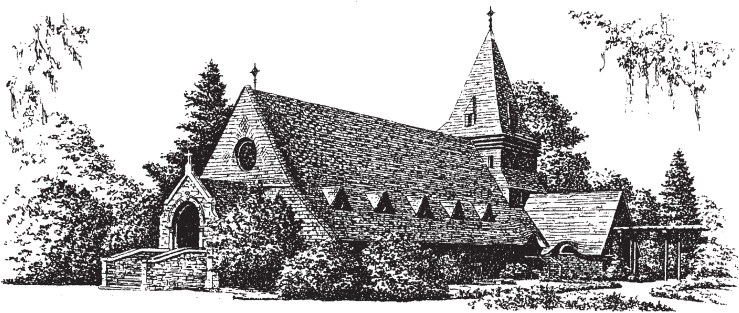
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ARTIST

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at her hometown field at 5 a.m. one summer day, waited for sunrise, then shot photographs all morning with three different cameras.

“I took pictures with a 35 mm camera every 15 minutes, with a medium-format film camera every 30 minutes and with my 4-by-5 (large format camera) every hour, and the images were pretty amazing,” she said. “A photo from that series became one of my first sales.”

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When she came out of Newberry Park High School, she had “no clue” what she wanted to do, she said, but began taking photography at Moorpark College, where a teacher quickly ignited a spark.

“He was a Vietnam vet who had been court-martialed for protesting the war while on active duty in the war zone,” she said of William Short, who has authored a book and just released his third podcast on the subject.

“It was really amazing for me to realize what photography could do when you choose to become part of something bigger than yourself,” she said.

Short explained that nobody was likely to get an A in his class — that never happened — to which Brister mentally responded, “Game on!” Then she aced the course.

Another Moorpark photography professor, John Grzywacz-Gray, who died in 2024, became a mentor for another reason.

“He was very focused on equity and inclusion,” said Brister.

“Some of us felt like we were ‘the bad kids’ — the kids who couldn’t be contained,” she said. “John Gray taught us that we had a place. He helped us grow. He was amazing.”

Brister earned her bachelor’s degree in art with a photography emphasis from UC Riverside, where she studied under celebrated photographers Uta Barth and John Divola.

Then she obtained a Master of Fine Arts from UCLA, where she was mentored by Catherine Opie and James Welling, both world-class contemporary artists.

A pivot toward teaching

“Not long after that, I realized I wanted to focus on teaching, rather than try to compete in the L.A. art scene,” said Brister, whose journey as an educator included stops at Moorpark College and College of the Canyons in Valencia.

She joined the faculty at MPC as a photography instructor in 2023 and became chair of the department in January of 2024.

“Teaching is so much harder than creating, but it’s also fantastic — especially here, where it’s all about

community and hope and supporting each other,” Brister said. “The other day, I actually taught a student how to stitch up a rip in his pants, which made both of us feel pretty great.”

Brister has also been excited to make acquaintances in the robust Monterey Peninsula art scene and to live in a community she considers forward-thinking, open-minded and welcoming.

As an artist, she draws much of her inspiration from real-life experiences, as she did for a photo composition that was juried into the Monterey Museum of Art’s Biennial Exhibition (more than 800 works by 122 artists), which runs through Aug. 31.

‘Wish You Were Here’

The story: Brister returned to Newberry Park a few years back to become a housemate and caretaker for her ailing grandmother, Sarahlynn, nicknamed “Shorty”. Over an eight-year period, she photographed the final years of her life.

“I started photographing her as soon as I moved in, and at first, she was grumpy about it, like, ‘Why are you doing this?’” Brister said. “After I explained that ‘Grandma, these are memories,’ she was OK with it.

“But it was the hardest thing I’ve ever done in my life, and anybody who’s watched a family member go through the end of life can relate,” she said.

Brister’s piece at the museum, entitled “Wish You Were Here,” is a commentary about loss.

On the left is a photo of Shorty, sleeping comfortably in her bed with a breathing tube in her nose. The center image is her small dog, Maverick, who preceded her in death by a few months, napping on a blanket in a nearly identical position. On the right side of the montage is Maverick’s empty blanket.

The Biennial show at Monterey Museum of Art can be seen at 559 Pacific St. Thursdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additional information about the artist, and her portfolio of photographs, can be found at beckybrister.com.

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landscapes, including the Diablo Range in southern Monterey County, tell stories of fog embracing cliffs, sunlight dancing on turbulent waters, and resilient stone standing against the sea’s endless rhythm. Each photograph shows the wild beauty of nature — a beauty he preserved with black-and-white artistry.

Crouch may have slipped from the limelight, but the memories of those who knew him and the emotions stirred by his art ensure he will never truly be forgotten. Let us honor him, not only by admiring his photographs, but by protecting his home the way we do those of Jeffers and others who have equally contributed to the Monterey Peninsula.

Lindamarie Rosier,
Carmel

No king needed

Dear Editor,

In Pacific Grove, we have Mayor Nick Smith and the city council majority acting like a king with his court. They are granting themselves substantial pay raises and attempting to include complimentary health benefits without voter approval.

We don’t need a king in Pacific Grove. Citizens must save our local democracy. Residents need to vote on this issue.

Vince Tuminello,
Pacific Grove

Gervase first rate

Dear Editor,

Once again, Jerry Gervase has displayed his compassion and understanding of the travails of the common man (all of us). His professionalism, sensitivity, and editorial exposition are again brilliantly displayed, column-wise, with “High School Class” (May 23) and “Mother’s Day” (May 9).

Indeed, his writing is our first stop after checking the obituaries. It is a joy to have

him representing our community of first-tier columnists.

John Hagen,
Pebble Beach

Memorable trip

Dear Editor,

In early May, my wife and I had the privilege of exploring California from Point Reyes to Point Lobos. No matter where our plans took us, we enjoyed our journey.

