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Park neighbors want pickleball banned

By MARY SCHLEY

ALMOST 50 residents of neighborhoods around Forest Hill Park want the city to prohibit pickleball there, Junipero Street resident John Jaramillo told the Carmel



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

A lot of people like playing pickleball, but residents who live near the courts don't like them playing it.

City Council June 3.

The friction between residents and pickleball advocates has escalated over the last few years as the sport's popularity has grown, prompting numerous hours-long hearings by the city's forest and beach commission and the council.

In March, forest and beach commissioners developed rules for the courts and asked the council to codify them — but doing so is not among the council's top priorities, so the item has yet to land on an agenda.

Regardless, restricting the days and hours of play, as commissioners proposed, isn't good enough for the neighbors, who have long complained the constant pop-pop noises and accompanying raised voices are ruining the quiet enjoyment of their homes.

'A human right'

"Our neighborhood coalition of 47 Carmel-by-the-Sea residents is requesting that a municipal code section be created prohibiting pickleball from being played on the tennis courts," Jaramillo said during the public comment segment of the meeting. "The constant noise generated by pickleball is intolerable."

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\$50M flagship vessel preparing for research

By KELLY NIX

A NEW 164-foot-long research vessel headquartered in Moss Landing will greatly enhance scientists' ability to explore the ocean and will be a command center for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute's robotic submersible, the organization said.

Named after the institute's founder, the R/V David Packard arrived in Moss Landing March 31. It was built in Spain and made a 59-day voyage from that country to Monterey Bay.

'Exciting addition'

"The David Packard is an exciting addition to MBARI's fleet of research vessels and an essential tool for ocean exploration," Kaya Johnson, director of marine operations, said of the vessel, which was about a decade in the making. "The ship will not only support advanced

technology developed by the MBARI team but also promote collaboration across the marine science and technology community."

The vessel will be the command center for the Doc

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PHOTO/COURTESY MBARI

Spanish shipbuilders put together this ocean exploration vessel for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

Sacramento hashes out \$321 billion budget

By CAITLIN CONRAD

THE CALIFORNIA Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom reached a tentative budget deal Tuesday night that puts the state on track to spend \$321 billion during the next fiscal year.

California faced a \$12 billion shortfall this spring as a result of exorbitant healthcare costs and forecasts showing billions of dollars in reduced state tax revenues. The governor and fellow Democrats have blamed the budget woes in part on federal funding cuts and new tariffs impacting California industry.

Cuts to social services

Newsom's May revision proposed sharp cuts to social services, including ending free healthcare for undocumented adults, but the governor has since backed off that plan. Instead, lawmakers agreed to limited healthcare services for undocumented immigrants but not to eliminate the program altogether.

Local representative Dawn Addis chairs the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and said this budget

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GIRL SCOUT RESCUED AFTER HEAD INJURY IN BIG SUR FALL

By CHRIS COUNTS

A GIRL Scout who suffered a head injury from falling in a remote and rugged canyon in Big Sur was airlifted to safety Sunday, the California Highway Patrol reported.

The injured youngster was part of a group of seven Girl Scouts and two leaders who were camping overnight southwest of Pico Blanco. According to the CHP, the group was "lost and unfamiliar with the area." It's unknown where the group came from or where they started their hike. Local Girl Scout groups were contacted, but to no avail.

"Early in the morning, a rescue helicopter from Lemoore Naval Air Base responded," the report continued. "The injured Girl Scout and one Scout leader were hoisted from the canyon and flown to Natividad Medical Center in Salinas."

After a second helicopter arrived to pick up the rest of the group, Big Sur Fire Chief Matt Harris told The Pine Cone that it was the largest number of rescues he's seen at one location. Harris said the group entered the backcountry from the East Molera Trail, which starts at Andrew

Council seeks path to shorter meetings

■ Curfew, streamlined comments considered

By MARY SCHLEY

IMPOSING A 9:30 p.m. curfew, setting specific start times for hot-button issues like house numbers, and asking public speakers not to repeat each other should increase efficiency and end the trend of meetings going late into the night, according to the Carmel City Council, which is set to formalize those and other rules governing how agendas are set, information is distributed and the public's business is conducted.

Nearly a dozen revisions are proposed for the policies governing council meetings and will be voted on in the June 30 session.

The updates are part of the consent agenda, which means they'll be approved without discussion unless a member of the council or the public requests otherwise.

At their June 2 meeting, councilmembers spent most of their time discussing how meetings agendas are developed and ways to make public comments more efficient, along with the proposed curfew — an idea raised by councilwoman Alissandra Dramov, because when a meeting starts at 4:30 p.m., after five hours, "everyone gets tired, you're not at your best, and it's hard to concentrate and focus." She said she hopes having a curfew will speed up the meetings and make them more efficient.

But councilmember Bob Delves said he was on a city council that had a six-hour limit, at which point the group had to vote on whether to proceed. "We always did, so I'm not sure it's worth much," he said.

'We can go home'

Councilman Jeff Baron worried ending at 9:30 p.m. would inconvenience people who wait hours for a hearing or issue they're interested in only to be told it won't be heard, after all, and Mayor Dale Byrne said he doesn't think a curfew is necessary, "because as mayor, I can just continue an item and we can go home."

In the end, the council decided to go with verbiage proposed by city attorney Brian Pierik: "New items will not be started after 9:30 p.m. unless the city council votes to extend the time of the city council meeting."

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Darling doodles

They think their dogs are adorable but admit they might be biased. Perhaps. But they're not wrong. Mini goldendoodles Hubble and Fanny are half siblings who share the same mother. They were born to a breeder in Ohio but are living their best lives just a few blocks from Carmel Beach.

"When you go look at doodle puppies," their person said, "you don't come home without one."

Hubbell, whose person is a big Barbra Streisand fan, particularly when she was paired with Robert Redford in "The Way We Were," was named for Redford's character since both are handsome and have great red-dish-blond hair.

Continuing the Streisand theme, Fanny was named after the actress' character in "Funny Girl," comedienne Fanny Brice.

"I try not to think of ever needing another dog," their person said, "yet now that Hubbell is 12 and Fanny is 9, sometimes I do. But I can't come up with another Streisand name. 'Yentl' isn't it."

Although the doodles are half siblings, they are different dogs in appearance and personality — particularly, said their person, since "goldendoodles are a cocktail of breeds." Hubbell seems to have a little more poodle in him, resulting in more curl to his coat,



while Fanny's coat is a darker red, wavy, with patches of white.

"Fanny is also funny, every bit the entertainer and 100 percent dog," her person said. "If there's a squirrel, she's chasing it. If there's a puddle, she's jumping into it."

Whereas Hubbell is a tender, classic boy dog, almost humanlike, "as most doodles are," his person said. When he prances down Carmel Beach, it's "like he's running for mayor."

Hubbell, she believes, knows he's handsome, but what makes him even more charming, she says, is that he seems to love people, particularly kids, as much as he loves other dogs.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.
Pacific Grove: A 55-year-old male was arrested on Highway 68 for public intoxication. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$3,500 bail.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle on 12th Street was marked for 72-hour parking.
Pacific Grove: Vandalism of personal property on Calle de los Amigos. Owner does not want to pursue criminal prosecution.
Pacific Grove: Officers and coroner responded to a dead body found on Ransford Avenue.
Pacific Grove: A 20-year-old male was arrested on Piedmont Avenue for being drunk

in public at a park, violating a court order and resisting officers. He was booked into Monterey County Jail and held on \$12,500 bail.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Laurel Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.
Carmel area: A 63-year-old male on Serra Avenue was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation.
Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a domestic dispute at a Jeanette Road residence.
Carmel area: Adult Protective Services reports alleging financial abuse on Outlook Drive and Carmel Rancho Blvd.
Pebble Beach: Adult Protective Services referral alleging financial abuse involving a Sombrio Road resident.
Carmel Valley: An 83-year-old female Robinson Canyon Road resident reported vandalism.

See **POLICE LOG** page 7RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

April 29 — Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Sage Keller, 23, of Seaside, to 16 months in state prison for possession of a firearm with prior felony convictions.
On Feb. 26, 2025, Monterey Police detectives served a search warrant on Keller's motorhome. Hidden inside a removable center console, detectives found an unregistered AK-47 rifle. The assault rifle was loaded with a 30-round magazine, and a bag with additional rounds was located next to the firearm. Keller was on post-release community supervision for second-degree burglary and assault by means of force likely to cause great bodily injury.
April 29 — Mark E. Hood sentenced Chance Youngs, 27, of Monterey, to six years in state prison for inflicting a corporal injury on a dating partner, making a criminal

threat, and resisting police officers by using violence. Youngs admitted he was previously convicted of a strike under California's three strikes law.
On Jan. 21, 2025, Youngs was with his girlfriend, Jane Doe, while she was taking care of her niece. While they were sitting at a table, Youngs threatened to stab Doe. Doe saw the blade of a knife on the ground in front of Youngs. When she tried to walk away with her niece, Youngs grabbed Doe, pulled her inside his jacket, and held onto her throat.
When officers attempted to arrest Youngs, he became physically aggressive and pulled two officers from the sidewalk onto the grass. Youngs then punched one of the officers in the mouth prior to being handcuffed. Officers

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Mehdipour home appealed again

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO MONTHS after the Monterey County Planning Commission unanimously approved a plan by Massy Mehdi-pour to build a two-level, 8,290-square foot two-story home on her long-disputed property on Signal Hill Road in Pebble Beach, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors will hear an appeal of that decision July 8.

The appeal was filed May 23 by attorney Anthony Lombardo, who is representing neighbor Samuel Reeves. Reeves already successfully appealed an earlier decision to approve a larger version of the home.

His move is the latest step in a long fight between Mehdi-pour and her neighbors to replace the Connell House, which was designed by noted architect Richard Neutra and built in 1958. Mehdi-pour bought it in 2004, and six years later, proposed replacing it with a three-level, 11,933-square-foot single-family home.

The Neutra home was declared his-toric in 2014 — after Mehdi-pour bought it

— setting off a seesaw battle between the property owner, neighbors and preserva-tionists that’s gone on for over a decade.

Complicating matters were allegations that Mehdi-pour, or someone trying to help her, intentionally vandalized the house in an effort to make it easier to redevelop.

First approved in ’23

The county planning commission approved the three-story home in 2023, but the board of supervisors overturned that decision after Reeves, the Alliance of Bay Area Preservationists and Neutra’s son, Raymond, appealed the decision. The board also ruled that the new home must be limited to the footprint of the previous one.

According to the latest appeal, “numer-ous misstatements” by the applicant, along with “several misstatements” by staff, led to “the lack of a fair and impartial hear-ing.” The appeal also contends “there are numerous factual errors” in the county planning commission’s resolution approv-ing the project.

WOMAN STEALS FROM MISSION SHOP

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A 50-YEAR-OLD Monterey woman who has repeatedly shoplifted from the store at the Carmel Mission was caught at it again last week, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado. While church staff in the past had chosen not to report the crimes, this time, they did.

“Antonina Compagno was known to Carmel Mission staff for shoplifting from the gift shop, although the business had previously chosen not to prosecute her for these prior incidents,” he said. “On the day of this particular incident, staff observed Compagno stealing again.”

The shop notified police of the theft shortly before noon June 18, and officer

Joe Boucher and another unit arrived at the Mission, detained Compagno and found several purloined items on her, according to Maldonado.

“Compagno confessed to prior thefts and was persuaded to return previously stolen items to the police station,” he said. “A couple of hours later, she brought back a bag filled with stolen goods, including magnets, bracelets, various trinkets, lotions and other miscellaneous items stolen from the gift shop.”

The woman was remorseful and wrote an apology letter to the gift shop, he said.

While that apology might have been appreciated, “she has been formally tres-passed from the business and will face arrest if she returns,” said Maldonado.

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Salinas council ends rent control, opts for more housing instead

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH ITS 5-2 vote earlier this month, the Salinas City Council brought an abrupt end to rent control and other tenant-friendly provisions that took effect in the city at the start of the year. More than two years in the making when the previous council approved it last fall, the program began with a rental registry in April 2023, followed by the rent control that kicked in Jan. 1.

But at a June 3 meeting, the council — which saw a major change when a new mayor and four new councilmembers were elected last November — decided to undo it, arguing that expanding the housing supply and offering rental assistance are better ways to protect tenants.

What’s going away

Before the vote, Salinas planning director Lisa Brinton summarized the extensive programs the council was about to undo and explained the new council’s direction.

Rent stabilization “ensures tenants are protected from excessive rent hikes while allowing landlords to receive fair return on their investments,” she said. Under the rent control program, increases were limited to 2.75 percent or 75 percent of the increase in Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower, over a 12-month period, with exemptions for affordable housing, government-provided units, rentals in institutional and medical facilities, historic buildings, and units built after Jan. 31, 1995.

Landlords couldn’t charge for utilities unless they were separately metered and could only pass capital-improvement costs through after the work was done. Tenants could file for hardships to avoid

construction-related increases.

If a landlord failed to comply with health and safety codes or didn’t make repairs ordered by the city or the courts, any rent increase would be invalid. Also, landlords paid a per-unit fee to cover the costs of the rental registry but could not pass those fees on to tenants.

Seeks more housing and financial help for tenants

An owner could evict a tenant for failure to pay rent, nuisance, waste, criminal activity, subletting, failure to provide access, or illegal uses, while “no-fault just-cause” evictions were allowed under certain circumstances with several provisos, including paying “all reasonable expenses incurred in moving to and from the unit, including lease termination fees.” A tenant evicted without fault was to be paid the equivalent of three months’ rent plus any deposit owed and was to be offered the rental again under particular circumstances.

Anti-harassment

In addition, under the old program, anti-harassment protections prevented owners from trying to force renters out by cutting their services, failing to maintain their units, refusing to accept rent payments, abuse, sexual harassment, discrimination, intimidation or other means. Landlords also couldn’t prevent tenants from organizing or politicking.

After testimony mostly from renters and other supporters of the programs, a majority of the council decided to move toward doing away with all of those rules.

Earlier meetings on the same issues included hours of public comment, with deep division between renters — especially

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Major sewer repairs to begin soon

■ Multiyear \$75M upgrade for decades-old system

By MARY SCHLEY

REPLACEMENT OF old and fractured sewer pipes in the northeast part of Carmel is set to begin next week, according to the Carmel Area Wastewater District. The work is the first phase in a multiyear effort to overhaul the eight-decade-old system, including replacement early next year of more than a mile of sewer line along Scenic Road.

Founded in 1908, the sewer district is older than the city itself, and many of its pipes are made of clay, which is prone to fracturing and intrusion by tree roots. Last November, the Carmel City Council OK'd the sewer district's application to redo 8,500 feet of 8-inch diameter line at the northeast area of town, mostly through a process called "pipe bursting," in which old pipe is expanded/broken in place and a high-density plastic liner is inserted.

Working downstream

Some open trenching will also be required to remove and replace especially troublesome sections. The sewer will remain at the same depths and alignments. In addition, 24 manholes will be rehabilitated and nine will be reconstructed.

Within the city limits, the sewer will be rehabilitated along Guadalupe between Ocean and the north city limits, Santa Rita between Ocean and Second, First between Carpenter and Lobos, Third between Santa Fe and Carpenter, Fifth between Santa Rita and Guadalupe, and Sixth between Santa Rita and Carpenter.

When all the work is done, the sewer district will resurface the streets at no cost to the city.

This week, the wastewater district's general manager, Barbara Buikema, announced the project will start June 30 on Cabrillo Street between Serra and Pico avenues.

Pacific Trenchless Inc. of the San Francisco Bay area is doing the work, district engineer Patrick Treanor told The Pine Cone, starting at the north end and working

south — or "downstream" toward the sewage treatment plant near the Carmel River. The project will be finished in spring 2026, he said.

