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WATER DISTRICT GM TO CITY: DON'T BE STINGY

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY should provide water to anyone who asks for it, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District general manager Dave Stoldt told the Carmel City Council Tuesday, because there's plenty to go around, thanks to the expansion of the Pure Water Monterey wastewater recycling plant.

The city's allocation as of March 1 was 2.661 acre-feet, Stoldt noted, but with the upgraded plant coming online by the end of the year, its water bank account will increase by 14 acre-feet.

The amount is based on historic use figures provided by California American Water - which show demand hit an impressive 20-year low last year of just over 9,000 acre-feet, compared with a little more than 15,000 acrefeet in 2004 — along with anticipated population growth and commercial expansion gauged by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, and the state's demand for more housing.

Slow growth, more houses

Stoldt pointed out that AMBAG predicted a 25-year population increase of just 35 people in the City of Carmel, but the same organization devised the 349-unit allocation that state law demanded be planned for in the city's housing element. The water district developed a formula using both figures to predict a 25-year water need of 43 additional acre-feet and set the new allocation at a third of that.

"But we retained 2,094 acre-feet for future allocation," he said, so if the city doles out its share, it can request more.

Rainbow crosswalk may have to go

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Monterey Peninsula Pride and Monterey Mayor Tyller Williamson (center) celebrated a new rainbow-colored crosswalk on Alvarado Street with a June 20 ribbon cutting, but the federal government says they should remove it. See page 9A.

"So, we encourage you to not ration your water," Stoldt told the council. "I'm not saying first come, first served, but try to be expansive in your approach. Remodels are OK. Commercial growth is OK."

Any property with a water meter could add an accessory dwelling unit or expand a residence or housing complex,

See WATER page 18A

Gas prices could soar as clean air rules take effect

By CAITLIN CONRAD

GASOLINE IS almost 20 cents per gallon cheaper than it was a year ago in the Golden State, but the downward trend may be coming to an end this summer, thanks to new rules to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

On Tuesday, a new "low carbon fuel standard" took effect that could significantly increase prices at the pump. The California Air Resources Board voted to increase the standard in November, but the rules have been on hold for months while the state's office of administrative law made dozens of technical changes.

The air board approved those changes Friday, just in time for the new fiscal year.

'Critical certainty'

"Implementing the July 1 effective date for the low carbon standard provides critical certainty to the industry, as well as the carbon credit market," said air resources board chair Liane Randolph.

The fuel standard requires carbon dioxide emissions

from transportation fuels to decline every year, including a 30 percent cut over the next five years and a 90 percent reduction by 2045.

To hit those targets, bulk fuel sellers such as refineries must reduce emissions or buy credits from companies that sell lower-carbon fuels to offset emissions.

Prices for those credits increased under the new fuel standard this week.

The increased cost of credits means more money for clean energy infrastructure, like electric vehicle charging stations, and companies that produce clean energy

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Mechanical marvel lets paralyzed racer ride again

■ Wayne Rainey back at Laguna Seca

Council cools on valet parking but likes stop signs

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE THE Carmel City Council last month showed interest in seeing if valet parking could relieve some of downtown's parking woes, Mayor Dale Byrne failed Tuesday to get the support needed to take the idea to the next step of seeking proposals from vendors interested in taking on the job

Similarly, councilmembers showed a lack of interest in undoing some of the changes brought about by the AB

413 Daylighting Law that removed parking spaces near crosswalks.

Byrne and a committee he 'Valet parking created had proposed those measures, along with several others, as potential ways to free up parking in the commercial areas, where motorists often spend time circling block after block in search of spots. The far-reaching

doesn't feel like Carmel — it feels like La Jolla'

plan presented last month listed near-term and long-term options, including setting up valet service by Carmel Plaza to ferry visitors' cars to parking areas outside the downtown area and developing a plan to bring back some of the parking spots lost to AB 413.

Done and undone

"Due to the speed at which valet parking could be implemented and ended, the council expressed particular interest in immediately exploring the concept as a potentially innovative step toward intercepting visitor vehicles before they enter the central commercial district," assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson said in his July 1 report. Councilmembers wanted to know whether it would be feasible and asked about liability, zoning compatibility and how it would operate, including the collection of fees.

The program would use a professional service to stage cars in the tour-bus parking area on the Junipero side of Carmel Plaza and move them to "offsite parking lots on city-owned properties, such as Vista Lobos and Sunset Center, as well as privately held lots made available through partnership agreements," according to Swanson. "Another interesting option is the potential expansion

See PARKING page 19A



Construction to begin at Rancho Cañada Village

By CHRIS COUNTS

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m M}_{
m ORE}$ THAN two decades after the late Nick Lombardo proposed building 280 homes on land in Carmel Valley where Rancho Cañada's West Course once operated - and nine years after the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved a scaled-back version of the project - developer Alan Williams told The Pine Cone that construction is expected to start in the coming weeks, providing housing he said has been "needed forever."