The enjoyment of our visit was grounded in the vision and will of Californians to preserve such precious land.

No matter the vistas in the seaside parklands or along the 17 Mile Drive, we cherished the restless Pacific, its stone masonry on the shoreline, and the pretty blooming flowers along many trails.

Our lives have been enriched by graceful redwoods, the backstories found in Alcatraz and Angel islands, the coffee-colored soil in farmland near Watsonville, and the magnificent Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Additionally, we were impressed by the patience and wisdom of employees in the state and national parks, appreciated the knowledgeable waitstaffs in every restaurant, and were thankful for an understanding man, a transplant from Austin, who sensed we were lost in locating the famous fairytale cottages in Carmel-by-Sea. This stranger might have saved our almost 50 years of marriage.

In Robinson Jeffers’ poem “The Beaks of Eagles,” he writes about the life of a mother eagle. The author notes: “The world has changed in her time,” and despite these challenging changes, the mother eagle continues to find the way to survive.

Like the mother eagle, it is my hope that California with stubborn persistence will repel any wacky Washington attempts to dismantle these priceless plots of unparalleled beauty.

Our aging hearts will hold this trip forever.

Bill Pike,
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Section 2

A bad hop, two doubtful calls and the championship that got away

THE STEVENSON Pirates were buried Saturday on a faraway baseball field — but they weren’t dead. After surrendering five runs in the first inning of the NorCal Division 5 championship game, the Pirates courageously staged a two-hour rally to tie the score at Etna

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

High School, then watched in horror as a routine grounder bounced off a pebble, then ricocheted diagonally into the outfield for a game-winning RBI-single. The bad hop gave the Etna Lions a 6-5 victory, ending a school-record 21-victory season for the Pirates, a journey



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Sophomore J.J. Hall pitched and batted Stevenson to victory in the NorCal semifinals and scored the tying run in Saturday’s finals after opening the seventh inning with a single.

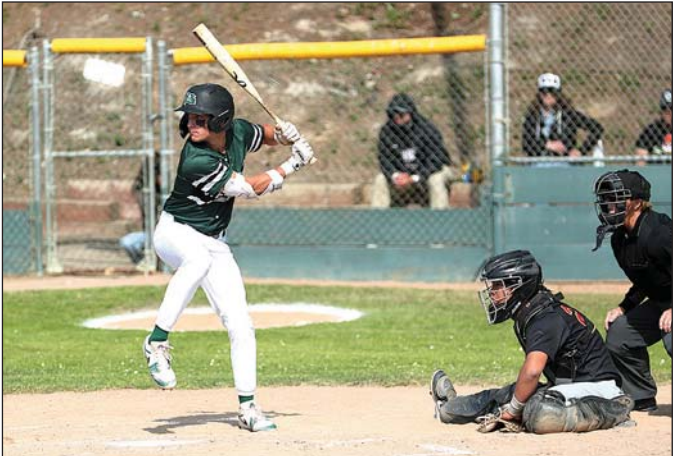
that included the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Mission Division crown, plus Stevenson’s second Central Coast Section title in three years. Exacerbating the frustration for Pirates — who were 30 miles from the Oregon border, and eight hours from home — were two polar-opposite rulings on very similar plays at home plate.

Eye of the beholder

One of those plays resulted in a first-inning run instead of an out for Etna when the home plate umpire called Pirates catcher Jack Bucich for “obstruction” — illegally blocking the baseline — during a rundown play. The decision helped open the floodgates for the Lions’ five-run first inning. The other deprived the Pirates of the go-ahead run in the sixth inning when Stevenson’s Tono Borgomini was called out after sliding into the tag of Etna’s catcher, who was a full stride in front of home plate, straddling the baseline at the time. Stevenson coach Nick Wilcox argued that the second play was no different from the first, and that, in fact, neither play met the rulebook definition of obstruction. Translation: Etna’s first-inning run was a gift.

Opportunities missed

Equally exasperating for the Pirates were missed opportunities. They failed to score in the first inning after loading the bases with a walk, a hit-by-pitch, and Phinn Thomas’ single. And in the third inning, they stranded their runners again after Thomas ripped a one-out double into the left-center field gap, and J.J. Hall walked. The Lions’ first-inning eruption began when leadoff hitter Noah Hubbard walked, and Clayton Harris followed with a towering blast over the left-field fence. Etna added three more runs against Stevenson starter Alex Wang, who walked two more, and was nicked for an additional hit. Thomas, Stevenson’s ace right-hander, took over the



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Junior Phinn Thomas went 12-for-20 with five doubles and nine RBI in six playoff games for Stevenson and compiled a 1.34 ERA, striking out 21 in 15.2 postseason innings.

pitching duties the second inning, holding the Lions scoreless over the next four frames. He allowed one hit, one walk, struck out four, and picked a runner off first base. The Pirates finally broke through offensively against Etna’s flame-throwing righthander, senior Emmett Stacher, scoring three fifth-inning runs on hits by Soren Hillman, Borgomini, and Bucich, and walks to Thomas and Hall. They added another run in the sixth inning, when Reggie Bell drew a two-out walk, then scored when Henry Blaxter ripped a two-strike fastball down the left-field line for a double.