Crews will conduct an initial survey and closed-circuit video examination of the lines next week, with construction starting July 7, and Buikema said residents will be informed of the exact

dates of street closures throughout the project via mail, email and door-hangers. She promised the program will achieve "our project goals while providing for the needs of the residents in the construction zone."

Residents will be able to enter and leave their properties as needed and will only be asked not to run water or flush toilets when their laterals are being connected to the main.

Treanor said this phase of the overhaul is expected to cost about \$3.4 million.

Scenic work

In March, district officials also received permission from the city council for another phase of the overhaul, this one calling for the installation of 2 miles of new line along the coast, including nearly a mile on Scenic Road between Ocean and Santa Lucia avenues. The work on the busy beach-side road is scheduled to be underway during the slower season, January and February 2026, with a break for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. The Scenic section

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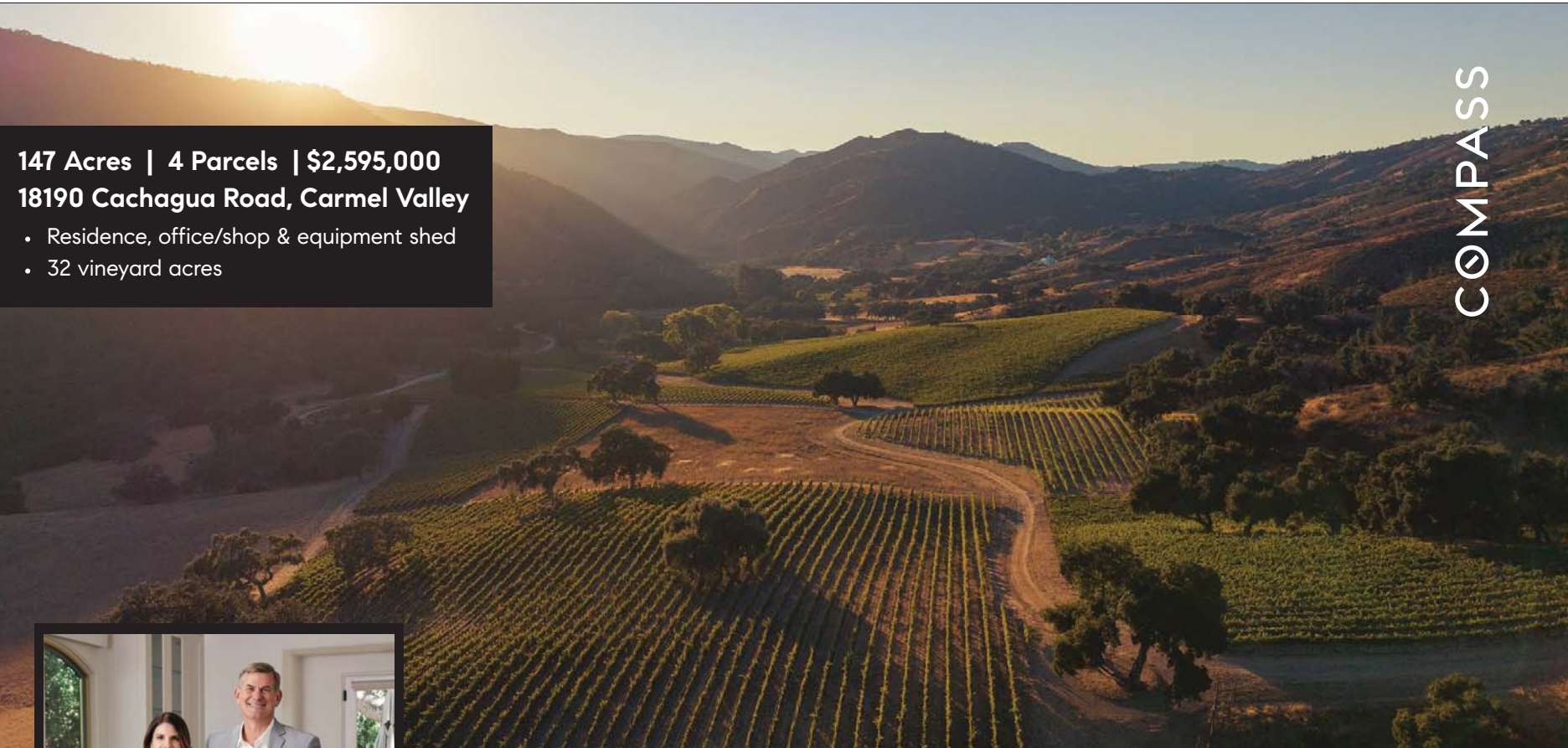


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Petition against council raises gains steam

By KELLY NIX

THE LEADER of a Pacific Grove group hoping to overturn a big raise for the city council said volunteers have received enough signatures to put a referendum on a ballot so voters can decide on the issue.

On May 21, the council voted 5-2 to increase councilmembers’ monthly pay from \$420 to \$966, and from \$700 to \$1,610 per month for the mayor.

Residents who addressed the raise at the meeting were overwhelmingly opposed to it, many of them citing the city’s financial woes. The opposition led to the formation of Transparent Pacific Grove, which is seeking to overturn the pay increase through a referendum. The group had 30 days to get 1,060 signatures from P.G. voters for the effort.

Group leader Luke Coletti, a former city councilman, told The Pine Cone this week that volunteers have already met the signature goal but are continuing to collect them outside the city’s post office, Grove Market and other

locations.

“Our count is up to 1,405 verified signatures,” Coletti said, adding that he anticipates collecting even more by the deadline. “We have verified the signers’ names and addresses by matching them to voter records.”

The group plans to turn in the signatures to the city clerk on July 1.

“Voters are tired of the arrogance of the city council and they want a change,” Coletti said. “The council must place this on the ballot.”

Council members did not respond to questions from a Pine Cone reporter this week.

‘Long hours’

The city council — a part-time position — has not had a stipend increase in 26 years. Councilmembers who voted for the hike and their supporters say that one is necessary because of the long hours elected officials sometimes spend in meetings and preparing for them. Paying



PHOTO/BOB PACELLI

Transparent P.G. leader Luke Coletti talks to a voter while collecting signatures in hopes of overturning a pay hike for the city council.

the council more, they say, could also attract younger candidates who might feel like they can’t afford to serve otherwise.

Opponents of the pay raise point to the city council’s decision in March to reduce by four the number of annual

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Your chance to tour refurbished historic inn

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE QUEEN Anne-style building at the corner of Forest and Pine avenues in Pacific Grove is called The Frank LaVerne Buck House. Built in 1904, it’s been known as the Pacific Grove Inn since the mid-1980s.

Last October, it was acquired by hotel designer Charles Gruwell and his business partners, Don and Jay Desai and, after a meticulous renovation, has been rechristened The Charles. You can get a peek inside on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m., when Gruwell is holding an open house following Monterey’s Pride Parade. The timing is intentional.

“We want to be a beacon for the LGBTQ community, their friends, families and allies,” said the Pacific Grove native and resident, who was thrilled to raise the Pride flag at P.G.’s city hall this month.

The Charles has 11 beautifully decorated rooms and suites. Among the amenities are an “elevated” breakfast spread and an “afternoon nosh” with charcuterie and wine.

Gruwell has plans for similarly branded inns in Napa Valley and beyond. Learn more at thecharlespacificgrove.com or go by on Saturday and see for yourself.



After a stunning renovation by designer Charles Gruwell, The Charles in Pacific Grove will host an open house on Saturday.





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P.G. expects much lower weed taxes

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE residents were told in 2022 that a single pot shop could mean a whopping \$300,000 in revenue for city programs. Two-and-a-half years later, though — after voters overwhelmingly OK'd a cannabis dispensary — that estimate has been reduced to a mere \$50,000.

At its June 18 meeting, the P.G. City Council voted to establish a lottery-based system to award a retail license to a cannabis operator, change the application period from 60 to 30 days, and include a provision that applicants identify where they want their cannabis businesses to be located.

Profit ‘downgraded’

The city council’s move follows the Nov. 8, 2022, election in which voters decided to allow retail sales of cannabis and set a 6 percent tax rate on what the store sells.

“It is estimated that one cannabis dispensary within city limits could bring in \$300,000 annually,” according to the argument in support of the 2022 ballot measure given to voters that was signed by councilman Chaps Poduri and then-council candidate and current councilwoman Tina Rau.

“Why should Pacific Grove lose out on this revenue stream?”

But in a public report to councilmembers ahead of last week’s meeting, city manager Matt Mogensen said that the estimated annual revenue to the city for a pot shop is now estimated to be “up to \$50,000.”

“The number that’s in the staff report was downgraded from the numbers you’ve seen before,” Mogensen explained to councilmembers after the discrepancy was brought up.

The city manager said that while there was “no science” in figuring the much lower revenue estimate, he suggested there are more dispensaries in nearby cities now than in 2022, and that the demand for a dispensary in P.G. might not be as big when one opens. Mogensen, though, offered a caveat.

“I think the \$50,000 is a low, conservative number,” he said. “We don’t know until it’s operating. It could be \$100,000. It could be \$150,000. It’s kind of hard to really say.”

Cannabis proponents told voters that a pot shop could bring in big bucks to

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After county meets with state over wildlife corridors, supes finally OK 17 homes

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE late addition of several mitigation measures to satisfy state wildlife officials, a plan by Harper Canyon Realty to build 17 luxury homes on 344 acres near the intersection of Highway 68 and San Benancio Canyon Road was finally approved June 17 by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. The vote was unanimous.

A hearing on the same topic was continued May 20 after supervisors asked county officials to meet with their counterparts from the California Fish & Wildlife to address concerns the state agency had about the subdivision's impacts on wildlife corridors.

"We've consulted with California Fish & Wildlife," Spencer reported June 17. "We've been continually refining and amplifying the mitigation measures," which includes installing wildlife-friendly lighting, restricting building envelopes to an acre, limiting construction hours and banning invasive plants. But the county pushed back

on two other suggestions — banning horses outside of building envelopes and hiring a trapper "to deal with wildlife conflicts."

Water, wildlife

Alternately known as the Encina Hills or Harper Canyon subdivision, the project has been in the works for 25 years. This week's vote by the supervisors comes 10 years after the board first approved the project, but a lawsuit from Land Watch Monterey County sought to overturn the 2015 approval for failure to comply with CEQA and being inconsistent with the county's general plan. While the court upheld the permit, it required that the environmental impact report's groundwater resources analysis and wildlife corridors analysis be updated.

In 2018, the county and Harper Canyon Realty appealed the decision, and in 2021, the Sixth District Court of Appeal determined the county's groundwater analysis was "adequate," but agreed the EIR's analysis of the project's

analysis of the project's impacts on wildlife corridors was "deficient," leading to the additional mitigation measures that Spencer described.

At the June 17 hearing, attorney Richard Rosenthal — who was representing several neighbors — suggested the builder still hasn't done enough to prove the project won't harm the environment.

"The court of appeal required and mandated a legally adequate environmental report," Rosenthal said. "They directed that the EIR identify the beginning, the width and the end, and of the project's intrusion on the wildlife corridors. As of today, we have not identified any wildlife corridors — we have not undertaken what the court of appeal has required."

Also expressing concerns about the subdivision was Rachel Saunders of the Big Sur Land Trust.

"While there have been strides made, there still will

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Land, water, parking, stopping and other topics on council agendas

By MARY SCHLEY

A SECOND effort to get retired media executive Billy Farina appointed to the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees, a proposal to install more stop signs downtown, and reports on valet parking, fixing problems at the police station and a \$140,000 contract for six months of janitorial services are on the Carmel City Council’s July 1 agenda.

Farina, who was selected for the library board post by Mayor Dale Byrne and Vice Mayor Bob Delves over incumbent Jonathan Krisher, narrowly failed to get the number of votes needed for the appointment last month.

On the topic of traffic and parking, councilmembers will be asked to consider the traffic safety commission’s recent recommendation to make almost all of the intersections in the commercial district all-way stops and will “receive a report on the research done over the last month

to explore a potential pilot program for downtown valet parking and provide direction to staff on whether to proceed with a request for proposals to begin the pilot program,” the agenda says. “Council will also be asked to consider whether or not to explore adjusting the city’s approach to compliance with AB 413 (Daylighting Law).”

The ever-important issue of water will be addressed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District’s update on the Pure Water Monterey wastewater recycling facility and California American Water’s request for an encroachment permit for its Dolores Street commercial water main replacement project.

Contracts

The council will learn about a proposed contract with the architects overseeing an interior remodel of Harrison Memorial Library and will be asked to vote on a contract with Pureserve, which has provided janitorial services to the city since 2016. The most recent three-year agreement expires June 30, so public works director Ken Wysocki is

proposing to extend it for six months at a monthly cost of \$22,689 plus a contingency.

Finally, members will hear a report on “the spacing requirements and needs list” for the long-debated remodel/expansion/demolition/rebuild/relocation of the police station and the adjacent public works building.

Tuesday’s regular meeting will follow a special meeting Monday, June 30, at which the council will vote on its consent agenda — including policy changes intended to improve public meetings (see page 1A) — and then go into closed session to discuss the possible purchase of a tiny unbuildable lot on Scenic Road in the county area that’s being offered for \$100,000, negotiations with the Carmel Area Wastewater District regarding the Rio Park property near the Carmel Mission, and police labor negotiations. An appeal of Patrice Pastor’s JB Pastor project is also on the agenda but is recommended for continuance.

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DEMOCRATIC REP. Jimmy Panetta this week announced a large grant for the Monterey Regional Airport to continue construction on its new state-of-the-art terminal. The \$5,353,204 federal grant was made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and will support Phase 5 of the terminal replacement project, including the relocation of utilities and the construction of a new public parking lot, Panetta said.

“This new federal funding for Monterey Regional Airport will help it modernize with safer, more efficient, and more sustainable facilities,” Panetta said.

Panetta’s announcement follows his efforts to secure more than \$64 million in federal funds for the Monterey airport’s modernization, supporting terminal design, tarmac improvements, and other safety upgrades. Earlier this month, the airport broke ground on the new 62,754 square-foot terminal, which is set to open in 2027.



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SHORTER

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A proposal to encourage council discussion of an item before the topic is opened to the public did not get much love, however.

“I won’t vote for a policy change that allows this at all,” Baron said. “I think the public has the right to make comments first, without being prejudiced by what we say.”

He pointed out that the mayor can always reopen public comment if desired, and the others agreed.

End repetition

Additional modifications include a Friday deadline for the city’s staff to make presentations available to the council and the public and setting specific start times for items likely to draw high public interest.

“If there is a specific start time for an item, the council will complete the consideration of the item in progress and then proceed to consider the item which has a specific start time,” the new policy says.

When a topic comes up, the city clerk will “acknowledge receipt of written public comments,” and the mayor “will ask for the number of people who wish to speak on a particular item and may adjust the public comment time accordingly.” Speakers will then be asked to avoid repeating prior comments and instead express agreement.

Further, general public comments will be allowed only at regular meetings, with remarks during special meetings limited to items on the agenda.

The revised policy would also add the boilerplate admonition that’s been given since people started hurling insults and ranting in online meetings during the Covid pandemic:

“Brown Act requirements: General public comments must be on matters related to matters of the legislative body’s jurisdiction. Comments on agenda items must relate to that agenda item. Anyone who does not follow these requirements of the Brown Act in person or via teleconference will be muted.”

Appeals go solo

For agenda items, the mayor will read the title and staff will give a brief report — “unless council directs that no staff report is necessary” — the draft policy says, after which the mayor and council can asks questions, public comments will be sought in chambers and then online, council discussion will take place, and then the mayor will

ask the council to take action or provide direction to staff.

Finally, appeal hearings will be scheduled for separate meeting dates during the day, if possible. The idea behind that change was to shorten the regular meetings by moving appeals, which are often the last hearings on the schedule and frequently don’t draw a crowd, to a time of their own.

At the June 2 meeting, Byrne also said constituents have asked that the mayor and council be directed to keep

track of the amount of time they spend speaking.