The project, Rancho Cañada Village, includes 93 single-family homes, 40 workforce/inclusionary units and 12 townhouses - and the donation of 36 acres of open space to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park

AFTER A career-ending crash in Misano, Italy, left three-time world champion Wayne Rainey paralyzed from the waist down in 1993, it might have been inconceivable to think the Carmel Valley resident would ever ride a motorcycle again.

But he's done just that. Last month, for the first time since 1991, Rainey had the pleasure of doing laps on Laguna Seca raceway's world-famous 2.238 miles of 11 turns aboard a Yamaha motorcycle made just for him. And he'll do so again during the MotoAmerica Superbike Speedfest race weekend set for July 11-13.

On a typical motorcycle, a rider uses his hands and feet to shift gears, accelerate and brake, along with body weight and countless subtle inputs to maneuver, steer and balance.

Split-second decisions are constantly made based on sensory feedback a rider receives not just by what he's seeing, but by what he's feeling through his entire body.

So imagine what it's like to be aboard a two-wheeled

PHOTO/COURTESY WAYNE RAINEY

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For the first time since 1991, former racer Wayne Rainey got to ride a motorcycle at Laguna Seca – a major feat for a man who was paralyzed in a career-ending crash.

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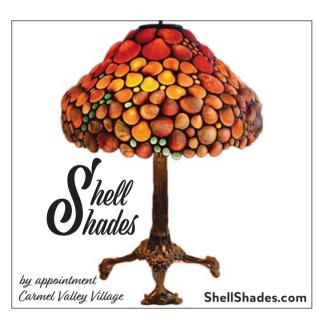
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Sandy Claws

The mayor of the manor

After a long erg when she and her husband were devoted to each other, their kids and their canine companions, once the children grew up, it seemed by 2018 her days were suddenly down to one dog and a husband.

Yet, that May, their Labradoodle, Bogey, died, and her husband fell ill.

After her son told her she would need a new friend, she went online to a breeder in Bakersfield.

"Have you ever seen a baby Labradoodle?" she asked. "They're irresistible! Bailey was born in May, around the time we'd lost Bogey, and he came home in August."

Bailey's people brought him, at 8 weeks, to their home at Carmel Valley Manor, where they never had to socialize him. The community of residents did that, dubbing him "The Mayor of the Manor."

A month later, she lost her husband of 60 years.

"Today, Bailey is a gentle giant," his person said. "You don't have to bend over to pet him. His coat is soft and white, and his eyes are warm and welcoming."

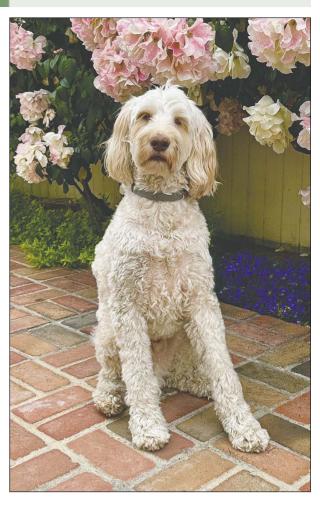
Most Sundays, Bailey's person welcomes her son to town, so he can collect Bailey and head down to Carmel Beach for a long run by the sea — a favorite pastime for both.

"I go to exercise class on the Manor putting green in the mornings," she said, "and Bailey just sits there, waiting. He's figured out the last exercise, #14. Either he can count, or he simply understands the passage of time, but he knows when to stand up, ready to have his treat."





By Lisa Crawford Watson



Carmel Valley Manor also has a small park where resident dogs love to congregate. Even the little dogs, drawn to Bailey, gather around him.

"This is his life – our life," his person said. "Bailey is my friend, my companion, my bundle of joy. He fills so many spaces in my life."

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Carmel Cares turns 5, city accepts gifts

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council on Monday formally accepted "donated professional services, materials and supplies for a wide range of projects between March 2024 through June 30" from Carmel Cares. Founded by Mayor Dale Byrne during the Covid pandemic to help beautify the city during a time when funds were scarce, the nonprofit valued those services and materials at \$262,097, plus 8,544 volunteer hours.

Carmel Cares organizes volunteers into cutely named groups like the Downtown Detail and the Median Minders that undertook numerous projects during the last 15 months, according to a June 30 report by the city's finance manager, Jayme Fields.

"Carmel Cares operates as a city sup-

projects under the guidance of the public works department and other city staff," with whom representatives meet regularly.

"This highly effective public-private partnership has led to demonstrable improvements across the community," she said.