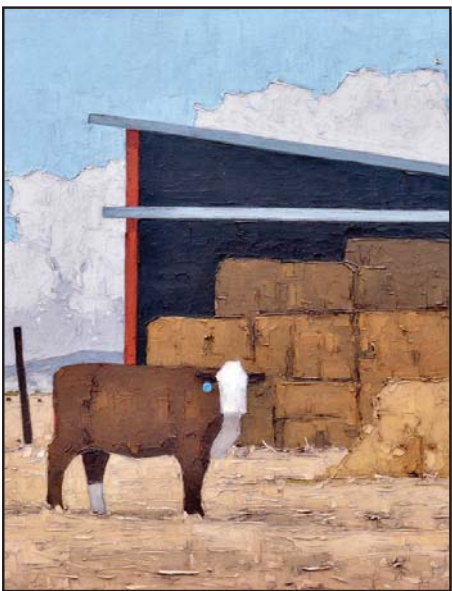
Pirates tie the score

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With his team trailing 5-4, Hall smacked an infield single off the glove of Etna reliever Kyle Fowle, moved to second on a passed ball, and advanced to third when Borgomini lined his second hit of the game into left field.

Borgomini stole second, where he represented the potential go-ahead run. Brady Mungan followed with an opposite-field base hit, bringing Hall home to tie the game. The fleet-footed Borgomini also tried to score on the shallow single, but was tagged out at the plate on the play that resembled the first-inning obstruction call.

Etna scored the game winner in the bottom of the inning when two Lions walked, and Griggs followed with his bad-hop base hit.

Griggs' hit was only the fourth of the game for the NorCal champions, who made the best of seven Stevenson walks.

Eight players contributed to the Pirates' 10-hit attack, with Borgomini and Thomas getting two each.

Decisive win

The defeat Saturday in the finals followed a big win Thursday for Stevenson in the NorCal Division 5 semifinals when the Pirates got five shutout innings from J.J. Hall — who also belted a double, a triple, scored twice, and drove in a run — in a 6-0 victory over Abraham Lincoln High School.

Hall, a sophomore righthander, shut down the San Francisco-based Mustangs on two hits, striking out five and walking none before stepping aside for Alex Wang, who pitched the final two scoreless frames.

Hall's RBI-double provided Stevenson with all the

offense they would need during a two-run first inning, igniting anine-hit attack that also included a single and double from Jack Bucich, and a pair of singles from Tono Borgomini, who stole two bases.

Phinn Thomas contributed a double and scored twice, Reggie Bell singled in a run, and Wang got a base hit.

Heartbreaker for CHS in semis

Carmel's season ended in Friday's NorCal Division 3 semifinals with a 6-5 home-field loss to Rancho Cotate — a game that ended with the potential tying run on third base and the winning run on first.

Trailing 5-2 through five innings, the visitors from Rohnert Park turned the tide with a four-run sixth inning, which included senior Jett Derammelaere's second two-run homer of the day. Derammelaere, a .327 hitter (second-best on the team) had homered just once previously

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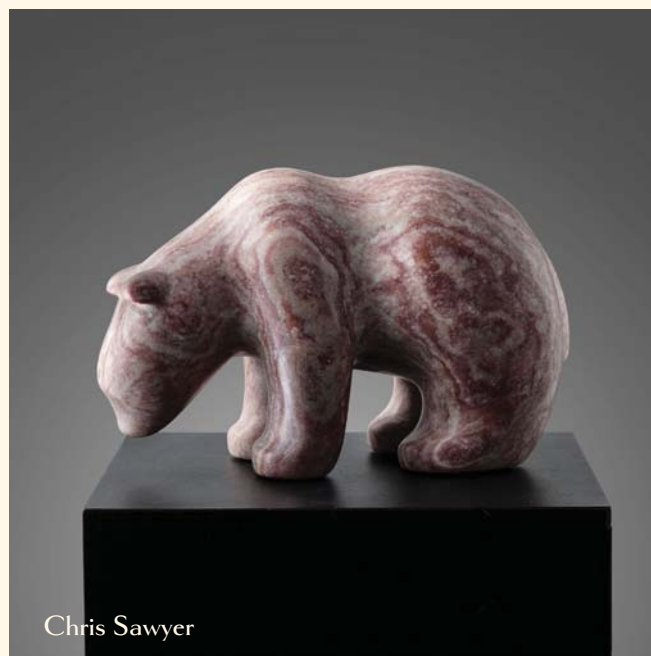


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Catcher Dean Briant and starting pitcher Kenny Sanchez — both freshmen — helped lead Carmel to the CCS Division 3 championship and the NorCal semifinals this season.



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The concert was originally scheduled in May, but ill-

ness forced a postponement after several members got Covid.

ness forced a postponement after several members got Covid.

The program, titled “Songs of Destiny,” explores German Romantic and French Impressionist works from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, showcasing the music



As part of a series of free outside concerts, Harmony Rising plays Friday, 6 p.m., at Sunset Center.

by Brahms, Ravel and Debussy. “These are staples of the romantic choral symphonic repertoire,” artistic director **Daniel Hendriks** told The Pine Cone. “The music is really life-affirming and cinematic, with soaring melodies — it should be a profoundly moving concert.”

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■ Small festival, big punch

After kicking off the 2nd annual Sunkiss’d Mozart Summerfest June 11 with a concert at the Pacific Grove Art Center, the musical gathering wraps up this weekend with a pair of performances.



I Cantori di Carmel finally performs at Sunset Center Friday — after more than four decades of presenting local choral concerts at other venues. The performance was set for last month, but postponed due to illness.

The festival is small and intimate, but it packs a mighty punch. “Every year we plan to play the best pieces ever written for chamber music,” artistic director and violinist **Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu** told The Pine Cone.

The first concert is set for Friday, 6 p.m., at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. The main instrumentalists include cellist **Tanya Tomkins**, violist **David Samuel** and violinists **Yuri Cho** and **Wu** — along with three “rising stars,” violinist **Rubén Rengel**, cellist **Elena Ariza** and violist **Laura Liu**. The program features Arnold Schoenberg’s *Verklärte Nacht* (for string sextet).