“Is there something we can do to at least let us as council people know how long we’ve been talking?” he asked. “Because it’s easy to go on and you don’t realize you’ve just talked for 15 minutes, and that’s why we’re here for an extra hour.”

That idea, however, didn’t make it into the policy revisions.

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QUIET
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He said studies indicate the sound of a ball hitting a paddle is “as loud as shooting a rifle,” and that it “can be heard blocks away and inside our homes.”

“Having peace and quiet inside our homes free of noise pollution is a human right,” he said. “We ask that the city council address this issue promptly” by agendizing a proposed ordinance banning the game for the July meeting.

He likened such a prohibition to the law banning beach fires due to their harmful smoke and debris.

Any move to forbid pickleball on the Forest Hill courts, where it’s been played for the past 14 years with increasing frequency, is sure to draw a crowd of ardent fans who insist it’s critical to their health and happiness. While opponents suggest they should find somewhere else to play it, devotees tell them they shouldn’t live next to a park if they don’t like the sounds of recreation.

Today’s rules

At the March 13 forest and beach commission meeting, administrative analyst Tom Ford — who has become the resident

pickleball expert — said the city’s goal is to strike a balance between residents’ expectations regarding the quiet enjoyment of their homes and the obligations set forth in the general plan’s public facilities and services element.

That governing document includes a goal to “recognize the unique social, cultural and recreational aspirations and activities which contribute to the vitality of Carmel-by-the-Sea; to provide a range of public and semi-public facilities and programs responsive to those aspirations; to provide public service to ensure each resident a safe, healthful and attractive living environment; and to maintain both facilities and programs so as to exemplify the highest standards for the community.”

Last December, commissioners enacted a 90-day plan to restrict pickleball play to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and the new rules were posted five days before Christmas. In January, the commission ramped up efforts to control use of the courts by reducing the hours to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and locking up the nets when they aren’t in use. Tennis is allowed during those same hours every day.

The commission asked the council to make those rules law so they can be enforced. Otherwise, there are no ramifications for defying them.



Some of the tennis courts at Forest Hill Park have been re-striped for pickleball play, which is limited to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. three days a week.

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SEWER

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is expected to take three weeks.

That phase, including the replacement of sewer mains on some roads on Carmel Point, is expected to begin after Labor Day and should take nine months, Treanor told the council at the time.

People will be able to walk along the pathway — a condition required in the coastal development permit and environmental study — and full closures of the road will be avoided whenever possible. When they aren't, residents will still be able to get to and leave their homes. Work will be done a block at a time.

The city's public works project manager, Javier Hernandez, worked with CAWD to develop more than 50 special conditions of approval for the required encroachment permit "to minimize impacts to the community before, during and after construction."

Key among them are CAWD's providing \$5 million in general liability

insurance, ensuring robust public outreach and operating a 24/7 hotline for concerns, and coordinating with emergency services and others, such as GreenWaste and delivery companies, to provide access to Scenic during construction.

Leaks and spills

The Scenic Road project is anticipated to cost nearly \$5 million, according to Treanor. "CAWD is budgeting about \$5 million in sewer rehabilitation every year for the next 15 years," he said this week. The district is funded by fees billed to property owners on their twice-a-year tax bills.

"Much of our sewer mains are over 75 years old and have far exceeded their useful life," former Mayor Ken White, who is president of CAWD's board of directors, said in a statement Tuesday.

"This series of projects will greatly reduce or eliminate leaks and spills while increasing the effectiveness of this vital public service."

Residents seeking more information on the work set to start next week should visit cawd.org/santa-rita-st-and-guadalupe-st-sewer-main-rehabilitation-project.

RESCUE

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Molera State Park. They were found near Vado Camp in an area where the condition of trails is often poor.

"The remaining seven individuals — six Girl Scouts and a second Scout leader — were hoisted to safety," the CHP said. They were flown back to the park and handed over to the Monterey County Sheriff's

deputy and state parks rangers.

The girl who was hurt was treated for her head injury. "The injured girl scout received medical attention at Natividad Medical Center," the report indicated.

Video posted on Facebook by Big Sur Fire shows a CHP helicopter hovering over steep and wooded terrain while Big Sur Fire Cpt. Lyle Southhall is lowered to the ground to bring up the injured girl. "Great work from everyone getting all parties back to safety," the volunteer fire brigade added.

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RENT

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those who talked about their struggles to find housing they could afford and shared stories of shoddy conditions and predatory landlords — and property owners who said they are already contending with rising costs, a growing number of tenant-friendly state laws and other difficulties. The majority of the speakers favored rent control.

Homeless kids

But by the time the council was considering putting the final nail in the coffin June 3, the number of speakers had dwindled. Still, most defended rent control, and some accused the newly elected councilmembers of pandering to wealthy donors.

"People need your help," Bill Freeman commented. "They don't need to be looked down upon and rejected."

Teacher Maggie Power predicted the council would "side with the loudest and wealthier voices while ignoring suffering residents."

She talked about giving one of her students a ride to the house in which he, his mother and three siblings share a single room for \$1,300 per month. The four-room house includes three other families, one bathroom and no kitchen.

"He apologized to me in my car for smelling badly because it had been three days since he had access to the bathroom," she said. "This is what your leadership has created: desperation, overcrowding and suffering kids. Do your job. Pass rent stabilization."

Veronica Miramontes, who serves on the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education and is a director at large for the California School Board Association, said that in Salinas, "more than 5,220 students are living on the street, in cars and shelters, or doubled or tripled up in one home."

"This is a very, very important issue to discuss and consider," she said.

Salinas native and UC Berkeley graduate Juan de la Cruz argued for preserving the program. "These are not legal frameworks, these are lifelines. These are real families," he said, adding that he knows people who were forced to leave Salinas because they couldn't afford the rents.

"I don't think that's fair," he said. "Who is it that benefits from repealing this ordinance?"

Several others, including a Hartnell student, asked the council to reconsider, and some accused members of having already made up their minds.

Community organizer Gwendolyn Martinez called upon the council to act with "empathy and humanity" and to consider those who can't pay their rent or provide for their children.

"They're asking you to be decent, caring human beings," she said, adding that "all the other cities were looking at the Salinas model to see what humanity looks like."

If nothing else, one woman said, at least let the rental registry and other provisions exist for long enough to collect sufficient data to assist city officials in devising other ways to address the housing issue.

Adam Pinterits, government and community affairs director for the Monterey County Association of Realtors, observed that fewer multifamily complexes have been put on the market since the council began moving toward the repeal.

'Correct direction'

"In April, I told you that since the passage of this ordinance, the sale of rental properties had roughly doubled," he said. "In May, I updated that since you began this course, only one additional rental property went up for sale. Since May, not a single multifamily property has been put up for sale."

"This is a clear sign that this council is taking the correct direction for long-term housing inventory and affordability," he continued.

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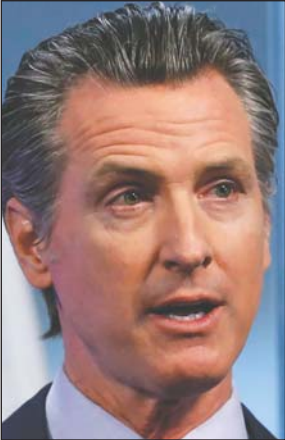
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was incredibly challenging to craft, thanks to what she described as the horrific economic policies of the Trump administration.

“Given the uncertainty of the moment, we are being proactive and delaying the most drastic healthcare coverage changes while we monitor the federal government’s decisions for our state. Steering our economy under Trump will remain a challenge but we will continue to center our policies on what Californians truly need,” said Addis.

Healthcare for undocumented

The deal freezes enrollment in Medi-Cal for undocumented immigrants ages 19 and older starting in 2026. The plan also imposes a three-month grace period for individuals in the program to re-up, and implements a \$30-per-month premium starting in July 2027. Newsom had proposed charging \$100 a month. Dental coverage for the



Gavin Newsom



Dawn Addis

undocumented was eliminated.

California has spent \$11 billion on healthcare for undocumented immigrants this fiscal year, almost double the \$6 billion initially budgeted.

The Tuesday deal also rejected Newsom’s proposal to reinstate a Medi-Cal asset test for seniors and the disabled, which would have resulted in thousands of Californians losing benefits. Starting last year, more seniors were able

to sign up after the state stopped counting cars, homes, and savings for determining eligibility, basing it only on income. Since many seniors own valuable assets but have little income, the change meant a lot more older adults were eligible. Newsom’s proposed budget would have reversed those changes, but legislators lobbied to keep them.

The Legislature did agree to eliminate coverage for weight loss drugs like Ozempic and Wegovy from all Medi-Cal plans. The savings are expected to be about \$85 million this year, increasing to \$680 million by fiscal year 2028-2029.

Legislators were also able to find the money for abortions. In May the governor proposed cuts equaling about a third of Planned Parenthood’s state funding. The new plan fully funds the agency and reappropriates \$5.6 million in unspent funds for “emergent needs” in reproductive health care.

In May, Addis advocated for preserving funding for Planned Parenthood, and this week she was happy with what’s been included in the newest budget deal.

“I am very proud that we have fully funded family planning and women’s health care and remained committed to our promise of expanding health coverage,” said the assemblymember.

Housing and homelessness

The deal between the governor and a handful of Democratic lawmakers was made behind closed doors Tuesday before being released. According to a legislative report, the deal includes elements of several bills designed to ramp up housing production — specifically, AB 609 and SB 607, which exempt infill housing in urban areas from the California Environmental Quality Act. Newsom showed strong support for the housing bills when he initially announced budget cuts in May.

The plan also includes \$500 million for the Homelessness Housing Assistance and Prevention Program, but not until the next fiscal year. In an effort to save money, cities and counties will go without those grants this year. The program has provided billions of dollars in assistance over the last several years, much of it going to the state’s largest cities.

Newsom was able to secure the increased tax credits for film and television he wanted. The budget deal more than doubles the credits for productions from \$330 million to \$750 million.

The idea is to incentivize keeping the business in the state. Over the years, productions have been lured to other

states and countries where the costs are lower.

Legislators did not agree to as many spending cuts as were proposed by the governor in late spring, and to make the math work, California will take \$7 billion out of its rainy-day fund and another \$6.5 billion from its cash reserves to balance the budget. A vote on the deal is expected Friday and must happen before the start of the fiscal year July 1.

TENANTS

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“Obviously many renters need help,” Pinterits said. “That’s the next step.”

The owner of a 27-unit complex serving low-income families pointed to state laws protecting tenants against unreasonable rent increases, unlawful evictions and harassment and said people should educate themselves about their rights. He complained about rising costs — including a 275 percent increase in insurance — and said he’d considered selling the property in light of rent control.

Minds made up

After councilwoman Margaret D’Arrigo made the motion to finalize the ordinance repealing rent control, the rental registry and the other provisions, and Gloria De La Rosa seconded it, the two councilmembers who have consistently defended it briefly reiterated their arguments.

“As other speakers have said, I am reluctant to make comments, because people’s minds are made up already,” said councilman Andrew Sandoval. He decried the lack of public outreach and said it’s difficult for tenants to assert their rights with landlords.

Rent control and other programs were “a long-term solution,” he said, and repealing them will affect more than 80,000 residents.

Councilman Tony Barrera asked his colleagues to at least give the program more time.

“I’m asking for four more months to look at the data,” he said. “The majority of the people who came here are just asking for a little bit of time, but we’re not willing to do that, and that concerns me.”

None of the other members spoke, and the motion to repeal rent control in Salinas passed 5-2.



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Billie Wanda Martino
1923-2023

Victor Martino, Jr.
1923-2025

Billie Wanda Martino and Victor Martino, Jr. died peacefully 14 months apart in Kihei, Hawaii. They married in Burbank, California in 1943, and were together for 80 years.

Billie was the daughter of Walter McClure Moccabee and Vera (Clark) Moccabee of Morehouse, Missouri. Having lost her mother as an infant, Billie was cared for first by a housekeeper and her grandmother as her father ran a gambling operation in the back room of an ice cream and candy shop. She was a mischievous child, caught driving the family car down the main street of Morehouse at the age of 13. As a teenager she joined her sister Ilene at their Aunt Mamie’s home in Covina, where one of her greatest pleasures was sitting in an orange tree in a fragrant grove.

Victor was born in Burbank to Victor Martino, an orphan from Genoa, Italy, and Eva Marie (Lutz) Martino, who grew up on a farm in Kansas — the founders of Martino’s Bakery. During the Depression he was a young entrepreneur with a paper route and Christmas tree sales. He always relished the memory of a driving trip in the summer of 1938 (he got his driver’s license at age 15) across California with three buddies, visiting the new Golden Gate Bridge, the San Francisco World Exposition and camping out of their borrowed Chevy in a tent at Crater Lake, Lassen and Yosemite.

Victor, with his father’s death on the eve of World War II, spent the war years training bomber pilots and then, together with his partner Amerio Corradi, built Martino’s Bakery into the largest bakery of its kind in the country, serving 3,500 restaurants and institutions daily at the time of its sale to Pepperidge Farm in 1980. Billie worked for some years in the bakery’s administration. Martino’s, famous for its pies and teacakes, was a Burbank institution, and its closing following the purchase by Campbell’s was much lamented. After Martino’s ceased to operate, a small storefront bakery in Burbank christened “The Original Martino’s” was opened under the auspices of the late Amerio Corradi, and still exists today.

The family treasures memories of summers spent camping on the Merced River in Yosemite National Park, where other families doing the same became lifelong friends.

Billie and Victor later resided in a house they built on the ocean in Carmel Highlands, then in Bainbridge Island, Washington and Monterey, California, and spent their last years on Maui.

They are survived by sons, Vic Martino (Maggie Smith) of Bainbridge Island and Gregory Martino (Marlene) of Maui; and daughter, Ilene (Tom) Bellerue of Maui; and grandsons, Orion Cruz, Teo Cruz, Tiago Martino and Nicolas Martino.

ETHNOGRAPHY AND SCIENCE INSPIRE NEW SHOWS AT MONTEREY MUSEUM, P.G. ART CENTER

TEXTILE ARTIST Sofia Gonzalez uses her creativity to explore her passion for nature in a show, “Becoming Home,” that’s on display at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History through Sept. 14.

Saturday at 1 p.m., Gonzalez presents a demonstration of her natural dyeing techniques and creative processes.

“The installation blends environmental science and storytelling through large-scale textile works dyed with native plant materials,” according to the museum. “Inspired by the relationship between oak trees and oak apple wasps — a delicate interaction that is both parasitic and symbiotic — Gonzalez’s pieces examine how humans relate to their landscapes and ask what it means to belong to a place.”

The museum’s executive director, Rachel Miller, said the display “embodies the kind of thoughtful exploration that defines our museum’s work” and said she is “proud to feature a Northern California artist whose work deepens our understanding of the connections between nature, identity and community — and invites visitors to reflect on their own relationships with place.”

The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove.

■ ‘Reminding us about our past’

Finding common ground between art and ethnography, Lydia Nakashima Degarrod’s mixed media show, “Our



Textile artist Sofia Gonzalez has a show on display at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History through Sept. 14.

Eyes in a Fragmented World,” is on display at the Monterey Museum of Art through Aug. 24.

“As a visual artist, I believe in the power of the materials to be storytellers, so each use of fiber and color is reminding us about our past and traditions,” said the artist, who was born in Chile and lives in Oakland. “I use flax, the oldest known fiber used by humans, to recall our long presence, and mulberry to honor my Japanese ancestors. By using these fibers, I aim at reminding us of our common ancestry, our mutual dependency on the flora and fauna, and to symbolically heal these fragmentations. I use the color blue to express hope.”

The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. in Monterey.

■ Grants support arts groups

The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts is one of 16 local groups to receive a total of \$109,000 from the Arts Council for Monterey County.