Carmel Cares is also affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, which provides grants for litter reduction and beautification, and it collaborates with realtor Tim Allen's Carmel Gives, which has distributed more than \$2.3 million to local causes since 2020.

The list

Fields' report listed the costs and volunteer hours connected with various projects downtown, at the beach and in parks. The new Scenic pathway barrier rails,

PHOTO/CARMEL CARES

Terry and Roger Dahl started the Downtown Detail program to make the city's planters and other public spaces prettier.

port group 'dedicated to keeping Carmelby-the-Sea a beautiful, safe and inviting place," Fields said, quoting its mission, and the group "coordinates volunteers, funds contractor work and manages beautification and community engagement for instance, cost \$96,466 in labor and materials, including project management, traffic control and construction, and took 500 volunteer hours, while the Scenic outlook project headed by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Carmel class amounted to \$10,242 in work and materials and 40 volunteer hours. Weekly landscaping on the beach path cost \$5,200, along with 1,600 work hours.

The redwood fence installed late last month at Devendorf Park cost \$10,000 for labor and materials and took 32 volunteer hours, while Forest Theater maintenance and materials,

including landscaping, weeding, installing railings and cleaning, sanding and painting benches, were valued at \$17,800, plus 2,000 volunteer hours. Benches and

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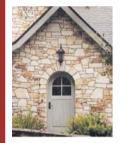
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Those are the brakes, they guess

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Morse Drive were marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject seen vandalizing a flag on the city flagpole on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to a wall on Central Avenue

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report alleging financial abuse on Carmel Valley Road.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Carmel Valley: Report of a suicidal subject with a knife locked in a bathroom at a



The gavel falls

hour parking.

Beach.

on Lighthouse Avenue.

marked for 72-hour parking.

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

April 29 — Robert Poliquin, 43, of Marina, was sentenced to four years in state prison for trespass with threats to cause serious bodily injury and resisting an executive officer by threat.

On Oct. 21, 2024, Marina Police officers responded to a report of a physical altercation on the roadway of Ingman Court. Officers learned through investigation that Poliquin had approached a male and female standing next to their vehicle and began staring at them. The male told Poliquin to leave, which angered him. Poliquin then made threats to rape the female. The female victim barricaded herself in their vehicle, but Poliquin attempted to open the doors while threatening to rape her. The male wrestled Poliquin away from the vehicle and held him down on the ground until police arrived.

On May 24, 2024, Marina Police officers responded to a report of an extremely drunk male yelling out randomly at a public park in Marina. Officers contacted Poliquin, who matched the description of the drunk male given by the reporting party. Officers smelled a heavy odor of alcohol on Poliquin's person and determined he was unable to care for his safety or the safety of others. Poliquin struggled with officers while being placed under arrest. As he was being escorted to a patrol vehicle, Poliquin told one of the officers he would shoot him. Poliquin continued to make threats during transport to the Monterey County Jail that he would shoot the officer in the parking lot and find out where he lived and shoot him.

Carmel Valley Road location. Deputies ar-

rived, and the knife was taken away from the

subject, who was transported to a local hospi-

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found passport

Pacific Grove: Verbal argument on Pacif-

Pacific Grove: Four pairs of shoes report-

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Alder Street

Pacific Grove: Report of sexual battery

Pacific Grove: Missing person from a

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Third Street

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Carl's Jr. debris to be removed

By KELLY NIX

DEMOLITION OF the Carl's Jr. restaurant in Monterey that was destroyed by fire in April will begin in a couple of weeks, a city official said this week.

At about 6:35 a.m. on April 3, a large blaze engulfed the fast-food eatery at 902 Lighthouse Ave., causing the building to collapse. Firefighters from numerous jurisdictions responded to the dramatic blaze, which did not injure anyone.

The owners — listed as DMF Restaurants LLC — said shortly after the fire they intended to rebuild the establishment just the way it was.

Permit approved

"On Friday, the ownership of Carl's Jr. applied with the city for a demolition permit," Monterey city manager Hans Uslar said, adding that the permit was approved by the city Tuesday. "We think the demolition may take around two weeks."

While investigators believe the fire began in the building's attic, Monterey Fire Department Division Chief Justin Cooper said this week that the cause of the fire remains a mystery.

"As of three weeks ago, the owner's insurance company was not able to determine cause and they had an engineering team working to determine it," Cooper told The Pine Cone Monday.

If someone had been injured or killed in the fire, local fire officials would have performed a thorough investigation. Arson is not suspected as a cause.

Carl's workers were in the restaurant preparing to open for business when they heard a pop sound from the attic area. A customer then told them that there was smoke coming from the roof.