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Sierra Mar wine dinners, Dad’s day by the bay, voting for Foray

FOLLOWING A refresh over the winter, the stunning Sierra Mar restaurant at the Post Ranch Inn in Big Sur reopened to the public in April and has launched a Meet

Soup to Nuts

the Winemakers series that kicks off June 13. “Hotel guests and locals alike are welcome to dine at the property,” spokeswoman Sophia D’Amico confirmed. The restaurant, headed by culinary director Reylon



Artist Michelle Foley, who created the brightly color mural at Carmel Belle, came back to update and refresh her work at the behest of the well-loved spot’s new owners, Chantal and Kenneth Nelson.

Agustin and executive chef Hoon Kang, debuted its Spring Chapter menu to capitalize on the resort’s extensive onsite garden. The Chef’s Garden Salad features “a colorful medley of hyper-local greens and herbs, finished with cured lemon vinaigrette and rich egg yolks from Post Ranch Inn’s hens,” while another dish focuses on California squab with smoked beets, endive, pickled cherries and port jus. Prix fixe (\$85 for lunch, \$185 for dinner) and a la carte options are available.

The bounty of the Post Ranch garden reaches the diminutive bar, as well, where it influences cocktails like Mijenta Rose, which contains strawberry-infused tequila “brightened by lemon balm and basil.”

The Meet the Winemaker series, during which guests will have the chance to connect with some of “the region’s most celebrated and emerging vintners,” who will lead them through tastings while sharing insight and stories, begins June 13 with winemaker Aaron Miller from PlumpJack Estate Winery. Miller will preside over a curated tasting paired with seasonal light bites.

Fostering connections

Rajat Parr from Phelan Farm will offer a similar experience July 29, but the tasting will be followed by a separately ticketed \$295-per-person dinner “offering a deeper dive into the people, land and practices that shape his wines,” and on Aug. 22, Andy Peay of Peay Vineyards will be there to talk about the wines he crafts from his 53-acre Sonoma Coast estate.

The tastings cost \$75 per person and run from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Those who love bubbly and like to plan ahead should also mark Dec. 12 on their calendars, since that’s when the French house of Laurent-Perrier will visit Sierra Mar to



The outside didn’t need redecorating, but Sierra Mar restaurant at Post Ranch Inn reopened to the public in April after a winter closure to “refresh” the premises. A Meet the Winemakers series kicks off June 13, and the restaurant’s regular menu includes fresh food from the chef’s onsite garden.

offer “a guided tasting of exceptional Champagnes.” “This new series underscores Post Ranch Inn’s commitment to fostering connection — with the land, the community and the people behind the glass,” D’Amico explained. For tickets and other information, visit postranchinn.com/dining.

■ Father’s Day around the Peninsula

Looking for a place to celebrate Father’s Day? Unlike on Mother’s Day, Dad-themed events are few and far between, but Bernardus Lodge’s Lucia Restaurant will have Beer and Bocce from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with live music and artisan beers complementing classic eggs Benedict, huevos rancheros, brick oven pizza and more. Play the famous Italian lawn game or — suggest the folks at Bernardus — hit a few practice balls on the putting green.

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Reserve at [Exploretock.com](#). Bernardus Lodge is at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Estéban in the Casa Munras hotel at 700 Munras Ave. in Monterey invites you to celebrate your father with a 12-ounce dry-aged prime ribeye with risotto and roasted bone marrow butter. There’s also a wagyu bavette (flank steak) with truffle fries or the Estéban burger, made from a blend of dry-aged beef and served with fontina cheese and all the fixings on a brioche bun and a side of fries.

7D — Seventh and Dolores Steakhouse — offers specialties like a grand seafood tower, caviar service, and, of course, aged Niman Ranch beef ranging from a 10-ounce filet to the 56-ounce tomahawk along with a selection of other entrees.

No discussion of steak is complete without a mention of the 50-year-old Whaling Station at 763 Wave St. in Monterey. The old-school steakhouse offers all the classics — beef Wellington, slow-roasted prime rib, porterhouse and prime New York, filet mignon or ribeye steaks — along with traditional sides like creamed spinach, scalloped potatoes and twice-baked potatoes. There are also options for those who prefer chicken, lamb, seafood or pasta.

■ Foray up for award

Chef Michael Chang and sommelier Caroline Singer — the proprietors of Foray restaurant at San Carlos and Fifth — are devoted to the farm-to-table mission they embarked on three years ago. Their hard work has been frequently recognized, including by Pine Cone readers during the paper’s annual awards each fall, and now they’re up for honors from Newsweek, too.

Foray is in a field of 15 establishments across the nation nominated for News-



week’s Best Farm-to-Table Restaurant in America, and voting is open until June 19, with a limit of one vote cast per day at [newsweek.com/readerschoice/best-farm-table-restaurant-2025](#). The couple give much credit to their “amazing network of farmers, ranchers and fishermen,” including Borba, Minazzoli, Prevedelli, Spade & Plow, Masami Ranch, Fogline Farm, Monterey Abalone Co., Monterey Bay Seaweeds and Ocean2Table.

While the restaurant offers happy hour and dinner, those who are particularly keen to see what the duo does with all those top-shelf local ingredients might also be interested in a series of wine dinners (and one mezcal dinner) scheduled through the rest of the year.

Next in the lineup is Rhys Vineyards July 17, with four courses complementing six wines at a cost of \$250 per person. Rhys “stands out for its commitment to crafting

wines that authentically express the unique terroirs of California’s mountainous regions,” through the cultivation of seven estate vineyards — six in the Santa Cruz Mountains and one in Anderson Valley. Founded by Kevin Harvey, Rhys focuses on chardonnay, pinot noir and syrah.

Others on the calendar include Tres Tiempos Mezcal Sept. 18, Checkerboard Vineyards Oct. 23, and Seña/Chadwick Vineyards Nov. 20.

For more information and reservations, go to [forayrestaurant.com](#).