The funding comes from taxpayers — through the county — and from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Todd Lueders Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

The grants, up to \$7,500 each, were handed out Monday during a reception at Portobello’s in Salinas. They will support “public arts programs, events and projects that celebrate creative expression and community connection.”

“From murals and music, to poetry and performance, these projects showcase the vibrant spirit and cultural diversity of our region,” Arts4MC said.

Other recipients include Sunset Center, the Carmel Delights Dance Company and the Carmel Jewish Film Festival.

GAVEL

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found the 5-inch blade of the knife wrapped in a towel on Youngs, as well as the handle of the knife in Youngs’ jacket.

Youngs was on parole for domestic violence and criminal threats against a different victim. Youngs was also on five separate grants of probation for possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, battery, shoplifting and providing a false name, and resisting a peace officer. The current offense of making criminal threats constitutes another strike offense.

This case was investigated by Monterey Police officers Aaron Gray, Andrew Herndon and Zachary Weis.

April 29 — Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Joe Torres Jr., 38, of Salinas, to three years in state prison for assault with a deadly weapon, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of a controlled substance while armed with a firearm. Torres’ conviction for assault with a deadly weapon constitutes a strike under California’s three strikes law.

On Jan. 20, 2022, Salinas Police officers served a search warrant on Torres’ home and found 4.5 grams of methamphetamine, a .45-caliber firearm registered to someone else, and ammunition. Torres admitted the firearm and methamphetamine were his. He was prohibited by law from possessing firearms and ammunition due to previous felony convictions.

On Sept. 29, 2024, Torres went to a woman’s home and threatened her. The woman’s adult son argued with Torres. Torres pulled out a knife from his pocket, pointed it at her son, and swung the knife twice at the victim. Torres then dropped the knife and punched the victim approximately five times before leaving. The victim suffered an 8-inch laceration on his chest and three lacerations on his hand.

These cases were primarily investigated by Salinas Police officers Christian Ramirez, Felipe Davila and Evan Adams, and Salinas Police Sgt. Zachary Dunagan.



STEVEN ROYNE
1952 - 2025

Steven Royne, a long-time resident of Carmel, passed away on May 31, 2025, less than a month after his 73rd birthday, in the arms of and presence of many good friends.

Steven moved to Carmel in 1977 and became part of the opening team at The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach, starting as a flower arranger and food server at The Dunes (now Roy’s), but moving up to become a banquet captain, where he captivated customers and co-workers alike with his boyish charm, quick wit and endless dedication. Steven spent his days at Spanish Bay creating magical moments for guests — fulfilling the Pebble Beach Company’s stated mission “to exceed the expectations of every guest, every time,” which he achieved by not only providing exceptional service, but at the same time making it look easy and effortless. He helped to build an amazing dedicated team of co-workers and was the kind of natural-born leader to build a close-knit second family with his positive energy and encouragement. He excelled at making every customer and co-worker feel appreciated every day until his retirement in 2024.

Steven is survived by his loving partner of nearly 40 years, Phillip Hanson, of Carmel; a sister, Michelle; and a brother, Scott; as well as countless friends and former co-workers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Steven’s memory to local charities including Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, Hospice of the Central Coast, or to your preferred local charity.

Plans are pending for a celebration of Steven’s life.

Scammers serve up bad PacRep tix

A LOCAL production of the musical “Waitress” is playing at the Golden Bough through July 27. But be careful where you buy your tickets.

PacRep Theatre put out word last Friday that some vendors are drastically marking up ticket prices, while others are peddling “potentially invalid tickets.”

“PacRep has issued an urgent public warning regarding the unauthorized resale of tickets for its production of ‘Waitress’ at the Golden Bough Playhouse,” the theater company reported. “The organization has received multiple reports of patrons unknowingly purchasing drastically overpriced and potentially invalid tickets through unapproved third-party vendors.”

Online vendors like Stub Hub, Vivid Seats, Seat Geek, Viagogo, AXS and Tickets Center “are not authorized to sell tickets to any PacRep performance.” The theater group has sent the vendors cease-and-desist letters.

“These websites are misleading the public by listing tickets they do not yet possess and in many cases are omitting the legally required disclosure of the original ticket price,” said Stephen Moorer, executive director and founder of PacRep.

Tickets from those vendors will not be honored, and people who purchase them

“will not be granted entry to PacRep productions,” according to PacRep.

Customers with concerns should call (831) 622-0100. “PacRep is urging anyone who suspects they have been scammed to immediately contact their credit card provider to dispute the charge and report the transaction as fraudulent,” PacRep said.

‘The sweet side of life’

Based on the hit film of the same name, “Waitress” tells the story of “a talented pie-maker and waitress with a fierce spirit and a flair for finding the sweet side of life.” The musical is directed and choreographed by Palmer Davis, with musical direction by John Newkirk. The cast includes Travis Poelle — who has portrayed Buddy Holly many times for PacRep — along with Newkirk, Velvet Piini, Katie Hazdovac, John Daniel, Kyle Richlin, John Radley and Jassell Jimenez.

PacRep calls the musical “a unique blend of wit, warmth, and a dash of rebellion.” “Waitress” plays Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$13 to \$52. Golden Bough is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. For more details, visit pacrep.org.

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The 42-foot-wide vessel is being prepared for science research missions, which involves installing specialized equipment and systems for oceanographic research. Engineers and crew will test and fine-tune the systems before the missions begin later this year, the research institute said.

OLEG IVANOVICH KOVALENKO

Oleg Ivanovich Kovalenko, 88, passed away peacefully at home on June 14, 2025, surrounded by his family. Born in Kiev, Ukraine, Oleg immigrated to this country with his parents in 1948 at the age of 12. They settled on the Monterey Peninsula, and in 1955 Oleg became a naturalized U.S. citizen. He graduated from UC Berkeley in 1958 and received an M.A. in music from Stanford University in 1960.



Oleg was an accomplished violinist and had a distinguished career as an orchestral conductor, holding posts with the St. Louis, Green Bay and Indianapolis Symphony orchestras. He also appeared as guest conductor in St. Petersburg, Buenos Aires and Prague, as well as with numerous orchestras in the U.S., including the Monterey County and Santa Cruz symphonies.

Oleg was a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Monterey. He appreciated California’s natural beauty and especially enjoyed spending time at Point Lobos and Yosemite National Park. A passionate and inquisitive thinker, Oleg found joy in the richness of music, art, history and philosophy. He had numerous hobbies including fine woodworking and photography.

Oleg is survived by his daughter, Stephanie (Jon); and his grandchildren, Sophie and Christian. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Olga Kovalenko.

A service will begin at 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2025, at the City of Monterey Cementerio El Encinal, 798 Fremont St. in Monterey, followed by a gathering at his home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Oleg’s name may be made to Youth Music Monterey County at www.youthmusicmonterey.org.

Mary Jane ‘MJ’ Abercrombie

July 5, 1942 - June 8, 2025

Our beloved Mary Jane “MJ” Abercrombie passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, June 8, 2025, after a long illness, surrounded by her family. Born on July 5, 1942, in Visalia, California (Tulare County), she was the cherished daughter of Angelo and Katherine Barbis, natives of Greece.

Mary Jane graduated from Redwood High School in Visalia, where she was a song leader, and went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1965. She did graduate work at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, earning her California Teaching Credential. Before she married, she also spent a year teaching English abroad at The American College in Athens, Greece.



Friends and neighbors since grade school, LeBon “Bon” Gibson Abercrombie laughs that the popular, vivacious MJ, who was a year ahead of him in high school, “wouldn’t give me the time of day.” Years later, while he was a Naval officer stationed at AIRPAC Staff on North Island NAS, Coronado, CA, the two reconnected at a family wedding and saw one another with new eyes. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married on Jan. 10, 1970. The newlyweds settled on Coronado Island and soon moved on to Burlington, Massachusetts, where MJ taught high school English while Bon pursued his MBA at Harvard.

MJ was known for her warmth and her mischievous sense of humor. She delighted in the company of her friends and her dogs — but most of all she loved being a wife and mother. Soon after Bon and MJ made their home in Sacramento in 1974, she gave birth to her two children, Jennifer and James. She wrote to her mother-in-law, Margaret, after the birth of her first child:

“I told Bon when we were married it was the happiest day of my life, but it’s second to today. After five years, our deep love for one another has grown and with God’s help, we have created this beautiful child. I feel so blessed. I’m on top of the world and bursting with joy, ecstasy and gratitude. When I come down from Cloud Nine (though I may never) I will write more.”

In 1980, the young family returned to their roots in Visalia. MJ cultivated a full life as a homemaker, substitute teacher, and active member of the Las Madrinas Guild, supporting Valley Children’s Hospital. She also embraced her athletic side, playing tennis, taking fitness classes, and even learning to ski alongside her kids.

She and Bon retired to Pebble Beach in 2006, where MJ continued to shine, making friends wherever she went. LeBon has often said, “I wouldn’t know anybody if it weren’t for MJ.” She loved to play mahjong and bridge, and shop with her friends, often with her loyal poodle, Ollie, by her side. The pair were even featured in the local paper for Carmel’s annual Poodle Day. After the tragic loss of Ollie to a mountain lion attack in 2015, she adopted Sabrina the Maltipoo, whom she treasured.

Mary Jane lit up every room she entered and brought laughter and joy to all who knew her. Her loss is deeply felt. She is survived by her devoted husband of 55 years, LeBon Abercrombie of Pebble Beach; her daughter, Jennifer B. Abercrombie of Los Angeles; her son, James L. Abercrombie of Visalia; and her brother, John A. (Maria) Barbis, also of Visalia.

Donations in MJ’s memory may be made to Hospice of the Central Coast, reflecting the family’s gratitude for their compassionate care. For those who would like information about her upcoming Celebration of Life, please get in touch with jenabercrombie@gmail.com



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Carmel High student finds power within to set new world record

A CARMEL High student is adjusting to his improbable view from the top of the world — a place he couldn’t have imagined three years ago as a confused, emaciated, mysteriously ill middle-school kid.

Six days ago, in Pocatello, Idaho, 16-year-old Logan Hawker broke the American Powerlifting Federation

record by 32 pounds, pushing up 314 on his first lift of the day.

His second lift — 325 pounds — was 1 pound heavier than the group’s world record.

And on his fourth and final try, Hawker set his own world record at 336 pounds.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

national record in his classification — male, age 16-17, 198.4-pound weight division — with a 352-pound lift in the bench press.

Three months earlier, during a March 15 competition in Monterey sanctioned by the World Association of Benchers and Dead Lifters, he bested the California state



PHOTO/COURTESY HAWKER FAMILY

Logan Hawker was deeply focused on March 15 as he prepared to bench press 325 pounds, a world record for a 198-pound 16-year-old. He lifted 336, another record, on his next attempt. Six days ago, in Pocatello, Idaho, he hoisted 352.

Training less than a year

If any of that seems mind-blowing, buckle up for the rest of his story.

For starters, Hawker has been training for just 10 months as a competitive powerlifter under the direction of Monterey resident Matt Lamarque, holder of two weightlifters association bench-press world records in the adult male category

In 2004, Lamarque benched 771 pounds in the 220-pound weight class. Six months later, he hoisted 801.2 to set the record in the 242-pound class — on a day when Lamarque’s own body weight was just 228.

Two decades later, both records stand.

But Logan Hawker’s story runs deeper.

As an eighth-grader at Carmel Middle School — the year schools reopened from Covid — Hawker began experiencing intense stomach discomfort and gastrointestinal issues, including vomiting, and sleep loss from making up to a half-dozen bathroom visits each night.

Those problems persisted into his freshman year at Carmel High, resulting in rapid weight loss that prompted his parents, Chad Hawker and Alison Wright, to consult multiple specialists at Stanford Medical Center.

“They thought maybe the problem was gluten, so we met with allergists. They tested him for Crohn’s disease. They tried a whole bunch of medications and a lot of different diets. Nothing helped,” said his father, a former world-class Ironman triathlete who won 15 international competitions in his heyday.

‘A ball of stress’

The diagnosis, ultimately, was severe anxiety — something Logan has battled since childhood.

“I’ve always kind of been a ball of stress,” Logan said. “It was like I couldn’t stop feeling anxious about stuff.”

Wright, his mother, traces much of that stress to the demise of her marriage to Hawker, which, she said, had an enormous impact on Logan and his brother, Luke.

“Logan, particularly, has always been really sensitive — a kid who internalized a lot,” she said. “I really believe that internalization is the big reason he fell ill.”



PHOTO/COURTESY HAWKER FAMILY

Logan Hawker was introduced to weightlifting by his dad as a skinny sophomore and started training with world champion powerlifter Matt Lamarque last July. Eight months later, Hawker broke the world record in the bench press for a 198-pound 16-year-old.

By the time he entered Carmel High for his freshman year, the 6-foot-1 Hawker weighed just 135 pounds — 30 pounds below his middle-school weight.

Weak and frail, he nonetheless showed up for football practice, largely as a way to reintegrate into student life as schools finally reopened after the pandemic.

“He couldn’t even run aggressively. Whenever he tried, his stomach would irritate him,” his father reflected. “Then, he fractured his tibia, possibly because his body was really frail.”

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A wide-angle photograph of a large crowd of people gathered for the Monterey Peninsula Concours Week event. In the foreground, a classic silver convertible car is parked on a paved area. The background shows a large, open field with many people and cars, and a large tree in the distance.

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But turning points were on the horizon.

Hawker and Wright enrolled their son in Montage Ohana center for child and adolescent behavior health, for an intensive, three-day-per-week program, typically five-hour days, for two months. On Wednesdays, they attended as a family.

"It's difficult to put into words what they do there, but it's about creating a subtle change of thought," Chad Hawker said. "They teach strategies about managing your anxiety and helping you move past it."

Chad, also introduced his son to weightlifting, with remarkable results.

"I really enjoyed working out with my dad, just being with him," Logan said. "As a kid, I had always looked at my dad's muscles and wanted them, so I really liked going to the gym."

The freshman additionally signed up for the weight-training class at Carmel High taught by Phil Johnston, the JV football coach.

'I couldn't get enough'

"And then, I couldn't get enough. I'd work out with my dad, I'd work out at school, and then I'd go do another workout after that," remembered Logan, who was excited to notice dramatic changes in his energy and physique.

"He was out of control, he was fanatical ... and that's when he started hurting himself," his father said.

As a sophomore, Hawker again went out for football, this time making an impact as a fleet-footed, 165-pound wide receiver.

"I was there for his first game, and my jaw dropped. First, he was one of the captains who went out for the coin toss, and then he caught three or four touchdown

passes," his mother remembered. "I literally had tears in my eyes."

He also played JV basketball as a sophomore.

After Hawker sustained a weightlifting-related lower-back injury, later diagnosed as a bulging disc, his father and stepmom, Courtney Garneri, sought help from Lamarque, who, in July 2024, accepted their son as a client at Bovine Strength Systems, his Monterey-based business.



PHOTO/COURTESY HAWKER FAMILY

A mysterious intestinal problem as an eighth-grader caused Logan Hawker to lose 30 pounds in a few months. He tried to play JV football at Carmel High in 2023 as a 135-pound freshman, but it didn't go well.

"He came to me with a good base of strength and muscle, and he's incorporated the technical aspects of lifting to best utilize his physical attributes," said the world champion.

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Her son needed her help, but her response goes much further

WENDY STEEL has been in marketing since 1987, with a resume that includes Citibank, Charles Schwab, Wells Fargo, Intuit, HSBC, Hewlett-Packard and Adobe. The Southern California native first came here for a job with HSBC banking in 1994 and moved to Carmel Valley for good in 2014.

After relocating, she opened her own marketing firm, but no project is as personal as the one she launched in January 2023.

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

Young Adults With Epilepsy is a result of her experience with her son, Austin, 27. His epilepsy was diagnosed at 18, and Steel discovered that plenty of help was available for younger children with epilepsy, but there was far less for those transitioning into adulthood.