The fire drew nearly 40 firefighters and other personnel, seven engines, two aerial ladder trucks, a breathing support apparatus and two chief officers. Cooper, who also responded to the fire, said that crews had to force their way through plywood to get to the attic space to extinguish it.

The fast-food place did not have sprinklers but contained several localized devices to stop fires, which an employee activated for the restaurant's broiler.

HISTORIC VALLEY BUILDING DEMOLISHED

By CHRIS COUNTS

THIS WEEK saw the demolition of what remained of the historic Carmelo Building in Carmel Valley, which was destroyed by a fire in February that many believe was started by a homeless person who was living in it. "Most of it is gone already," resident Paola Berthoin reported Tuesday morning after surveying the scene.

Built in 1895, the small white building was located at Carmel Valley and Robinson Canyon



photo/paola berthoin \mathbf{va}

The charred remains of the Carmelo building, which burned down in February, were removed this week.

roads next to the Farm Center. Before the fire broke out, it had been in the news because Carmel Unified School District, which owned it, wanted to sell it. In response, the county created a task force to study how the building could be preserved, but later turned down an offer to buy it. Meanwhile, locals debated the merits of leaving it in place or moving it to another site.

Some wood salvaged

While much of the charred debris from the fire was disposed of this week, some of it was given to the Carmel Valley Associa-

tion, Berthoin told The Pine Cone.

"The CVA was able to get permission from school district to get wood that hadn't been burned," she said. "There are some nice beams. There is some good, thick, rough wood."

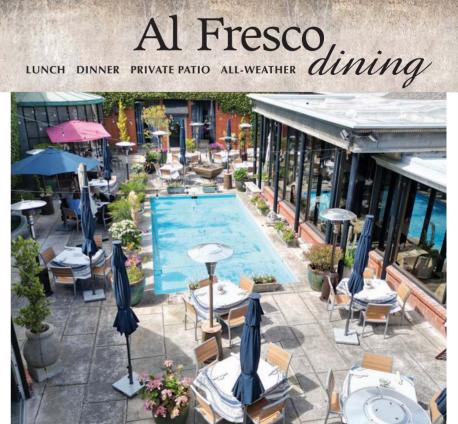
It's too early to say what the CVA plans to build with the wood. "They plan to do something with it, but they're not sure yet," Berthoin reported.

The removal of debris was approved by the school board at its April 9 meeting. The same vote also gave the district the OK to donate to the CVA an old bench that was salvaged from the burned structure.

See **BLAZE** page 21A







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Carmel Beach survey closes July 31

By MARY SCHLEY

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m A}$ FIVE-MINUTE city survey asking people's "values and concerns surrounding beach access, beach hazards and sealevel rise adaptation strategies" closes at the end of the month, and officials want as many people to fill it out as possible.

"The objective of this survey is to help the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea better understand how people use Carmel Beach," according to the city. "The public's input will be shared with experts who are developing ways to better respond to storms and sea level rise."

The survey, which is open to everyone, includes questions about the beach and ocean, parking, and the Scenic Road pathway.

It's funded by state taxpayers via the California Coastal Commission and begins by asking how often responders visit the beach and/or the Scenic Road pathway, how many years they've been doing so and how they typically get there, such as on foot, by bicycle or by car.

Favorites, priorities

Visitors are asked to rank their favorite recreational activities, such as walking on the pathway or on the beach, sunbathing, surfing, picnicking, swimming, fishing, volleyball, nature viewing or family fun, and what sort of facilities or amenities - like parking, restrooms, access to the beach or pathway, environmental education or driving on Scenic — should be prioritized.

'The natural environment is important for the visitor experience at Carmel Beach," the survey states next. "Please rank your top three environmental priorities for Carmel-by-the-Sea's coast," including water quality, surf quality, sand color, beach width and quality, dune habitat and preservation of sensitive species.

Participants are asked to give between one and five stars to ADA accessibility at



How do you use the beach? Does the city maintain it well? Do you worry about the effects of climate change? The city wants to know.

> the beach and to indicate on maps the areas they use most often to get down to the shore and where they spend most of their time once they're there.

> Regarding climate change and sea level rise, the questionnaire seeks information on respondents' greatest concerns about storm-related impacts, such as loss of a wide and sandy beach, damage to stairways and sand ramps, erosion to cliffs and dunes resulting in damage to Scenic Road, debris washing up on the beach, and unsafe conditions due to larger waves.

> Respondents are asked to rank their level of knowledge and experience with various means of addressing coastal erosion and hazards, including "nature-based

> > See SURVEY page 22A



Thank you

We want to give special thanks to our local Carmel Valley Fire response team for their quick action to douse the flames of the recent Carmel Valley Fire.