■ Dog Bar benefits ... dogs

No, you can’t buy a round for the hound, but Shearwater Tavern in the Carmel Mission Inn at 3665 Rio Road will donate a portion of the proceeds from its weekly wiener-themed Dog Bar on June 17 to benefit Animal Friends Rescue Project.

The event runs from 5 to 8 p.m., with The Transducers providing live music starting at 6 p.m.

The full Shearwater Tavern menu will be available, along with the happy hour menu featuring short-rib poutine, calamari, wings and more. Four-legged friends on leashes are welcome and the evening’s menu will include a Dog Bowl with rice and hamburger for \$2.

■ Belle rings in new owners

Carmel Belle, the popular Doud Arcade eatery that opened in early 2009 and has seen its ownership change hands several times, was taken over earlier this year by Carmel Valley residents Chantal and Kenneth Nelson, who decided to have the

café’s large mural refreshed by the artist who created the original in 2020 while she was a student at Carmel High.

The Nelsons met in Vail, Colo., 22 years ago, when she was working at Vail Resorts and he managed a private members’ resort called the Timber Hearth. “I even worked for him part-time,” she said.

Impeccable

After they relocated to the Monterey Peninsula, he found jobs in hospitality — most recently at Bayonet Black Horse golf courses, where he’s been food and beverage director for 18 years — and she started a wedding business.

“With Jeff’s impeccable restaurant management experience and my passion for hospitality, we, along with our son, Jaydon (17), believe we’re the perfect team to ensure Carmel Belle’s continued success,” she said, adding that they are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. “We’re truly enjoying this new adventure and becoming a part of Carmel Belle’s wonderful community.”

She said they plan to “continue offering an incredible breakfast, lunch and early dinner with wholesome, organic ingredients, plus amazing coffee, juices and smoothies,” and that every item “is made from scratch with care.”

The couple marked the restaurant’s newest chapter by inviting Michelle Foley, who painted a brightly colored mural in 2020 at the behest of Carmel Belle’s former owners, to update the piece, which was dominated by a sky of reds, yellows and oranges.

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“Two months ago, we reached out to Michelle to see if she would be interested in toning down the colors,” Nelson explained. “Last week, she skillfully adjusted the mural, now featuring tranquil blue tones that continue to beautifully represent Carmel Beach and its captivating sunset.”

She said Foley, a recent Yale graduate with a double major in painting/printmaking and cognitive science, did an incredible job.

“It’s truly special that Michelle has become a part of our new adventure at Carmel Belle, just as she was with the previous owners when they took over Carmel Belle in 2020.”

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



Men and their steaks: No discussion of high-quality beef for Father’s Day would be complete without a mention of the 50-year-old Whaling Station in Monterey.

MUSIC

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The second concert, which features the same group of musicians, happens Sunday, 5 p.m., in a barn at a private residence located at 484 Corral de Tierra Road off Highway 68. The program features Mendelssohn’s *String Octet*.

Tickets are \$50 each, and they will be available at the door. For more details, visit boxoffice.skmozart.com.

■ Guitar wizard plays Friday

A blues guitarist who has played alongside some of the genre’s biggest luminaries, singer and guitarist **Walter Trout** takes the stage Friday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Trout, whose career began on the Jersey shore in the late 1960s around the same time Bruce Springsteen got started, has recorded or toured with John Lee Hooker, Big Mama Thornton, and Canned Heat,



Guitarist Catherine Broz performs Thursday, 5 p.m., at Esteban Restaurant in Monterey.

John Mayall’s Bluesbreakers and many other blues greats.

In Planet Rock’s survey of the greatest blues artists of all time, Trout is listed at No. 5 — ahead of Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix and other legends.

Tickets start at \$37. The theater is at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

■ Violinist visits Sand Box

Praised for her “brilliant performances full of color and character,” and the winner of an assortment of international music prizes, guitarist **Hao Yang** performs Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City. The concert is presented by the Carmel Guitar Society.

Tickets start at \$30. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. It’s website is sandboxsandcity.com

Live music June 13-19

■ Big Sur

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

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 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.),

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SPORTS

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this year, a solo shot on May 2 against Cardinal Newman.

His first blast (18-13, seeded No. 3) came with one out in the first inning, after leadoff hitter Jeremiah Olvera had singled, staking Rancho Colate to a 2-0 lead.

Carmel (21-11, the No. 2 seed) tied the game in the bottom of the second inning, when Kaleb Herro drove in Bo Lewis and Skyler Brown with a double.

Grabbing the lead

The Padres seized the lead on Matt Maxon’s two-run double in the fourth inning, then added their fifth run in the fifth inning.

The Padres’ eight-hit attack was led by junior Sean Carr, who singled and doubled, and Lewis, who singled twice. Brown, who scored two runs, had one hit, and so did Herro, Maxon, and Alex Hirschfeld.

After surrendering the two-run homer in the first inning, freshman right-hander Kenny Sanchez retired 10 of the next 11 hitters and blanked the Cougars through the fifth inning. He allowed just two hits, struck out one and walked one, facing 18 batters during his stint.



Carmel had only two seniors in its starting lineup and three on the 18-player roster of this year’s NorCal semifinal team. The Padres also won the school’s 10th CCS crown.

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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
J. E. M. CRAFTED HOMES LLC, P.O. BOX 116, Aromas, CA 95004.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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S/Jeffrey Allen Sheets, Manager
Date: May 12, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 12, 2025.