“Pediatrics gets a lot of attention, but between pediatric and adult care, young adults fall through the cracks,” she said.

Epilepsy affects approximately 1 to 1.2 percent of the population in the United States — about 3 million adults and 456,000 people 17 and younger.

Austin first experienced seizures associated with a high fever around age 1. However, that’s not always related to epilepsy. His later seizures were the type that used to be called petit mal, now referred to as “absence.”

‘Tuning out’

He was an excellent student at Carmel River School, she said, and in Menlo Park — where she relocated for a job — he continued on that track. Steel explained that as while he was in middle school, he began appearing to “tune out” for brief periods — usually not more than 10 seconds, as often as several times a day — and the lapses were interpreted by adults as inattention or a lack of motivation.

Like many living with epilepsy, her son’s diagnosis was delayed because his seizures never occurred during an EEG, making it difficult to capture abnormal brain activity.

According to the Epilepsy Foundation (epilepsy.com), “Epilepsy is a brain disorder that causes recurring, unprovoked seizures. Seizures may relate to a brain injury or a family trait, but often the cause is completely unknown. The word ‘epilepsy’ simply means the same thing as ‘seizure disorders.’ It does not state anything about

the cause of the person’s seizures or their severity.”

Treatment might include medication — and finding the right drug and dose among nearly 40 possibilities can take time — surgery, use of electrical devices to help regulate brain activity, dietary changes, regularly getting good sleep, and more.

Now, imagine trying to handle all of that at 18.

“You’re transitioning into adulthood and you can’t drink alcohol and have to be in bed by 10 p.m.,” Steel said. “And what if you can’t drive?” That’s not even mentioning what to tell someone you’re dating, the fear of having a seizure in public — daunting at any age but downright mortifying to a teenager — and dealing with prospective employers and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Steel remembered that her father, who taught special education, advocated for young people with disabilities and wanted to help them move into the mainstream whenever possible, and she decided to take action.

‘Listening tours’

She founded Young Adults With Epilepsy, a nonprofit whose mission is “to foster resilience and independence in young adults with epilepsy” through education, empowerment and sustained support. At 65, she’s the group’s executive director.

When she started out, she said, “I did research. I did a listening tour of non-profits working on epilepsy at a regional level and I thought I’d start one for Monterey County,” but it quickly grew beyond

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Wendy Steel helped her son, Austin, transition into adulthood with epilepsy. Her nonprofit, with its online presence, has aided more.

AN ANALOG PHOTOGRAPHER WHO HAILS FROM THE DIGITAL WORLD

A CURIOUS thing happened to Dennis Segers after a 45-year career as a digital pioneer in the semiconductor industry: He unexpectedly gravitated toward the analog world.

Segers, a fine-art photographer, has fallen in love with darkroom chemistry — “old-school analog process,” he calls it — to add creative artistry to the digital images he shoots locally and beyond.

Like most digital photographers, Segers makes extensive use of computer soft-

ware — Photoshop, in his case — to edit, enhance and manipulate his images.

But as comprehensive and creative as Photoshop is, Segers found himself wanting more.

“One of Ansel Adams’ most famous photos, ‘Monolith: The Face of Half Dome,’ is distinctive for its dark sky, which adds dramatic contrast to the image,” he said of Adams’ 1927 rendering of the 5,000-foot granite rock in Yosemite National Park.

The nearly black sky in his print was a significant darkroom manipulation by Adams, who was until then regarded as a purist whose landscape artistry came entirely from what he saw through his viewfinder.

Adams later explained that an accurate print of the grey sky in his negative would not have provided “that emotional quality” that he felt from his final print, featuring a sky he blackened using a dark red filter.

‘License to take liberties’

Adams’ willingness to bend an unwritten rule was interpreted by other photographers — and eventually Segers — as permission to do the same.

“I saw it as license to take some liberties and bring some artistic expression into an image,” said Segers, who started experimenting in the darkroom of his Carmel

Point home — an interesting pivot for a man who had spent his adult life devising the kinds of digital innovations that led to programs like Photoshop.

“I was an electrical engineer who didn’t like chemistry. It was never my thing,” he said with a laugh, but he manages in the darkroom just fine.

Oilpatch town

Segers began mixing platinum and palladium salts with ferric oxalate, an iron-based solution that makes the salts light-sensitive.

He paints the concoction onto Japanese-made paper called Kozo, which is specifically optimized for platinum printing. Then Segers overlays a digital negative created on his inkjet printer. The chemically treated paper under the negative is exposed to blacklights inside a home-built exposure box for a carefully calibrated amount of time, and the print emerges.

The platinum/palladium mix renders whiter whites and darker darks, creating stunning contrast in his landscapes. Seafoam, mist and fog stand out dramatically.

Segers grew up in Yocum, Texas, “a little oilpatch town two hours south of Austin that had 6,000 people then and has 6,000 people now,” he said. “My dad was in the oil business, and I used to go out there as a kid and watch them drill.”

He also liked to take things apart to learn how they functioned. At 14, he worked as a mechanic at a gas station, rebuilding carburetors and transmissions. As a high school student, he aspired to become a mechanical engineer and design cars.



PHOTO/GINGER CHIH

Fine-art photographer Dennis Segers, a Carmel Point resident, is experimenting with traditional darkroom chemistry and platinum prints after a 45-year career in high-tech.

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

At Texas A&M, he changed his major three times, earning a degree in electrical engineering in 1975.

He was 20, and his high school sweetheart, Debbie, was 19 when they married in 1974. They’re still sweethearts 51 years later.

The high-tech fast lane

“In the 1980s, I was about 10 years into a pretty intense, fast-track high-tech world when I started to realize that my life was kind of one-dimensional,” said Segers. He was living in Seattle when he began hiking with friends on Mount Rainier.

“I began taking a camera and learning landscape photography with Kodachrome 64, and that was the start of it,” he said.

In 1993, the couple moved to Silicon


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physical borders, thanks to the internet.

Resources available on the group’s website include virtual live and recorded workshops on topics like traveling, dealing with stigma, and navigating college life. Information about mental health and finding a therapist, a blog covering things such as tips for navigating college, myths vs. facts about epilepsy, and many more issues are also instantly available. A podcast, “Carpe Seizin’,” is hosted by younger adults who share their own experiences and offer advice.

Peer support groups — “one-hour virtual weekly hang-outs to laugh, cry, listen, or just simply connect with people who ‘get it’” — are hosted three days a week by facilitators (one of whom also speaks Spanish) who were diagnosed with epilepsy as adolescents.

Steel estimated that about 1,000 people have visited the

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updated regional housing plan to the state. This plan is both late and full of errors. The plan is so messed up that at a May 10 meeting at the Tehama clubhouse, Supervisor Kate Daniels suggested that the county should consider suing the L.A.-based consultants who were paid nearly \$2 million to develop it.

The county is well aware of the errors but is still using the plan. Nine months ago, the supervisors rejected adding Tarpy Flats (an environmentally sensitive tract of land south of the airport) to the housing needs plan. Since then, the staff have added this tract of land back into the plan, using the consultants’ erroneous scoring of the property. In their report, the consultants claimed the existence and locations of doctors’ offices, supermarkets and public schools that do not exist or are much farther away than indicated. It overestimates the availability of public transportation. The staff was made aware of these errors but is ignoring them. With these errors corrected, this site is much less attractive for development and yet, the county’s staff and our supervisors are submitting an updated plan with these errors.

This is just one example of errors in the county housing needs plan. We should demand better from our elected officials and their staff.

Andrew Hawryluk, president, Save Tarpy Flats

Trump’s deportations

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the history lesson about the decades of presidents from both parties expressing desire to deport undocumented immigrants with criminal records. President Trump is not doing that, however. He has detained visa-holding college students for exercising their First

online peer support groups this year alone, and said the website has been accessed by people in 30 countries.

Another area Steel would like to see promoted is seizure first aid, because people still believe a lot of obsolete information. Even medical-themed TV shows like “House, M.D.,” “ER” and “Grey’s Anatomy” have had depictions of “doctors” and “nurses” inappropriately handling seizures, according to the American Academy of Neurology.

Grassroots, gala

According to the Epilepsy Foundation, the three main steps are to stay with the person and remain calm, keep them safe by moving or guiding them away from harm and placing something soft under their head, and turn them on their side. Nothing should ever be placed in the person’s mouth, nor should they be restrained.

Steel gave high praise to Dr. Stella Legarda, a neurologist with Montage Medical Group, for helping her understand the medical issues involved with epilepsy.

While Steel has obtained some privately funded

Amendment rights, vanloads of H2A visa holders over their supervisor’s protestations, a local restaurant manager following the legal terms of his DUI probation, and immigrants granted legal asylum status. To suggest that our objections to Trump’s approach are “merely political” ignores the facts.

Susie Brusa, Corral de Tierra

Big bankers and war

Dear Editor,

Jimmy Panetta is wrong.

My mainstream Sunday School taught that genocide is OK, killing people is righteous. Panetta was taught the same cultic rubbish. The difference between us? I grew up, but Jimmy and his “overwhelmingly bipartisan” buddies never did. Overwhelming support? Not by me.

Since the Balfour Declaration almost 80 years ago, the U.S. funds, arms and supports the Israeli government to murder, torture, rape, assassinate journalists, medical personnel, aid workers, families, children, and steal the land.

And now Iran. Gen. Wesley Clarke said the United States would take out seven countries in five years. Why? For oil, to crush independent states, and for permanent wars to enrich Wall Street. After the CIA 1953 coup against Iran’s Prime Minister Mossadegh, the United States never forgave Iranians for retaking their country.

Marine Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler (“War is a Racket, 1933”) warned:

“The trouble with America is that when the dollar only earns 6 percent over here, then it gets restless and goes overseas to get 100 percent. Then the flag follows the dollar, and the soldiers follow the flag. I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle man for big business, for Wall Street and for the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer, a gangster for capitalism.”

Oppose Washington’s death march. Stand for peace, respect, and the security of all nations.

Nina Beety, Monterey

grants, she said that money is raised pretty much at the “grassroots” level. The group’s annual fundraising walk is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13, starting at the YMCA in Monterey, where Steel is also on the board of directors.

For the first time, they’re also holding Tides of Hope: A Bioluminescent Gala, on July 5 from 6 p.m. to midnight at Wave Street Studios in Monterey. The evening will begin with a cocktail/mocktail reception, and there will be a guest speaker, dinner and entertainment by the Money Band. Although it’s almost sold out, there were still a few tickets left at \$200 apiece at youngadultswiththepilepsy.org under the “Events” tab, and you can learn about the group’s myriad resources, donate, and signing up for the walk there, too.

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Valley, where he became vice president of engineering for Xilinx Corp., and in 1996, he bought Nikon’s first professional digital camera, the D1X, and started reading about the craft.

“I learned from books by people like Galen Rowell and John Shaw, teaching myself the technical aspects of photography,” he said. “The mindset then was that you try to capture a landscape and all of its beauty, but you don’t alter the image.”

Significant honors

In 2018, when Segers retired from full-time work, his artistic world expanded dramatically.

“Discovering the photography community here — all the amazing talent — was eye opening,” he said. “After my first or second meeting with ImageMakers (a local fine-art photography group), I came home and told Debbie, ‘These people take this stuff seriously. Oh my gosh, they’re good!’”

Segers immersed himself in the Peninsula’s artistic culture, made friends, sought their advice and grew from being exposed to their skills and creativity. He participated in shows and exhibitions.

He became a member of the Center for Photographic Arts, joining its board of trustees in 2023. He became its president a year ago.

In 2024, Segers received two significant honors.

One of his photos received an honorable mention in the PhotoSpiva Center for the Arts National Photography Competition and Exhibition, and was one of the few photographs included in a museum exhibit. “I actually sold that piece, which was exciting, because almost everything else on the walls was a painting,” he said.

The same year, he was juried onto the prestigious CriticalMass Top 200 list as an up-and-coming talent.


Much of his portfolio is composed of platinum/palladium images and sometimes cyanotypes of landscapes and water scenes captured at Point Lobos, Big Sur, and Peninsula locations.

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be impacts to wildlife movement from this development,” Saunders warned.

In response, attorney Matt Francois, representing Harper Canyon Realty, insisted the project has “100 percent” complied with the appeals court’s ruling.

“The county hired an expert consultant to study wildlife impacts,” Francois said. “It reached the conclusion that those impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level through various mitigation measures, including the wildlife corridor plan, and now the restriction on the building envelopes — our client hired an expert who agrees with your expert.”

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Pacific Grove to help fund parks and recreation, police and fire, public health and mental illness services.

It's not clear how the city arrived at the \$300,000 revenue estimate, which was met with skepticism by some residents, including former city councilman Dan Miller.

"At the time, I told the council the figure was unrealistic," Miller said this week.

Fifth District Supervisor Kate Daniels suggested that protecting the wildlife corridor and keeping the homes safe from wildfires at the same time creates challenges.

“The people who live in these homes are going to be the very people who call my office or a future supervisors office and demand that we protect their homes, demand that we do fuel mitigation work in Toro Park, demand that we come up with an alternate evacuation route to get them out in case of a fire, and demand that we do something about the fact that they can’t get fire insurance,” she said.

While the vote to OK the subdivision was unanimous, Daniels urged the property owner to consider an outcome where all the land is preserved. "I really hope you consider what is best for this property in the future," she added.

Poduri and Rau “quoted the figure in the ballot argument in favor of the measure with no basis, only conjecture, and some people voted for a cannabis dispensary because of that.”

Mogensen said last week that it's likely that a weed shop wouldn't be open for business until the end of 2026, which led Poduri to suggest that the city should try to "expedite" the effort.

"We are essentially losing revenue by being slow on this process," Poduri said.

Neither Poduri nor Rau responded to The Pine Cone this week.

Salinas airshow seeks volunteers

THE 44TH Annual California International Airshow is set for Oct. 4-5 at the Salinas airport, and the Blue Angels are the headliner, which is sure to draw crowds. Organizers of “one of the most successful community-based all-volunteer airshows anywhere” are looking for more people to step up and help run the show, which benefits local charities.

organizations,” they say. Since its inception, the show has raised more than \$9 million for local nonprofits while fostering interest in all things aviation.

In the lineup this year alongside the Blues are a U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper demo, the Folds of Honor biplane flown by Ed Hamill and the Statics Inc. P-51 Warbirds, with more to come.

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SPORTS

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“With that being said, he has a way to go to become great. He just has to stay disciplined, consistent, and compliant.”

Both father and son describe Lamarque as a no-nonsense, no-excuses kind of trainer, but also exceptionally cautious, protecting Logan from additional injuries. The teenager works with the coach three days a week, then lifts on his own a fourth day.

‘I can talk to him’

“It’s something I have to do,” Logan said. “If I don’t work out, I just don’t feel good.

“Matt is kind of like a father, in a way. I can talk to him, and I really look up to him,” he said. “He pushes me, motivates me, and knows what I’m doing all the time. He watches me more closely than I watch myself.”

Lamarque began lifting at age 12 and made his share of reckless mistakes during his own journey. Overtraining is the No. 1 mistake of young lifters, he said.

“Matt is very big on the ‘rest’ portion of working out — to the point of frustration for Logan, who always wants to work out more,” Chad Hawker said. “Matt forces those rest days.”

Lamarque, who has coached multiple world record-holders, male and female, also teaches clients to stay humble and keep their egos in check — something that hasn’t gone unnoticed by Chad Hawker.

“Logan is very discreet,” he said. “He has an amazing physique, but doesn’t like to take his shirt off at the pool.”

Powerlifting or football?

As Hawker approaches his senior year, he’s weighing the possibility of playing varsity football in the fall — particularly after watching from the bleachers as his brother, Luke, a 240-pound defensive end at San Diego Mesa College, helped the Padres win the school’s first-ever state championship in 2024. That was tough, he admits.

“If I do play, I’d like to try a different position — maybe linebacker,” said the 200-pound strongman. “Part of me really wants to do it, but football is five days a week, and a whole different kind of workout.”