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By KELLY NIX

A CROSSWALK in Monterey that was recently painted rainbow colors to symbolize support for the LGBTQ community is at risk of erasure after the Trump administration this week directed governors in all 50 states to remove artwork and other visual "distractions"

from roads and intersections. In a letter Tuesday, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy asked states to participate in the Federal

Highway Administration's Safe Roads initiative, which targets non-freeway arterial roads where more than half of U.S. roadway deaths occur

"Roads are for safety, not political messages or artwork," Duffy said. "Today I am calling on governors in every state to ensure that roadways, intersections, and crosswalks are kept free of distractions."

He gave governors 60 days to direct their state departments of transportation — in cooperation with city planners — to "identify a list of arterial segments, including intersections, with potential or documented safety or operational concerns that will be addressed," and to submit the list to the Federal Highway Administration.

Symbol of acceptance

"The goal of the Safe Roads national initiative is to partner with state and local governments to make the entire roadway right-of-way easier to interpret and navigate for all users, including pedestrians, vehicle operators, and automated vehicles alike," Duffy said, adding that the Federal Highway Administration would track states' progress to comply with the initiative.

The directive would put the City of Monterey's rainbow crosswalk at Alvarado and Pearl streets in jeopardy since the initiative takes aim at art on streets. The colorful feature was approved by city council members June 3 and paid for by donations made to Monterey Peninsula Pride.

Asked about the Trump administration's initiative, Monterey city manager Hans Uslar said Tuesday that he and his staff have had no time to read, review or discuss it.

Monterey Peninsula Pride did not respond to a message seeking comment.

At a spirited council meeting in May in which members discussed the then-crosswalk proposal,

some citizens supported the idea, saying it would demonstrate inclusivity and acceptance, while more residents opposed the idea, saying among other things that political messages don't belong on city streets.

In 2011, during the Obama administration, a Federal Highway Administration ruling on the application of colored pavement determined that crosswalk art "degrades the contrast of the white transverse lines against the composition of the pavement beneath it," and it is "contrary to the goal of increased safety and most likely could be a contributing factor to a false sense of security for both motorists and pedestrians."

In May, Monterey public works director Andrea Renny pointed to 2023 federal rules stating that "decorative crosswalks" must preserve the required standard crosswalk markings, such as parallel white lines

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Lawsuit: 'Slave auction' and a noose

July 4, 2025

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER firefighter stationed in Pebble Beach claims that severe racism and bullying by his coworkers caused post-traumatic stress syndrome and forced him to quit his job.

Kevin Ruskell, who used to work for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, alleges that shortly after transferring to the Cal Fire Pebble Beach station in August 2023, his colleagues and superiors started harass-

ing him based on his race and disabilities. Ruskell is Black and says he has a speech impediment and dyslexia.

An employee "greeted Ruskell by saying, 'What's up, my nigga?"' Ruskell's lawsuit, filed June 24 in Monterey County Superior Court, alleges.

Several months later, Ruskell claims he and the only other Black employee in his fire battalion were "sold" by a fire captain to another captain over open radio traffic, as if they "were participating in a slave auction."

Cal Fire provides fire services for the Pebble Beach Community Services District, which is not named as a defendant in Ruskell's lawsuit.

'Slave auction'

In January 2024, Ruskell said he overheard a coworker saying he was a "great DEI hire," while a month later he said, "someone placed a noose" in his locker.

'Ruskell has learned that this was not the first incident at the Pebble Beach station involving a noose," his complaint, filed by Salinas attorney Neil Berman, contends.

The former firefighter also said he was also "consistently harassed" for his meal choices. He cited a May 2024 incident

Alleges racism and bullying for stutter and dyslexia

when he was eating peaches and a superior said, "Damn, Ruskell. You can't be more stereotypically Black, can you?"

"Ruskell felt he had to watch what he ate for fear of discriminatory bullying based on his race," his suit says.

In July 2024, a coworker told him that his ancestors probably owned slaves and that "maybe we owned a few of you," according to the lawsuit. And in an incident the next month, a superior directed a White employee to sit in between Ruskell

> and another Black employee in what he called "Oreo formation."

Culture of hazing

Ruskell said he was subjected to more than just racism, and that he faced bullying for his stutter and dyslexia.

"The battalion chief would interrupt Ruskell while he was stuttering, saying things like, 'Come on, spit it out."

There is sufficient evidence that Cal Fire "willfully ignored" the hostile work environment at the Pebble Beach fire station, according to the complaint. He said two employees in November 2023 warned him of the "culture of hazing and discrimination."

The former firefighter said in August 2024 he filed an internal complaint with Cal Fire and a transfer request but was denied "in retaliation for reporting" the racial and disability discrimination.