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File No. 20250883
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **EL DORADO WESTERN, 662 NORTHRIDGE MALL SALINAS, CA 93906,** County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
DORADO FASHIONS INC., 500 MAIN ST WATSONVILLE, CA 95076; CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
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S/JORGE ESTRADA, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/08/2025
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Publication Dates: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025. (PC 559)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV002443
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, HEATHER JOAN BOWERS, VICTOR MARTINEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name:
AVAH GRACE MARTINEZ
Proposed name:
AVAH LYDIA MARTINEZ
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: July 1, 2025
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: May 12, 2025
Publication Dates: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025. (PC 560)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250879
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DREAMYDAYESTHETICS, 1283 N. Main St. #105, Salinas, CA 93906.**
Registered Owner(s):
ARIES LYNNE MARTINEZ, 1283 N. Main St. #105, Salinas, CA 93906.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 8, 2025.
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S/Aries Martinez
Date signed: May 8, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 8, 2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250872
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOLISTIC SMILES OF MONTEREY, 519 Hartnell St., Suite A, Monterey, CA 93940.**
Registered Owner(s):
DOMENICA D. T. GOLF, 304 Carmel Ave. #63, Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 5, 2025.
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Registered Owner(s):
DOMENICA D. T. GOLF, 304 Carmel Ave. #63, Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
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S/Domenica Golf
Date signed: May 7, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 7, 2025.
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Publication Dates: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025 (PC 562)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250917
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PRIME FLOORING CO., 6 Rossi Cir. Ste. C, Salinas, CA 93907-2308.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
JMLVV PRIME SURFACES CO.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
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S/Josselyn M. Losada, President
Date: May 15, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 15, 2025.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of 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: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025. (PC 563)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250919
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **IFLOWER, 138 Dunecrest Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.**
Registered Owner(s):
LEZLIE DARLEEN JOHNSON, P.O. Box 989, Seaside, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.
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S/Lezlie Johnson
Date signed: May 15, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250910
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LULU'S HOUSECLEANING, 1900 Hwy 1, Spc. 104, Moss Landing, CA 95039.**
Registered Owner(s):
MARIA LOURDES GONZALES.
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S/Maria Lourdes Gonzales
Date signed: May 13, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 13, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025 (PC 565)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV002532
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, MARIA ELENA VACA GARCIA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name:
MARIA ELENA VACA GARCIA
Proposed name:

MARIA ELENA 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: July 8, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: May 15, 2025
Publication Dates: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025. (PC 566)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250924
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FRESH BIN, 21183 Ord Ave, Marina, CA 93933,** County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
ZAYAS DISTRIBUTION LLC, 21183 Ord Ave, Marina, CA 93933
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.
ZAYAS DISTRIBUTION LLC
S/ MARTIN ZAYAS, MANAGING MEMBER,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/15/2025.
5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/25
CNS-3924761#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025. (PC 568)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250740
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NORCAL FC 911, 1140 Monarch Lane, Unit 112, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
JASON FRANCISCO GARCIA.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. **CA-24-984063-BF** Order No.: **240046891-CA-VOO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/10/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **ROSANNE MAYHEW, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN** Recorded: **6/16/2005** as Instrument No. **2005060867** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **MONTEREY** County, California; Date of Sale: **6/24/2025 at 10:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$800,957.90** The purported property address is: **109 PINE WAY, CARMEL, CA 93923-9603** Assessor's Parcel No.: **241-123-008-000**
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **916-939-0772** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website **http://www.qualityloan.com**, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-24-984063-BF**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website **http://www.qualityloan.com**, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-24-984063-BF** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-24-984063-BF and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: **http://www.qualityloan.com**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711** For **NON SALE** information only Sale Line: **916-939-0772** Or Login to: **http://www.qualityloan.com** **Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)):** (866) 645-7711 **Reinstatement or Payoff Line:** (866) 645-7711 **Ext 5318** **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** TS No.: **CA-24-984063-BF** IDSPub #0248370 5/30/2025 6/6/2025 6/13/2025
Publication dates: May 30, June 6, 13, 2025 (PC567)

TS No: CA08000084-25-1 APN: 243-301-023-000 To No: 92167861 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 2, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On July 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on August 8, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006069868, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by ROBERT BRUCE EGLINTON AND FRIEDA B. EGLINTON, AS TRUSTEES FOR THE EGLINTON FAMILY TRUST, DATED 6 JULY 1998, as Trustor(s), in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. A DELAWARE CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 36260 HIGHWAY 1, MONTEREY, CA 93940 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$1,707,365.29 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address **www.nationwideposting.com** or call Nationwide Posting & Publication at **916.939.0772** for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000084-25-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant **NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **916.939.0772**, or visit this internet website **www.nationwideposting.com**, using the file number assigned to this case CA08000084-25-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: May 24, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No: CA08000084-25-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT **www.nationwideposting.com** FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT **916.939.0772** NPP0474936 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 06/06/2025, 06/13/2025, 06/20/2025
Publication dates: June 6, 13, 20, 2025 (PC616)

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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.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

De Tierra Vineyards — singer and guitarist **Brett Freshour** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

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

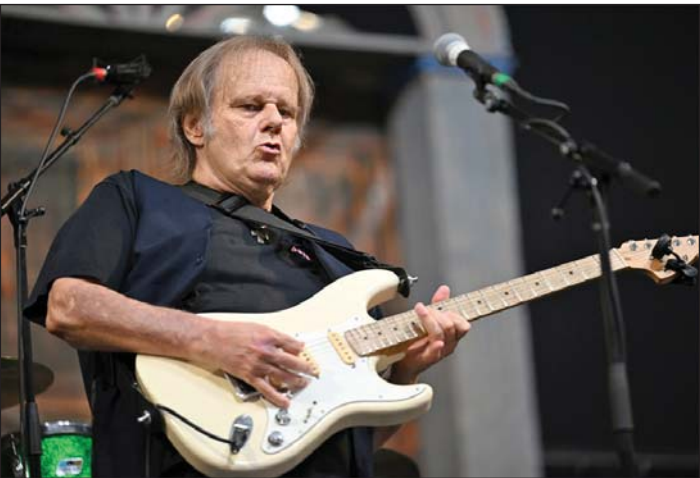
La Playa Hotel — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

Links Club — **The Wharf Rats** (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Songwriters Showcase** (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Saturday at noon and Tuesday at 5 p.m.),



Legendary blues guitarist Walter Trout takes the stage Friday, 8 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Edgar's Restaurant — guitarist **Daniel Cortes** (American roots and traditional Mexican music, Friday at 5 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktales Winery — **The Peter Martin Trio** (jazz, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** and singer and violinist **Laurel Thomsen** (“roots-folk,” Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery — singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Cioper** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Bon Ton LeRoy's Smokehouse — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alligator** (Cajun and zydeco, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **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.