That, most likely, would put his powerlifting training on hold throughout the fall, and Hawker and Lamarque are eyeing at least one more major competition toward the end of the year.

Additional information about the Ohana Center can be found online at montagehealth.org. Learn more about Lamarque and Bovine Strength Systems at boviness.com.

See a video of Logan Hawker’s world record bench press at youtube.com/watch?v=vSdgtSJ7FrU.

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RAISE

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council meetings. There will be just one meeting in July and one in August, for example.

At the April 16 meeting, city finance director Fred Marsh said Pacific Grove is facing a \$55 million unfunded pension liability, 30 percent increase in liability insurance, and a projected deficit over the next several years. Councilwomen Tina Rau and Cynthia Garfield noted P.G.’s budget issues but opted to give the council a raise. Mayor Nick Smith and councilman Chaps Poduri — who are enrolled in the city’s Calpers pension plan — and councilman Joe Amelio also voted for the pay raises.

The annual cost of the pay raise would climb from \$38,640 to \$88,872. If members of the council approve giving themselves health care benefits, which they are considering, it could cost taxpayers as much as \$179,172 if every member enrolled in family coverage.

A yes vote on the referendum would uphold the council’s 5-2 decision to raise its pay, while a no vote would repeal the pay hike and maintain the current compensation. The referendum would likely appear on the ballot for the next general election, in 2026.

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FINK

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three options: keeping the company for his kids, or selling it to outside investors or to Pastor, Elarmo and Cogley.

While his son, Lucas, is in hospitality, he’s deeply involved in a Seattle business, and his daughters are studying clinical psychology and law, so they weren’t candidates for taking it over, he surmised. And while Fink said he’d received “plenty of interest” from investors, he dismissed that option as being too disruptive, so he decided to approach Pastor.

“The conversation started with Patrice and continued to Janet and Justin,” he said. “The conversations started this



Chef Justin Cogley, whose restaurant has received two Michelin stars, and Janet Elarmo are taking over David Fink’s businesses.

winter after I got over the initial shock of Charles passing.”

Elarmo, a Monterey Peninsula native whose hospitality career began with Four Sisters Inns 25 years ago, described the deal as “a natural transition.”

“Justin and I have been partners for quite some time,” she said Wednesday. “I’ve always been heavily involved in these businesses.”

In their announcement, the pair explained that Sorasea is the “shared vision” of “two passionate hospitality leaders with more than 50 years of combined experience in boutique hotels and restaurants.”

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to creating places where guests feel seen, inspired and genuinely cared for,” they said. “From the intimacy of a thoughtfully designed space to the precision of a perfectly plated dish, we believe in crafting experiences that become lasting memories.”

Corner Market

In addition to operating L’Auberge and the Carmel Beach Hotel, the pair are working on their new Corner Market venture in the former Forge in the Forest, which Pastor purchased in February 2023 for \$5.4 million.

Expected to open in spring 2026, Corner Market “will fill a key gap in Carmel’s culinary scene by offering a much-needed, high-quality lunch destination with the added appeal of relaxed, coastal-inspired lunches and dinners,” they said. Their plans include “a chef-driven menu focused on fresh, local seafood,” along with vintage cocktails and a curated champagne list.

“We hope it will be a place where locals can have great grilled local seafood and dine at a price point where folks can come a few times a week,” Elarmo said.

They plan to continue their “strong working relationship” with Esperanza Carmel.

“I really appreciated working with David, both for his professionalism and for his kindness toward me,” Pastor said in the statement provided by Cogley and Elarmo. “Chef Justin and Janet were the clear team to become the new stewards of these fantastic boutique Carmel hotels. I wish them every success with this new chapter in their lives.”

“Justin and I are grateful for the opportunity and are looking forward to running these businesses and making them more successful,” Elarmo said.

“I wish Patrice, Justin and Janet the best in the continuing success we have built over the last 25 years,” Fink said. “It is my hope that they will carry on and improve the vision that I had, and I want to thank the many teams that helped me to achieve the enhancement of the hospitality landscape on the Monterey Peninsula.”

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HEALTHY *Lifestyles*

The most important pump in your world needs a little love

By ELAINE HESSER

ALTHOUGH THERE’S been a strong emphasis on educating women about heart attacks since the American Heart Association launched its Go Red For Women campaign in 2004, men still need to pay close attention to their cardiac health.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in all adults, surpassing cancer, accidents and stroke, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

However, men are twice as likely as women to have a heart attack, and they get them earlier in life, too.

To learn why this is true and how to reduce those risks, Healthy Lifestyles turned to Dr. Sergio Gonzalez, who practices family medicine at Kaiser Permanente’s new Salinas office.

Preventive strategies

Among the factors he cited for men’s higher rate of heart disease were a greater incidence of high blood pressure, more poor habits — smoking, lack of exercise, unhealthy diets and obesity — and the fact that estrogen seems to provide extra protection from cardiovascular disease until menopause, when less of the hormone is produced.

At the top of list of preventive strategies are controlling blood pressure and cholesterol levels, along with not smoking.

Gonzalez said in patients he sees, those factors are related to lack of exercise, high-stress jobs, and what he called “dietary mischievousness.”

Processed and packaged

He said that around two-thirds of the U.S. population is obese, and highly processed and packaged foods are among the main culprits, with plenty of sodium and added sugar.

Protein is a buzzword right now among fitness gurus, but, said Gonzalez, most people are already getting three times the amount they need, and animal protein often comes with a hefty side of cholesterol.

Some components of obesity are there from birth, either in the DNA or through environmental factors — a mother who had gestational diabetes, for example. And prepared foods make it easy to consume too many calories in what look like very small portions.

One simple rule Gonzalez advocates is to “eat more things that come from trees or the ground,” and fewer things that come from packages and animals. He doesn’t want his patients to focus solely on the number on the scale and said that healthy people can come in many sizes. However, lab tests for things like cholesterol and blood sugar, as well as changes in blood



Cardiovascular disease is still the No. 1 killer of men and women in the United States.

pressure can mean dietary changes might be in order.

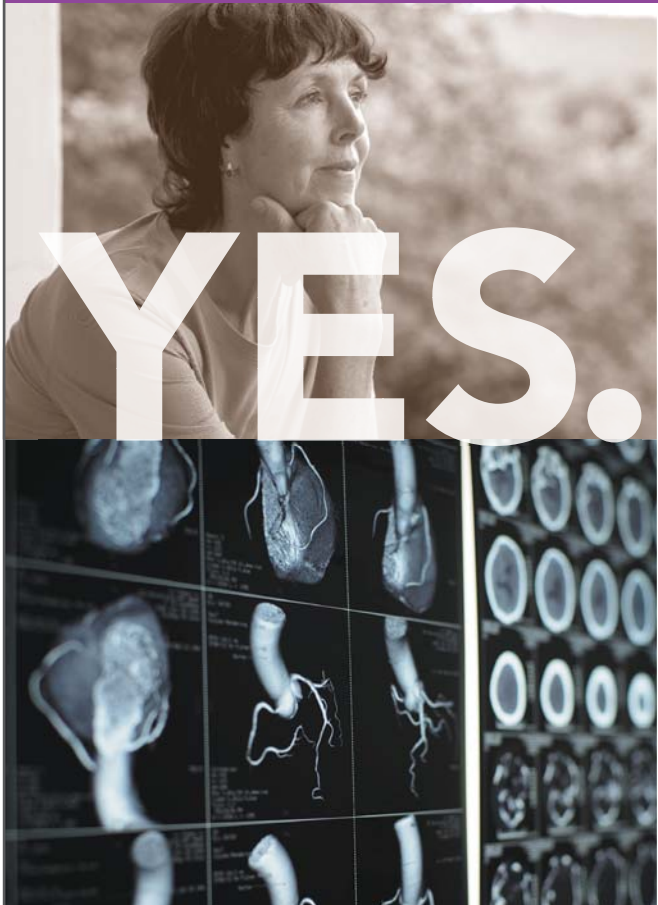
Exercise goes hand-in-hand with diet, of course, and can also lower blood pressure and help regulate stress. People who’ve been sedentary for a while should start small, said Gonzalez, so they don’t get discouraged or injure themselves. Taking

“baby steps,” trying simple movement like walking or getting into a water exercise program, and recognizing that it isn’t going to be a lot of fun at first are all helpful to developing a long-term plan.

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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES

Things sure have changed when it comes to those old joints

By LISA LAPIN

THE PROSPECT of replacing a knee or hip is daunting, so much so that many people will procrastinate, fearing the time it might take to be back on their feet again.

But new techniques and pre-surgery programs are making it easier for patients to go home the same day as their joint replacement surgery. Most patients are even walking the same day.

“Almost 90 percent of our patients go home the same day, which means they are up and weight bearing and walking,” said Dr. Kartheek Reddy, an orthopedic surgeon and joint replacement specialist at Natividad Medical Center. “It’s a lot different from 10 years ago. Now, we have far fewer patients who stay overnight.”

Multiple advances

Reddy credits multiple advances in joint replacement implants and instrumentation, as well as advance strengthening and mobility programs, for the improved outcomes and easier patient recoveries.

If someone is a candidate for a joint replacement at Natividad, they will be immediately placed into physical therapy to strengthen the muscles surrounding their joints and to improve their range of motion.

“In our comprehensive joint replacement program, we prescribe physical therapy before surgery. We also look at all risk factors to reduce them and increase healing ahead of surgery, such as working with primary care physicians and connecting patients with a nutritionist for weight loss, or reduction in blood sugar for diabetes,” Reddy said. The aim is to improve overall health, as well as to build stronger muscles and a better range of motion to help the patient better recover.

Once a patient is ready for surgery, pain management improvements are also implemented.

“Besides working with primary care, we work with anesthesiologists before, during, and after the procedure. We use nerve blocks, and a local anesthetic around the joints, so that when patients wake up, they are in a lot less pain,” Reddy said.

Another important piece of Natividad’s program is a dedicated joint replacement nurse. “They are there 24/7 to address questions or symptoms. Patients have someone to be able to call and get advice.”

Reddy said that some improvements have evolved since the pandemic, when elective surgeries such as knee and hip replacements had to be done in outpatient surgery centers instead of hospitals. “At a surgery center, the aim is to send you home the same day. Surgeons noticed that patients who went home the same day as surgery did very well with their joint replacement recoveries,” Reddy said.

Reddy is also an orthopedic traumatologist who does emergency surgeries, often repairing severely damaged legs, feet and hips in people who suffer falls or are injured in car accidents. He performs more than 500 surgeries a year, many of them hip and knee replacements, and he created the comprehensive joint replacement program at Natividad in 2020.

One of the techniques Reddy uses for total hip replacements is an “anterior approach” during surgery, meaning that he does the hip replacement from a patient’s front, groin area instead of the rear or side. Doing so involves much less muscle disturbance. “It results in an earlier, easier recovery mainly because it is a muscle-sparing approach,” Reddy said. “You go between muscles, rather than taking them down and having then wait for the muscles to heal.”

Natividad has special operating tables, as well as new equipment that allows surgeons to use an X-ray during the procedure, allowing for a more precise placement of the new joint, Reddy said.

It could be worse

How does someone learn whether they are a candidate for a joint replacement? “If they have pain that limits their day-to-day life and daily activities, are having trouble walking or with stairs, or can’t sleep due to pain, they should be evaluated,” Reddy said.

Procrastinators should not wait too long, Reddy said, because conditions can worsen.

“With knees, you’re going to get increased deformity, changes in ligaments and malalignment,” Reddy said. “The worse your arthritis gets, if it gets to bone-on-bone, the more malaligned your knee gets, and the more ligament imbalances, it can make procedure a bit more difficult.”

“Sometimes if you waited too long, you could have had



Orthopedic surgeon Kartheek Reddy and one of his patients, Edwina Sanson.

a partial knee replacement, and now you need a total knee replacement.”

There is also always the risk of simply aging. The older the patient, the more medical risks are involved in surgery overall.

Joint replacement procedures do not differ between men and women, Reddy said. More women receive joint replacements, because they have a higher incidence of osteoarthritis than men. But women tend to recover faster and easier once they undergo the procedures, he said.

JOINTS *con’t. page 37A*

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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES

Prisoners and homeless dogs help each other find hope

By LILY PATTERSON

COMPASSION AND empathy aren’t words you might associate with inmates at Salinas Valley State Prison. You probably also wouldn’t think of the prison as a great place to raise a dog.

But when a human and an abandoned animal find each other, the question often arises, “Who rescued who?”

It’s a favorite saying of pet owners who go to a shelter on a mission to save a helpless animal, only to have their “rescue” become a source of hope, humor, and transformation in their own lives.

And prisoners, it turns out, are no exception, as demonstrated by a program offered by the SPCA Monterey County and the Soledad facility.

The program, Ruff Start, gives inmates at the maximum security prison to train a dog for adoption in as little as eight weeks.

Now in its ninth year, Ruff Start is led by trainer and pet behavior specialist Jamie Doglione.

“My job is to give the inmates tools to be good dog trainers, and I try to keep them as current as possible on training methods and best practices,” said Doglione, who said that dogs of all ages are screened for the program.

Some might be extremely shy or fearful of humans, or may be in protective custody as subjects of animal cruelty investigations. Others, especially the older dogs, are recovering from serious medical conditions.

Lovable misfits

Every couple of months, Doglione chaperones a new class of loveable misfits to the prison. And, she’s there every Tuesday and Thursday, guiding up to 20 dogs and 40 budding trainers through the learning process.

Humans in the program share something with their trainees — housed in the prison’s Alpha and Delta units, they too have needed help. Both facilities are designated for inmates who, for a number of reasons, would risk being targeted for violence living among the general population.

New techniques

Accompanied by a volunteer from the SPCA, Doglione leads hour-long training sessions in both prison yards. She combines her years of expertise as an animal behavior specialist with a multimedia approach, often screening helpful training videos during sessions or bringing back insights from the professional conferences she attends several times per year, so that Ruff Start participants can put new techniques into practice.

The curriculum may be state-of-the-art, but the classroom is still a state prison.

“We’re given certain areas of the yard to work, between indoor and outdoor spaces. We move around a lot, though we tend to get pretty lucky during our scheduled times,” said Doglione, who added that there’s no getting around the constant alarms, slamming doors, raised voices, and a “couple hundred people” around.

“Prison is always a very fluid situation, which is actually very good for the dogs to learn in varied contexts,” she said.

Between 2013 and 2016, Doglione was a member of the SPCA’s Wildlife Rehabilitation team. She stepped away for a few years, then returned in 2020 specifically to lead the Ruff Start program.

Since then, she’s graduated almost every dog who entered the program with a Canine Good Citizen Certificate for dis-



“Many of our trainers say their motivation is the opportunity to participate in our program,” said a representative of the SPCA’s Ruff Start partnership with Salinas Valley State Prison.

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utes a week of moderate exercise — a rate that means having a conversation is possible, but not easy. If possible, two days should also include resistance training to build muscle. Prescription weight-loss drugs can aid in shedding pounds as well.

Decreasing stress and learning to deal with it constructively are helpful, but if your idea of relaxing is having a couple of stiff drinks, you should know that alcohol can also contribute to heart disease. Recent studies have refuted the long-held notion that a little red wine is good for the heart, and many doctors now agree that there is no truly “safe” amount of alcohol. Put another way, as Healthy Lifestyles reported last year in a story on addiction, there is no physical condition that is improved by alcohol.

Gonzalez noted that young adults are increasingly turning away from booze. A quick look at supermarket shelves

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“It’s important for men to realize that they have a little bit slower recovery and functional outcome,” Reddy said. “Men have to work harder before and after surgery to have better outcomes.”

With most patients walking the same day as they have a hip or knee replacement, the initial recovery time is focused on reducing swelling, improving range-of-motion and walking more extensively. After that, there is continuing work to improve strength and range of motion.