Ruskell contends he lost more than 20 pounds because of the strain of the harassment and his "personal life deteriorated under the strain, placing his marriage and relationship with his children in jeopardy."

He said he was later diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and was 'deemed medically unfit to continue" working. A Cal Fire spokesman in Sacramento told The Pine Cone that it does not comment on litigation.

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Pricey new camping digs coming to Fort Ord state park

July 4, 2025

By KELLY NIX

A NEW campground estimated to cost \$33 million is coming to a 1,000-acre Fort Ord park and crews are set to start construction on the first phase this summer, the California Department of Parks and Recreation said June 25.

The campground will feature 43 traditional tent campsites, 45 RV campsites, 10 walk-in or bike-in areas and improved coastal access, parks and recreation said. The project — which will take about two years to complete — will also include a campfire center pavilion and a visitor center.

Transformation

"We are so excited to be breaking ground on the first new state parks campground in Northern California in decades," said Dan Shaw, Deputy District Superintendent for Monterey District. "This was a true team effort by staff and partners working closely together to get us to this point".

The agency said that the public may see orange construction fencing around project work sites and survey areas, and a portion of the recreation trail at Beach Range Road will be detoured to the parallel trail outside of the park during the work. The remainder of the park's trails and the beach will remain open to the public.

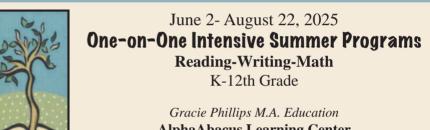
Much of the funding for the campground comes from Proposition 84 — the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

As the facilities are under construction, the state agency will be working to transform the landscape to a coastal dune habitat to support native plants and wildlife.

"State Parks thanks the public for its patience and understanding during this construction," officials said in a press statement.

Fort Ord Dunes State Park was opened to the public in 2009.

Toward the end of World War I, the U.S. government purchased 15,000 acres of property north of Monterey for field artillery training. The artillery field — known as Gigling Reservation — was named after the German family that originally settled in the area. The reservation was renamed Camp Ord in 1933 and then officially designated as Fort Ord in 1940, State Parks explained. Fort Ord was the first army post to accept racial integration and interracial marriage.



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City won't buy \$100K Scenic lot

With the city

parcel still up

By MARY SCHLEY

THE ALLURE of owning a littlenoticed piece of undevelopable land on Scenic Road just south of the Frank Lloyd Wright House is not strong enough to entice the City of Carmel to buy it.

The city council in closed session Monday pondered the idea at the request of councilwoman Alissandra Dramov, who expressed interest in a taxpayer-funded purchase of out, quirky the strip of ice-plant-covered land and rocky shoreline being offered for \$100,000. for grabs

While it boasts spectacular views in one of the most beautiful spots in the world, the small lot - no one seems

to know its actual size - can't be developed, not even with a fence or a bench, according to deed restrictions recorded in April 1924.

Since the listing went live in May, Central Coast Properties broker Lance Monosoff has been marketing the land as an "oceanfront Carmel lot for the person who has everything."

"This lot is not buildable due to deed restrictions, size and other limitations," the sales flier says. "However, this little piece of heaven could be yours forever - bring a folding chair and enjoy spectacular sunsets."

Picnicking and sketching

After The Pine Cone ran a story about the odd listing, Dramov at the council's June meeting raised the idea of using taxpayer funds to buy it and suggested debating the possibility as soon as possible, since "time is of the essence."

She said several constituents had asked her if the city would purchase the strip, which bears a deed restriction stating, "Reserving, however, for the perpetual benefit of the pedestrian public, and none

other, the following rights and privileges, but none other, namely: to enter upon and pass over and across said property for the purposes, or any of them, but not otherwise, of sightseeing, fishing, sketching or picnicking; provided, however, that said public rights and privileges shall not be construed to include camping or the setting up or maintaining of tents or

other shelters."

Further, the owner "agrees not to build or allow to be built any buildings or improvements of any kind or character on the said described property, but to keep the same in its natural condition."

Beverly Sue Bell and Barbara Diane Hutchinson have held the lot, which has an assessed value of \$11,494, since 1999. It is one of the parcels along that stretch of Scenic between the road and the sea that were drawn by the Carmel Development Company, which was owned by the city's founding fathers, J. Franklin Devendorf and Frank Powers, in 1910.

'Not interested'

At the June meeting, Pierik thwarted Dramov's efforts to ask her colleagues whether they liked the idea, since it wasn't on the agenda, but the council agreed to discuss it during a closed session, when property negotiations and the like are typically handled.

Mayor Dale Byrne said he had received several inquiries about the outcome of that June 30 talk and asked Pierik to share it with the public.