Estéban Restaurant — **The Monterey Jazz Regional All-Stars** (Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.), guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish and classical, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Casa Munras Hotel, 700 Munras Ave.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

InterContinental Hotel — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.



Violinist Elena Ariza performs Friday in Pacific Grove and Sunday in Corral de Tierra as part of the 2nd annual Sunkiss'd Mozart Summerfest.

Melville Tavern — **Dr. T and the Remedy** (rock, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza — singer **Nina Hadzi Antich** and guitarist **Brice Albert** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Bobby Phillips Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 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.

Portola Hotel — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). On Jack's Terrace, 2 Portola Plaza.

Salty Seal Pub — **The Edge Band** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

Sly McFly's — **Everyday People** (“classic Latin rock with an old-school twist,” Friday at 9 p.m.), **Phil 'n' the Blanks** (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

St. James Episcopal Church — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** and friends (Gypsy jazz, Friday at 7 p.m. 381 High St.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250718
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **831_ FRANKENSTEIN_CUSTOMS**, 14485 Russo Rd., Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): ADAN FLORES OCAMPO, 14485 Russo Rd., Castroville, CA 95012.
CYNTHIA MANRIQUEZ LARA,, 14485 Russo Rd., Castroville, CCA 95012.
This business is conducted by co-partners. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 14, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Adan Flores Ocampo
Date signed: April 14, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 14, 2025.
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Publication Dates: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025 (PC 573)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250803
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MARIA'S BAR & GRILL, 10830 MERRITT ST, CASTROVILLE, CA 95012**, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): OLIVIA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT INC, 10830 MERRITT ST #1, CASTROVILLE, CA 95012
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 04/29/2025
S/ CELIA MADRIZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/29/2025
5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/25
CNS-3930185#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025. (PC 575)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250906
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CUTE-ICLE NAIL BAR, 75 San Miguel Ave., Unit 3, Salinas, CA 93901**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): JOVANA MENDOZA, 606 Rusconi Dr., Soledad, CA 93960.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Jovana Mendoza
Date signed: May 13, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 13, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025. (PC 581)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250761
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SOMETHING BORROWED FLORAL & DECOR**, 16915 Forrest Lane, Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): MICHAEL DAVID CHANDLER.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 20, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Michael D. Chandler
Date signed: April 21, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 21, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new

Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025 (PC 603)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250956
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **RANGER & RAVEN, 6800 SHADOW DR., SALINAS CA 93907**, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ESSENTIAL OFFERINGS LLC., 6800 SHADOW DR., SALINAS CA 93907
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/ RAMY BORCHARD, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 5/22/2025
6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/25
CNS-3932236#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025. (PC 604)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250780
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FERNANDO'S CLEANING COMPANY**, 1791 Napa St., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): FERNANDO MIGUEL MACHADO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Fernando Miguel Machado
Date signed: April 24, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 24, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250933
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MY ORGANIC FARM INC., 154 N. Madeira Ave., Unit D, Salinas, CA 93905**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MY ORGANIC FARM INC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on april 27, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor pun-

ishable 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/Margarita Castro Cruz, President
Date: May 13, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 16, 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: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025. (PC 608)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250941
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **QXO, 12328 CHRISTENSEN RD., SALINAS, CA 93907**, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): BEACON SALES ACQUISITION, INC., 505 HUNTMAR PARK DRIVE, SUITE 300, HERNDON, VA 20170; State of Inc./Org./Reg.: DE
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 05/01/2025
S/ CHUCK GARTLAND, VICE PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/19/2025
6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/25
CNS-3931008#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025. (PC 609)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250864
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RAYITO DEL SOL**, 11141 Rico St., Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): ANGELITA SALDIVAR-BRAVO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
Date signed: May 30, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 30, 2025.
Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025 (PC 607)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251005
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PILAR ASPECTS BARBERSHOP**, 167 Main #E, Soledad, California 93960.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): ERIC PEREZ GARCIA, 507 Tomasini St., Soledad, California 93960.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 11, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Eric Perez Garcia
Date signed: May 30, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 30, 2025.
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Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025 (PC 610)

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Register your phone number at alertmontereycounty.org

SCENIC ROAD SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT
Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA. 93923, until
10:00 A.M., Thursday, July 10, 2025
at which time they will be publicly opened and read for performing the work as follows:
The results of the bidding will be reported to the District Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the bid opening at which time if bids are found to be acceptable by the District Board, written notice of award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. However, said District Board reserves its right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities of any bids or to re-advertise for all or any part of the work contemplated.
No bidder shall withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (60) calendar days after the date set by the Board for the opening thereof.
Specifications and proposal forms may be secured at no charge by emailing the District's Engineer at treanor@cawd.org and requesting the documents.
Posted on two dates: June 6th and June 13th, 2025
Publication dates: June 13 & 20, 2025 (PC602)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE BERTHA MAE WALDRUP CASE NO. 25PR000308
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BERTHA MAE WALDRUP.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by VIVIAN WALDRUP-PATTERSON in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.
The Petition for Probate requests that VIVIAN WALDRUP-PATTERSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: July 06, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE BRIAN G. WILSON CASE NO. 25PR000269
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BRIAN G. WILSON.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JENNIFER BOVEY in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.
The Petition for Probate requests that LIZA HORVATH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: July 2, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the