Patients will ultimately regain more capabilities than they had prior to joint replacement and be able to take part in activities they had to abandon before. Returning to hobbies such as yoga, golf or pickleball can all be possible.

“Recovery is a complex question, it is different for every patient,” Reddy said, noting that the timing and speed have to do with what kind of condition the patient was in. “If they have done their work in advance,” he said, outcomes can make them feel like they’re as good as new.



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THE KITCHEN

Parsley turkey burgers with tzatziki sauce: A perfect summer delight

Courtesy Fuad Al Qudsi

SAID RECIPE author and nutritionist Fuad Al Qudsi, “As summer approaches, the allure of outdoor grilling and fresh, wholesome meals becomes irresistible. This year, try this delicious and healthy recipe that embodies the spirit of the season.”

He noted, “These turkey burgers are not only light and flavorful, but they are packed with nutrients. Ground turkey provides a lean source of protein, while fresh herbs like parsley and scallions add vibrant flavor.” The herbs are great sources of vitamins, as well, but the small quantities mean that you might want to add a side salad or other vegetables to make a complete meal.

A few notes:
Since the sauce needs to sit, make that first. You can make it a day ahead; just stir it back together if it separates.

Greek yogurt is significantly thicker than the regular variety, and is necessary for the sauce. If you have a large amount of regular yogurt to use up, you can line a colander with a clean dishtowel, dump the regular yogurt in and let it drain for several hours — most sources recommend at least eight — in the refrigerator.

The cucumber’s high water content will also make the sauce too thin, which is why you need to grate and drain it. Leaving the skin on makes it easier to handle, but you’ll need to scrub it thoroughly to remove dirt, wax or oil. It can occasionally be bitter, too. Some cooks split the difference and remove alternating strips of peel after a thorough washing.

You can also cut the whole vegetable lengthwise and use a teaspoon or melon baller to scoop out the seeds before you grate it, but again, that makes it a little harder to handle.

Once you’ve grated it into the dishtowel — and we’re talking about something

more linen-y than terrycloth — pull up the four corners and start twisting it over the sink. Keep going until you’ve gotten most of the liquid out. Given all the steps you’re going to do to reduce the amount of liquid, err on the side of a larger cucumber than a smaller one.

Use fresh herbs for this, as the dried variety add unwanted texture and aren’t nearly as pretty.

Check the fat content on the ground turkey. If you buy all breast meat, which is often 99 percent lean, the burgers will be dry. Your hands are the best tools to mix up the meat and herbs — just make sure you wash them thoroughly with soap and water after handling raw poultry and don’t use the bowl for anything else until it’s been washed. A meat thermometer is the only way to ensure the burgers are done.

Food sanitation experts recommend never serving any kind of burger — including beef — rare or medium-rare. The reason is that if you make a steak, the outside is thoroughly seared, so any surface bacteria are killed. However, in ground meat, bacteria are distributed throughout, so everything needs to come to the same temperature.

INGREDIENTS

(Serves 8)

Turkey burgers:

- 2 pounds ground turkey (93% lean)
- 2 tablespoons chopped scallion
- 2 teaspoons chopped parsley
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili pepper flakes (optional)
- 2 tablespoons fresh garlic, minced

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine the ground turkey, chopped scallion, minced garlic, parsley, cayenne pepper, and salt. Mix thoroughly.

Shape the mixture into eight 4-ounce patties and place them on a broiler pan.

To bake:

Once the oven is preheated, bake the patties for 30 minutes. Let cool for 5-10 minutes before serving.

To grill:

Heat a grill or grill pan over medium heat.

Grill the burgers for 4 to 6 minutes per side, until they reach an internal temperature of 165°F.

Serve the burgers on a bed of fresh butter lettuce and top with a generous dollop of tzatziki sauce. This combination not only looks appealing but also packs a flavorful punch!

Tzatziki sauce:

1 cup Greek yogurt (low-fat or nonfat)

1 medium cucumber with skin removed (see notes) grated and excess water squeezed out

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon fresh dill (or 1 teaspoon dried dill)

1 tablespoon fresh mint (optional)

¼ teaspoon sea salt and pepper

Grate the cucumber and squeeze out excess water using a kitchen towel (see notes in the introduction).

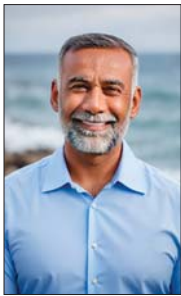
In a bowl, thoroughly combine the Greek yogurt, grated cucumber, minced garlic, olive oil, lemon juice, and dill.

Season well, adding salt and pepper to taste.

Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to meld. The saucer can be prepared up to a day ahead.



Chef Bio



FUAD AL Qudsi is a registered dietitian and nutritionist and a certified fitness trainer, but above all, he is a food enthusiast at heart. Growing up in Saudi Arabia in a family that loved to cook influenced his connection with what people eat from a young age.

Even though he was interested in food and nutrition, his professional path took a different turn when he obtained a degree in geology and worked as an environmental engineer. Twenty years ago, when he moved to San Francisco, he decided to become a certified personal trainer. His interest in healthy, tasty food grew, prompting him to pursue and acquire a degree in nutrition and dietetics, and he relocated here from the San Francisco area in summer 2020. He’s the founder of FuadFit, a private practice for nutrition counseling.

Al Qudsi says he specializes in weight management for adults and older adults, as well as “sports nutrition, and all the nutrition-related diseases associated with undesirable body weight. This includes pre-diabetes, diabetes, elevated blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and coronary heart disease.”

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playing good manners. Graduates find loving homes, occasionally with the prisoner who trained them.

“One former inmate comes to mind,” said Doglione. “He was a younger kid at the prison, and the day he was released his grandpa came to pick him up. They drove to the SPCA right away, so he could adopt the dog he’d trained.”

“Many of our trainers say their motivation is the opportunity to participate in our program,” said Doglione.

Some have stuck around to train five or six dogs, while others only needed to meet the right little terrier to turn things around.

“It’s one of the reasons we lose some of our best inmate trainers. They get moved to lower-security facilities for good behavior,” said Beth Brookhouser, a spokesperson for the nonprofit.

“Good behavior” is good on paper — especially for inmates working to reduce their sentence or move to a safer, less turbulent block of the prison — but it’s only one of the benefits participants attribute to the experience.

“Ruff Start has brought out my compassion and empathy that was buried deep down inside of me. I had a lot of anger and this program has washed it away,” an inmate named David told the SPCA staff.

“We have inmates who say they haven’t touched a dog in 20 years. The contact alone is meaningful, and helps them let the softer side out,” Brookhouser said.

Living and learning

Ditto for the dogs. For them, the program runs like an unconventional and, ultimately, therapeutic sleep-away camp.

Throughout those eight weeks, they spend 24/7 with their trainers, living, learning, and gradually warming up to the idea of being the loveable creatures they are. A dog could be 1 year old — like Alix, David’s trainee who was aggressive when

she wasn’t cowering from people — up to 8 years old. Many of the older dogs are healing from illness, injury, or other painful symptoms of neglect.

“We send some of the most fearful and shy dogs there. By the end, they’ve blossomed. You would have never known they were the ones shaking in their kennels,” said Doglione.

‘Joyful pride’

Another trainer, Timothy, echoed Doglione. His dog, Kevin, was recovering from heartworm over the two months spent with him and his cellmate.

“It gives me pride to know that a dog has helped me as much as I tried to help them. Kevin learned that it’s OK to trust, that there is love in humans,” Timothy said. “It allows me to stay positive, that I’m doing something good with my life inside these walls.”

Doglione said that the emotional and mental benefits are mutual. The dogs can find happy homes, and as for trainers, she can think of a few who have gone on to work with animals.

Meanwhile, the benefits of “doing something good” while incarcerated are immediate.

“In prison, you have to put up walls, but working with dogs from the SPCA, inmates can’t help but open up, get silly, and access emotions they’ve had to suppress in order to survive,” said Doglione, who underscored that her work is only possible through donors’ generosity.

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reveals that mocktails — many with relatively low sugar content — are readily available, and bartenders pride themselves on tasty grownup beverages for tee-totalers. Heck, some fake beer is indistinguishable from the real deal and has fewer calories.

Finally, smokers should quit. Gonzalez also addressed vaping, saying that while it may decrease some of the



Dr. Sergio Gonzalez

harmful tars associated with cigarette use, the amount of chemicals in one ampule of vape liquid can be equal to that found in as many as 400 cigarettes, so people who think they're smoking less could be taking in the equivalent of several packs a day.

Kaiser, like some other medical providers, has embraced a collaborative approach to heart health with an emphasis on prevention, and they say it's working. Noted Gonzalez, "Our Northern California caregivers have reduced severe heart attacks by 72 percent using a team-based, preventive approach." Primary care doctors are supported by teams that include dietitians and nutritionists, as well as lifestyle coaches to help people get healthier.

Professionals in behavioral medicine can help people reduce and manage stress, while sleep specialists can assist with in-

somnia — another problem associated with increased risk of heart problems. If medication is necessary, a pharmacist becomes part of the team, and if there is a cardiac injury of some sort, like a heart attack, a cardiologist, physical therapist, and cardiac physical therapist can become

involved.

The bottom line is that while cardiovascular disease is the most common cause of death among men and women, many aspects of it are within your control, and it's worth addressing with your family doctor the next time you meet.

SIGNS OF HEART ATTACK



The American Heart Association provides this information regarding the symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if you experience them on its website, heart.org, which has an abundance of educational materials to help keep your heart healthy.

Don't wait to get help if you have any heart attack warning signs. Some heart attacks are sudden and intense. Others start slowly with mild pain or discomfort.

Call 911 if you have:

Chest discomfort. Most people having a heart attack feel discomfort in the center of the chest. It can last more than a few minutes, or it may go away and then return. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in the:

- Arms (one or both)
- Back
- Neck
- Jaw
- Stomach

Shortness of breath. This can happen with or without chest discomfort.

Other signs.

- Breaking out in a cold sweat
- Nausea
- Rapid or irregular heartbeat
- Feeling unusually tired
- Feeling lightheaded

What to do

The heart association advises that calling 911 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment.

An emergency medical services (EMS) team can begin treatment when they arrive. EMS staff are also trained to give resuscitation efforts to someone whose heart has stopped. People with chest pain who arrive by ambulance may also get faster treatment at the hospital.

For many reasons, it's best to call 911 so a trained EMS team can begin treatment and arrange rapid transport to the emergency room.

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Wailin’ Jennys visit Golden State, plastic surgeon brings jazz to Cypress Inn

BEST KNOWN for their three-part harmonies and rich acoustic sound, **The Wailin’ Jennys** play Friday, 7 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Founded in 2002, the Canadian acoustic trio features two members from its original lineup, soprano **Ruth Moody** and mezzo **Nicky Mehta**. Alto **Heather Masse** joined the group in 2007.

The Wailin’ Jennys have earned Juno Awards — the

Canadian equivalent of a Grammy — in 2005 and 2012 for Best Traditional Album. Tickets start at \$39. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com

Next up at the Golden State is a July 8 concert by **The Oak Ridge Boys**.

■ New on Thursdays

Starting July 3, **The David Morwood Jazz Band** takes over the Thursday night live music slot at the Cypress Inn in Carmel. The music starts at 6 p.m.

The inn called Morwood, a drummer who is also a plastic surgeon, “a Carmel music legend” who is “known for straight-ahead jazz with swing-era soul, and whose performances blend nostalgia and serious chops.”

The Cypress Inn is located at Lincoln and Seventh.

■ ‘Jam’ set for Sunday

The latest Jazz Jam comes to the Embassy Suites in Seaside Sunday at 1 p.m., offering a stage for a band with a funny name, **Wrockinfoose**.

“This phenomenal band, led by keyboardist, singer, and songwriter **Luca Fredrickson**, brings together some of the finest local musicians,” said **Jim Vanderzwaan**, who co-hosts the monthly musical gatherings.

“Professional performers are encouraged to join in, and music lovers and dancers are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fantastic music,” Vanderzwaan added.

There’s no cover. Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.



Singer and banjo player Abigail Washburn and others perform Saturday at a barn in Big Sur.

■ Fiddlin’ around in Big Sur

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veggie quesadilla," and fans of Corralitos Sausage Co. can order two beef links served with a soft pretzel. Most menu items are priced at less than \$20 — the exceptions are the lobster mac and cheese

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■ Brewpub is back

Peter B's, the longtime craft brewery at Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street, reopened this week following a \$2 million renovation. The update introduces a new design, reworked menu and expanded beer offerings, but with the casual vibe that's made it a popular hangout for more than two decades.

The restaurant also launched a Thursday night summer live music series, scheduled to continue through October on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

The updated menu features what the hotel's marketing folks describe as "American comfort food with



Peter B's, the popular brewpub in the Portola Hotel in Monterey, is reopening after a \$2 million renovation. There's also a revamped menu, and some new brews are on tap.

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at \$21 and the prime rib chili nachos at \$22. Happy hour offerings, priced at \$5, include favorites like mini quesadillas and an Italian meatball slider alongside roasted eggplant bites infused with a honey-miso marinade, and seared ahi tuna over Asian cucumber.

Hidden gem

“Head brewer Natalie Mika will introduce several new beers, including a Raspberry Wheat with Marionberry and Chamomile, a White Peach Sakura inspired by cherry blossoms, and a Chocolate Oatmeal Stout made with ReGenMalt, a grain that

supports regenerative agriculture. Returning brews like the Inclusion Amber Ale remain on tap,” they added.

With more than 20 HDTVs, a heated patio that welcomes pets, and private dining in the Barrel Room, the venue also promises “a kid-friendly menu and casual seating.”

“Peter B’s has been a hidden gem and locals favorite for years,” said Janine Chincourrat, the hotel’s managing director. “This renovation not only honors our legacy but also reimagines it — introducing affordable menu options and transforming the space into a more welcoming, inclusive, and deeply connected hub for our community than ever before.”

The brewery will operate Thursday through Monday from 4 to 10 p.m., with bar hours until 11 p.m. on Fridays and Sat-

urdays. Happy hour and “Yappy Hour” are available from 4 to 6 p.m., with a late-night happy hour from 9 to 10 p.m. Locals and active duty military get a 15 percent discount on food, and breakfast is served on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. during football season.

RoseBernard Studio led the renovation, using wood, copper and stone to create a setting that “references both the local landscape and the brewery’s history.” The Barrel Room features a custom table built from reclaimed wood by local artisan Todd Wilde, who was inspired by wine barrels previously used on site.

More information and the full menu are available at peterbsmonterey.com.



Monterey’s annual beer festival is back, this time as Bay Brew Fest. In addition to the opportunity to taste dozens of craft brews, participants can participate in fun activities, listen to live music and enjoy a variety of foods available for purchase.

day for general admission, and VIP tickets, which allow admission at noon and include spirits tastings, are \$50 in advance and \$65 on Saturday. Designated drivers get in for \$20. For more information and ticket purchases, visit baybrewfest.com. To learn more about Tippy Putt, visit tippyputt.com.

More suds

The Monterey Beer Festival has been rechristened Bay Brew Fest, and the 2025 event on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Monterey Fairgrounds is presented by Tippy Putt on Cannery Row. Local craft beer fans can enjoy tastings from dozens of breweries, live music, food vendors, and games — including a cornhole tournament — organizers say.

Tippy Putt, a mini golf bar and restaurant serving a variety of local beers on tap, joins as a new sponsor this year. Local breweries include Alvarado Street, Dust Bowl, Hops & Fog, and Other Brother.

Taylor Baldwin of Bay Brew Fest said, “Tippy Putt embodies local pride, good vibes, and a commitment to community — values we share at Bay Brew Fest.”

Tippy Putt will also offer a “Fast Pass” entrance for those who pick up their wristbands at its Cannery Row location on Saturday, and an after-party there for wristband holders, with free games and a DJ.