'We did have a closed session yesterday afternoon with respect to a non-buildable parcel of property on Scenic Road south of Martin Way," Pierik said. "The council has requested that I announce this evening that the council is not interested in purchasing that property."

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Nonprofit helps DA pursue cold cases

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July 4, 2025

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE federal taxpayer dollars that funded the Monterey County District Attorney's Cold Case Task Force running dry because the program that provided the money ended, a nonprofit has been formed to support its mission. Backed by a board of directors with impressive law-enforcement and legal pedigrees, the Cold Case

Project of Monterey County will help fund high-tech forensic testing and other tools the DA's office needs.

"This was the brainchild of Bill Clark, who is on our task force and was assistant chief of Monterey Police Department," said assistant district attorney Matt L'Heureux, who has headed the DA's task force since 2021

and is a member of the new nonprofit's board.

Clark's first cold case while on the job involved the 1981 abduction, sexual assault and murder of a woman that went unsolved until 2002 and ended with a conviction, according to his bio. He formed the Peninsula Cold Case Project in 2005 to bring together detectives from various agencies to present and investigate their unsolved murders and continued to work

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on and help solve cold cases throughout his career. After he retired in 2020, Clark joined the DA's task force as a volunteer.

Carmel cold case

With the aid of federal funds, the task force over the past five years has solved 19 cases, including the 2021 identification and arrest of Seaside resident Michael Glazebrook for strangling his former Carmel

Point neighbor, Sonia Carmen Herok Stone, in 1981. Glazebrook was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison in 2023.

The county has more than 600 cold-case homicides, the oldest dating back to the 1960s, according to L'Heureux. "We're working on 84 cases, primarily homicides, though a few are sex-

ual assaults, and a few are missing persons where homicide is suspected," he said.

But now, donations and other sources are necessary for that critical work to continue, according to the Cold Case Project's board president, Ann Kern.

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'Don't mess with sand,' county pleads

By CHRIS COUNTS

LOCALS ARE very familiar with the yearly effort to cut a channel in the Carmel River Lagoon sandbar, which reduces the risk of flooding in low-lying neighborhoods. But this week, the opposite was done as county workers brought in sand and beefed up the barrier that separates the lagoon from Carmel Bay.

"Public works staff mobilized Monday to add sand and reinforce the sandbar at the Carmel River Lagoon," the county reported.

Not surprisingly, the effort was done to benefit steelhead. The National Marine Fisheries Service recommended adding the sand because of concerns that the bar is so low this year, juvenile steelhead could be swept into the ocean before they're mature enough to survive there.

Even without rain to fill the lagoon, the problem arises because some beach visitors can't seem to resist creating their own channels in the sandbar.

"Members of the public have been observed attempting to artificially breach the lagoon sandbar, which is currently very narrow and thin," the county observed. "As Carmel River State Beach is a popular destination for the July 4 holiday, State Parks rangers are urging beachgoers to enjoy the ocean and the beach, but please leave the sandbar alone."

Those who ignore the warning risk being cited by law enforcement.

"Breaching the sandbar is illegal without permits and harmful to the lagoon ecosystem," the county added. "There are strict penalties for illegal activities."

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Road fixed 15 months and \$25 million later

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE first time since a large chunk of pavement slipped out in March 2024, both lanes of Highway 1 at Rocky Creek in Big Sur are open. The official reopening happened Monday at 8 p.m.

The slip-out caused the loss of a 30-foot section of rock wall and left a section of pavement dangling precariously over a drop of several hundred feet.

To fix the highway, a viaduct was built at an estimated cost of \$25 million. For the past 15 months, crews worked 12-hour shifts to get the job done as soon as possible, while motorists experienced delays at the construction site, where a one-way signal regulated traffic. The contractors were Gordon N. Ball of Walnut Creek and Teichert Construction of Stockton.

"Crews worked daytime and overnight shifts to stabilize the remaining roadway and prevent additional slide activity," Caltrans said this week. "To execute a key step in restoring stability to the damaged area, crews lowered rock dowels into vertical shafts drilled deep into the slope. This engineering strategy allowed work to continue, while keeping workers in a safer environment."

While both lanes are open, there will be periodic lane closures and one-way traffic to put the finishing touches on the road repair.

'A major milestone'

Assemblymember Dawn Addis, who represents Big Sur, called the completion of the project "a major milestone for the entire Central Coast," and said her office "has been working closely with local, state and federal partners to keep this lifeline moving, and I'm proud of the persistence and collaboration that got us here."

Caltrans District 5 director Scott Eades described the repair as "an engineering marvel" and a "triumph in resilience for Big Sur residents, business owners and their elected officials."

"The restoration of service along this famed transportation lifeline is a shared success and testament to their patience, hard work and community spirit," Eades said. "The challenges posed by the slide on Highway 1 at Rocky Creek 15 months ago were met with an immediate commitment to restore access to this iconic roadway and symbol of north coast vitality."