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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: July 2, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and / or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at
4:00 pm on July 3rd, 2025:
www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Coastal Storage
575 California Ave, Sand City, 93955
Name of Tenants
Ramon Sanchez Chavero
Christopher James Ruddy
Ricardo Campos
6/13/25
CNS-3933283#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 13, 2025 (PC 611)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250957
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
ROSIE RED RANCH, 1656 15TH ST, LOS OSOS, CA 93402, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ANGELA A. ARMSTRONG
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ ANGELA A. ARMSTRONG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/22/2025
6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/25
CNS-3933057#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025. (PC 612)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251011
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PENINSULA POTTERS, 2078 Sunset Dr., Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
PENINSULA POTTERS LLC, 2078 Sunset Dr., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
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 May 23, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Margaret Alonasz-Kool, Managing Member
Date: June 2, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 16, 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: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025. (PC 613)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250979
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SUNSHINE MESSAGE THERAPY SPA, 31 Soledad Dr., Ste. B, Monterey, CA 93940**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
YI YANG, 31 Soledad Dr., Ste. B, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 27, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Yi Yang
Date signed: May 28, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 28, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025 (PC 614)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250938
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DULEE'S TOBACCO 1 INC., 53**

Porter Drive, Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
DULEE'S TOBACCO 1 INC., 53 Porter Dr., Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 19, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Taha Taleb, CEO
Date: May 19, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 19, 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: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025. (PC 615)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251009
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KAREN'S DAYCARE, 11341 Rico St., Castroville, CA 95012**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
GUADALUPE ANA KAREN MENDOZA ROJAS.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 1, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Guadalupe Ana Karen Mendoza Rojas
Date signed: May 30, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 30, 2025.
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Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025 (PC 617)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251022
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DARIA SHOPPING, 14726 Kit Carson Drive, East Garrison, CA 93933**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
SINHUEI WANG, 14726 Kit Carson Drive, East Garrison, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 31, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Sinhuei Wang
Date signed: June 2, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 2, 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: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025 (PC 618)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251030
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EMPIRE MOTORS, 431 Abbott St., Salinas, CA 93901**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
CARLOS MEZA ANDALON, 431 Abbott

St., Salinas, CA 93901.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 11, 2013.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Carlos Andalon
Date signed: June 3, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 3, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025 (PC 619)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251035
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHICANORA TACOS, 46 Russell Rd., Apt. D, Salinas, California 93906**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
JUAN MARTIN CEDANO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 3, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Juan Cedano
Date signed: June 3, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 3, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025 (PC 620)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250971
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **Root and Rise Restorative Health, 13833 Sherman Blvd, Marina, CA 93933**, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
ED Restorative, LLC, 455 Market St. Ste 1940 #588787, San Francisco, CA 94105; CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 05/12/2025
S/ Erin Souza, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/23/2025
6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4/25
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Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025. (PC 621)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251034
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KING OF GRILL, 1005 Yanks Way D22, Greenfield, California 93927**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
CRISTIAN EFRAIN CEDANO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 3, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Cristian Cedano
Date signed: June 3, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 3, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and

Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025 (PC 622)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250952
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing..
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PEBBLE BEACH OUTFITTERS, 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
(1) CYPRESS I, LLC., 2700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: DE
(2) CYPRESS II, LLC, 2700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: DE
(3) PEBBLE BEACH COMPANY, 2700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 20, 1999.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/David Heuck
Date: May 5, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 21, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025. (PC 623)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251040
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALEXANDRIA'S CLEANING, 16707 Pickett Lane, Marina, CA 93933**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
ALEXANDRIA RIAN MCDONNELL, 16707 Pickett Lane, Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 4, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Alexandria McDonnell
Date signed: June 4, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 4, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025 (PC 624)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250997
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. BRADLEY ADVOCACY
2. SOFT LIFE SESSIONS
8 San Antonio Circle, Apt. 15, Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
BRADLEY ADVOCACY LLC, 820 Park Row #304, Salinas, CA 93901.
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 May 29, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Leah Oswinn, Managing Member
Date: May 29, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 29, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of

Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025. (PC 625)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251028
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ACOUSTIC HEALING, 1 West Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, California 93924**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
DAVID EDWARD VILLAREAL, P.O. Box 992, Carmel Valley, California 93924.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/David Edward Villareal
Date signed: June 3, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 3, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025 (PC 626)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251056
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PACIFIC EVOLUTION, 480 Cranford Road, Salinas, California 93907**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
PACIFIC EVOLUTION, LLC, P.O. Box 3823, Salinas, California 93912.
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 June 1, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Juanita Perea, Member
Date: June 5, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 5, 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: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025. (PC 627)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250804
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. DENTAQUEST
2. DENTAQUEST OF CALIFORNIA
23291 Mill Creek Dr., Laguna Hills, CA 92653.
County of Principal Place of Business: ORANGE.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
CALIFORNIA DENTAL NETWORK, INC., 96 Worcester Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Colleen Kallas, Secretary
Date: April 28, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 29, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025. (PC 628)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251058
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **C & H TRANSPORT, 609 Sycamore St., King City, CA 93930**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
SERGIO CARRASCO TRUJILLO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Sergio Carrasco Trujillo
Date signed: June 5, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 5, 2025.
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Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025 (PC 629)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250886
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EMPOWER SPEECH THERAPY MONTEREY, 140 W. Franklin St., Ste. 203 #151, Monterey, CA 93940**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
EMPOWER SPEECH THERAPY MONTEREY, INC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 19, 2025.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Wendy McDonald, President
Date: May 9, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 9, 2025.
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