All attendees — including designated drivers — must be 21 or older. No infants, toddlers or children will be admitted. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 on Satur-

Sundays at Rancho Cielo

If you’re a fan of the Drummond Culinary Academy at Rancho Cielo, the alternative high school on the edge of North Salinas, you know that the student-made dinners from October through May sell out faster than a stack of pancakes at a chuck wagon.

Well, speaking of pancakes, the school is offering summer brunch on July 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3, with seatings at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., noon, 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. According to Rancho Cielo’s website, where you can find a link to make reservations, “Brunch will be served on our outdoor patio, with beautiful views of the Salinas Valley. Our students will be preparing classic favorites like French toast, omelets, oysters and more. Fresh-squeezed orange juice and mimosas will be on the menu, too, and everything is prepared under the supervision of executive chef Estevan Jimenez. Local beer and wine is

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available for purchase, or bring your own wine for a \$25 corkage fee.

The students also serve as waitstaff, and they are some of the hardest-working teenagers you'll ever meet. Serving real customers gives everyone in the program a great hands-on learning opportunity.

How good is the food and service? It's rated 4.9 out of five on TripAdvisor, making it a delicious way to contribute to a young person's future. Visit [ranchocieloyc.org](#) for more info.

The Fourth at the Wharf

July 4-6, Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf will celebrate the 249th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with patriotic decorations and special events.

Within walking distance of the parade on Alvarado Street and the party on the lawn at Colton Hall, the wharf offers family-friendly shopping, a variety of restaurants — from casual to high-end — and

activities like whale watching, fishing, sailing and glass-bottom boat tours.

Merchants are offering holiday promotions, including a fundraiser at Carousel Candies to benefit the Veterans Transition Center of California ([vtcofcalifornia.org](#)), a group that helps former service members to avoid or escape homelessness. Its website notes that it is one of only a few groups that welcomes veterans, their families and even pets.

In addition to help with housing, the group offers resources like clothing, furniture, transportation, assistance with benefits, mental health and substance abuse counseling and employment assistance. It also works with veterans who are in prison at Soledad, offering a transitional "re-entry" program that has had a zero recidivism rate.

Carousel Candies, open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., will donate 10 percent of all sales from July 4-6 to the center. Customers will also receive a complimentary bag of red, white and blue salt water taffy with any purchase.

The shop, which has been family-owned for 65 years, is known for its taffy, caramel apples, chocolates and other sweets.

Elaine Hesser wrote this week's column.



Students from Rancho Cielo's Drummond Culinary Academy are shown at an event at the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach. The school announced that they'll also be preparing and serving Sunday brunch in July and the first week in August.

Monterey County Pops at Devendorf

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE 40-PIECE Monterey County Pops orchestra will return to Devendorf Park in Carmel for its annual Independence Day concert July 4, offering a free afternoon of patriotic tunes and classics.

The event will begin at 1 p.m. with a performance by Estillo Eficiente "setting a lively and beautiful tone for the day."

The Monterey County Pops will begin playing at 2 p.m., promising to "delight audiences of all ages with an engaging and memorable program of popular and patriotic music."

Devendorf Park is located at Ocean Avenue and Junipero Street. Free all-day parking can be found in the Vista Lobos lot a few blocks on Third Avenue between Junipero and Torres streets.

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ranch. This year’s camp is the 16th annual, and each camp ends with an acoustic concert by the instructors. This year’s Big Sur Fiddle Camp Concert is set for Saturday at 7 p.m. The performers include **John Weed**, **Abigail Washburn**, **Elise Levy**, **Zach Brown**, and others. Tickets are \$35. For more details, visit bigsurfiddlecamp.org.

Live music June 27-July 3

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **Wayward Jerry** (country and folk, Sunday at 1 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.
Henry Miller Library — **The Big Sur Sliders** (rock, jazz and funk, Friday at 6 p.m. 48603 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Thursday 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.), 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.), **David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

De Tierra Vineyards — singer and guitarist **Chuy** (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 Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, 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 guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur Vineyards Tasting Room — singer and guitarist **Blaise DiGirolamo** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place.

Edgar’s Restaurant — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Friday at 5 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist **Al James** (Friday at 3 p.m.), **Magenta Spreen** (folk, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Monterey Jazz Regional All-Star Combo** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.



One of the Monterey Peninsula’s busiest performers, singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom plays rock and blues Saturday, 6 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Monterey.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery — **Magenta Spreen** (folk, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Saturday at 6 p.m.) singer **Eliza James** and singer-guitarist **Keith Rayburn** (Sunday at 4 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Bon Ton LeRoy’s Smokehouse — **Open Mic Night** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

Bulldog Sports Pub — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly community jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.

Cibo — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Estéban Restaurant — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish and classical, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Casa Munras Hotel, 700 Munras Ave.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — guitarist **Dan Cortes** (American roots and traditional Mexican music, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf

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Saturdays–Soulful blues with Debbie Davis, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Terry’s Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

Sundays – Jazz brunch with the Andrea Carter Trio, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Terry’s Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

June 27 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a luncheon lecture at the Monterey Marriott. Topic is **“Fault**

Lines and Front Lines: Turkey’s Role in a Fractured Region,” presented by Col. Christopher Welch (U.S. Air Force, ret). Visit <http://www.wacmb.org> for event information and registration.

June 27, 28 & 29 – Soapbox Stageworks presents its summer comedy kickoff, with four hilarious one-act plays. Setting is the Carl Cherry Theater in Carmel-by-the-Sea. For tickets and information, visit www.soapboxstageworks.org

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Midici Pizza — Janice’s Jazz Jam with keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **David Franc** and drummer **Andy Weis** (Sunday at 5 p.m.) and **The Peter Martin 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 **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Monday 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.

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but determined the next day the gown had been left at the shop.

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PERFORM

From page 47A

Peter Bs Brewpub — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 2 Portola Plaza.

Portola Hotel & Spa — **The International Trio** (“songs from all over the world,” Friday at 6 p.m.). On Jack’s Terrace, 2 Portola Plaza.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitar-ist **Anthony Presti** (Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Linda Arceo** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), **Smoky Vegas** (classic lounge, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Recycled Records — **Nathan Sadly** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 604 Lighthouse Ave.

Salty Seal Pub — **Sixth Street Alternative** (alt-rock hits from the 90s to today, Friday at 8 p.m.). 653 Can-nery Row.

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

Sly McFly’s — **The Hackjammers** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Speakeasy Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bazooka Jones** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bobby & Friends** (funk and r&b, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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

Lucy’s on Lighthouse — **Wolf Dog Walker** (rock, Friday at the 2 p.m.), **Broken Shades** (blues,



Singer and guitarist Anthony Presti performs Thursday, 6 p.m., at the Puma Road tasting room in Monterey.

See **CONCERT** page 51A

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251003
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PERFECTLY PRESSED, 491 Alvarado St., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PERFECTLY PRESSED NATURALS, P.O. Box 6203, Carmel, CA 93921.
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 Nov. 1, 2018.
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/Alex McCloskey, President
Date: May 30, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 30, 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 637)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250988
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **Off Main Laundromat, 319 Main St Salinas, CA 93901,** County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): V & C Holdings Corp. 1126 Orinda Way, Salinas, CA 93901
This business is conducted by a corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable
S/ Carlos E. Nieto Jr, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/28/2025
6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25
CNS-3937661#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025. (PC 643)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251029
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **GrantRush, 405 Oso Doro Ct, Monterey, CA 93940,** County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Mark Reith
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 04/22/2025
S/ Mark Reith
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/03/2025
6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25
CNS-3937704#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025. (PC 644)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251086
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PREVENTION & WELLNESS NURSING,** 973 Margaret St., Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): BENITO ESPINOZA, P.O. Box 3162, Monterey, CA 93942.
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/Benito Espinoza Jr.
Date signed: June 11, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 11, 2025.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Publication Dates: June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025 (PC 646)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250881
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.


The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NOVEMBER RANCH, 38611 Madrone Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SECCOMBE HOMES INC., P.O. Box 221454, Carmel, CA 93922.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: Colorado
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/Alfred Seccombe, President
Date: April 16, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 8, 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 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025. (PC 647)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20250985
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **WESTERN FUELS MANAGEMENT, 2455 TUCKAHOE TER, WATSONVILLE, CA 95076,** County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): RICHARD ALEXANDER SWITZER
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ RICHARD ALEXANDER SWITZER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 5/28/2025
6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25
CNS-3937901#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025. (PC 649)

A.P.N.: 001-026-011-000 File # 15953552 T.S. No.: 25-14308-168 Loan No.: *****0001
Notice of Unified Trustee’s Sale Note: There is a summary of the information in this document attached*
*[Pursuant to civil code§ 2923.3(a), the summary of information referred to above is not attached to the recorded copy of this document, but only to the copies provided to trustor.] You are in default under a deed of trust dated 9/16/2019. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a 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 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. 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. Original Trustor(s): Fabrice L. Rondia, an unmarried man Duly Appointed Trnstee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation Recorded 10/11/2019 as Document No. 2019046821, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California Date of Sale: 7/22/2025, at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, Ca 93901 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,322,030.70 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 419 Wave Street, Monterey, Ca 93940 A.P.N.: 001-026-011-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Beneficiary hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code section 9604, et seq., and to include in the non-judicial foreclosure of the real property interest described in the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust, all of the personal property and fixtures, together with replacements and proceeds, if applicable, described in the security agreement, dated 9/16/2019, and UCC Financing Statement in favor of Monterey County Bank, filed with the Official Records of the Secretary of State, State of California, on 10/15/2019, as Filing No. 19-7740590214 as continued in a UCC Financing Statement Amendment filed with the Official Records of the Secretary of State, State of California, on 9/27/2024, as Filing No. U240075695629, and also recorded in Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, on 10/11/2019 as Instrument No. 2019046824 as continued in a UCC Financing Statement Amendment recorded in Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, on 10/11/2024 as Instrument No. 2024038454 between the original trustor and the original beneficiary, as it may have been amended from time to time, and pursuant to any other instruments between the trustor, Belgian Pacific, LLC and beneficiary referencing a security interest in personal property. Beneficiary reserves its right to revoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, at Beneficiary’s sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the Trustee’s Sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee’s Sale. A description of the personal property, which was given as security for trustor’s obligation is: All Equipment, Fixtures, Inventory, Accounts, Right to Set Off, Instruments. 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All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss or other disposition of any of the property in this section, and sums due from a third party who has damaged or destroyed the Collateral or from that party’s insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement or other process. All records and data relating to any of the property described whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Grantor’s right, title and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process any such records or data on electronic media. No warranty is made that any or all of the personal property still exists or is available for the successful bidder and no warranty is made as to the condition of any of the personal property, which shall be sold “as is, where is”. You have the right to request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the property being sold. You may submit your request to the address listed below. The charge for this request is \$30.00. You may be liable for any deficiency if the secured obligation is not paid in full. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust and Security Agreement heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a Written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee’s Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f. 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. Bidders at the trustee auction must make cashier’s checks payable to WT Capital. Third party cashier’s checks will not be accepted. 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 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website **www.wtcap.com**, using the file number assigned to this case 25-14308-168. 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: Effective 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 (559) 228-8393,** or visit this internet website **www.wtcap.com**, using the file number assigned to this case 25-14308-168 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. Dated: June 20, 2025 WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap.com By Nate Kucera Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 39726 06/27/25, 07/04/25, 07/11/25)

Publication date: June 27, July 4, 11, 2025 (PC663)



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

NOTICE OF UNSCHEDULED VACANCY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. In accordance with the requirements of Government Code 54974, the following special vacancy notice was posted at Carmel-by-the Sea City Hall located at Monte Verde between Ocean and 7th Avenue, Harrison Memorial Library, located on the NE corner of Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Street, the Carmel-by-the-Sea Post Office, 5th Avenue between Dolores and San Carlos Street.

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is now accepting applications for the following Board:

- One (1) Unscheduled vacancy on the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees (term expiring 5/30/2026)

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications are available on the City’s website at <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/boards-and-commissions> or may be picked up at City Hall, located on the East Side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues. Contact the City Clerk, Nova Romero, if you have any questions at cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us or by calling 831-620-2000.

The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2025. Applications may be emailed to the City Clerk or dropped off at City Hall by the deadline.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Applicant interviews with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem will be scheduled for mid-to-late July. The City Council will ratify an appointment to fill the unscheduled vacancy at a meeting following the application deadline.

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Nova Romero, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: she is the duly appointed and qualified City Clerk for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and that on June 20, 2025, she caused the above Special Vacancy Notice to be posted in accordance with California State Government Code § 54974.

NOVA ROMERO
City Clerk
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Dated: 6/20/2025
Published: 6/27/2025

Publication date: June 27, 2025 (PC660)



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

FOR CONGLOMERATE PAVING PROJECT FY 24-25

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting bids from qualified Contractors for work including but not limited to:

AC Paving / Overlay Streets

- AC paving and overlay activities are planned for 10 streets across the city’s vicinity, with the potential inclusion of one street located beyond city limits.

These roadway improvements include: lowering utility irons, patch paving, conform grinding, reconstruction of several ADA ramps, placing a 2” or 2-1/2” thick AC overlay, restoring AC berms, swales and pavement markings, and raising utility irons.

Micro –Surfacing Streets

- The project includes planned resurfacing using micro-surfacing treatment on as many as 21 street segments

These roadway improvements include: patch paving, removing markings, crack sealing, applying micro-surfacing, and restoring pavement markings.

Sidewalk Improvements

- West Side of Junipero Street between Sixth Avenue and Ocean Avenue
- Northwest Corner of Dolores Street and Seventh Avenue
- North Side of Sixth Avenue between Lincoln Street and Dolores Street
- South Side of Sixth Avenue between Mission Street and Junipero Street
- Southeast Corner of Dolores Street and Ocean Avenue

These roadway improvements include: removing existing brick, concrete, asphalt, and paver sidewalk segments, regrading and compacting subgrade, installing redwood headers and new permeable pavers or asphalt sidewalk, reconstructing curb and gutter, cobblestone curb, AC berms, and adjusting utility boxes to grade.

There will be a Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Tour at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 02, 2025 we will be meeting at the southeast corner of Junipero Street and 6th Avenue. This meeting will allow bidders to receive an overview of the project, review the working areas, and ask questions.

The Invitation for Bids is available at <http://ci.carmel.ca.us/carmel> (under the tab “I Want to” “Submit a Bid or Proposal”) or by contacting Carmel Public Works Department at 831-620-2070. At the time of the Bid opening, the successful Bidder must be legally entitled to perform Contracts requiring Class A General Contractor’s License. Questions regarding this solicitation are to be directed to Javier Hernandez, City Project Manager, at jhernandez@ci.carmel.ca.us. **All questions must be submitted via email by Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM. Responses will be posted on the City website at <http://ci.carmel.ca.us> by Friday, July 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM. Sealed Bids shall be received no later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 22, 2025** and shall be submitted to the attention of the City Clerk with the envelope **clearly labeled Conglomerate Paving Project FY 24-25** and showing the name of the Contractor.

Bid may be hand delivered or mailed as follows:

US Post Office
City of Carmel-By-the-Sea
City Clerk
P.O. Box CC
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

OR

FedEx/UPS/ Courier Service or Hand Delivery
City of Carmel-By-the-Sea
City Clerk
Eastside of Monte Verde between Ocean & Seventh Avenues
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

Bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. Bids received after the stated deadline will be returned unopened. Per Sections 1725.5, 1771.1, 1771.3, and 1771.4 of the Labor Code, this project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. All Contractors and Subcontractors shall be listed in the bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, and shall be currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code.

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Your Favorite Love Songs — Strings Attached

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WED, FEB 18, 2026 7:30PM

THE DOO WOP PROJECT

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Tickets: \$45 / \$60 / \$75



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THURS, MAR 5, 2026 7:30PM

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FRI, APR 10, 2026 7:30PM

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