While motorists from Carmel can visit Big Sur inns, resorts, galleries and parks as far south as Esalen Institute, travel south of Lime Creek remains closed due to the Regent Slide, which has blocked the highway since February 2024. The slide isn't expected to be cleared any time soon, although crews are working seven days a week on it and employing robotic equipment due to dangerous conditions.

Travel between Carmel and Cambria along the coast hasn't been possible since January 2023 — the longest closure the highway has experienced since it was built in the 1930s.





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products, like biofuels. According to the air board, clean energy businesses will receive an estimated \$68 billion from the new low-carbon fuel standard credit sales. However, the increased price to purchase those credits for refiners will have to be passed on to consumers.

Gas Prices

Prior to its November 2024 vote, the air resources board initially estimated changes to the air rules would increase gas prices by 47 cents per gallon. The board walked those numbers back following public outrage last summer, but energy experts now say that estimate could be on the low end.

According to Danny Cullenward with the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, if credit prices reach maximum allowed levels, retail gas prices could rise as much as 65 cents a gallon in the near term and as high as \$1.50 by 2035.

"There is only one way to stop the gas prices from skyrocketing further in California: A reversal of the damaging policies that Gavin Newsom and the Democrats have championed and passed over the last decade," wrote Assemblymember James Gallager, a Sutter County Republican.

The governor, however, has called the 65 cent increase an extreme projection, instead citing a UC Davis study predicting the new fuel standard will only raise prices between 5 and 8 cents per gallon.

"There are many disingenuous claims swirling about California gas prices. The truth is that gas prices won't come anywhere close to increasing by 65 cents, as many would have you believe," said Newsom in a written statement.

Clean air

The low carbon fuel standard is part of the state's climate mitigation strategy, with the overall goal of reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2045. Transportation that burns fossil fuels, including cars, trucks, trains and aircraft, is the state's biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

"Often lost in the noise around this program are our primary reasons for approving it: better health for Californians, our economy and the environment, as well as achieving required state and federal air quality standards," said air resources board chair Randolph. According to the report, the low carbon fuel standard has supported the displacement of more than 30 billion gallons of petroleum fuels with lower carbon alternatives like electric vehicles, hydrogen and biofuels.

Gas Tax

California drivers also started paying higher gasoline taxes on Tuesday with an increase 1.6 cents per gallon, to 61.2 cents per gallon. The increase was enacted by the Legislature in 2017 to help pay for road repairs and approved by voters in 2018 when they rejected a gas tax repeal.

But gas tax dollars don't always go toward fixing roads for the drivers of combustion engine vehicles. At the end of June, when the governor announced the California Transportation Commission awarded \$5 billion to improve state highways, but also for expanded bus, train, and clean transportation services, \$2.44 billion of those dollars came directly from the state's gas tax. According to the office of the governor, \$1.45 billion in gas tax dollars will go to zero and low-emission transportation infrastructure and to rehab marine ports, freight corridors and railyards. Another \$762 million has been allocated for passenger rail extension, rapid transit bus expansion, urban charging hubs, clean heavy-duty truck fleets, and ultra-fast charging stations along major interstates.

California's roads ranked 49th out of 50 in the Reason Foundation's Annual Highway Report. The conservative-leaning foundation found more than 25 percent of the state's rural interstate mileage in poor condition and 40 percent of urban arterials in poor condition.

Gasoline prices may have dropped over the last year, but California drivers are still paying the most in the nation to fill up.

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machine and rely solely on the visual input your brain is processing and the strength and dexterity in your upper torso, arms and hands

While Rainey, who at 64 seems to have boundless energy and enthusiasm for athletic feats and motorsports, has long used recumbent bicycles and even raced karts reconfigured for hand controls, he said none of that compares to what it feels like to be back on a sportbike.

For one, he's basically attached to the machine, with his legs and feet held in place, and friends and family help him on and off and hold the motorcycle upright when it's stopped.

Rainey admitted he was a little apprehensive after Yamaha presented the modified bike, but he ended up testing the machine — and himself — at the track during a June 17 session.

In case he needed help during a lap or had to come to a stop for any other reason, he had longtime friend Gordon McCall, a lifelong motorsports enthusiast and devotee who is on the board of the Friends of Laguna Seca group that manages and operates the racetrack, follow him.

Trusting instincts

It turned out he did just fine on his own. Rainey said he focused on trusting his instincts and the feedback he got from his hands and brain, "because nothing feels natural or normal." He likened riding it to "sitting on a basketball that you can't feel, but you're trying to balance yourself."

"I was really amazed when I rode the bike, because I wasn't convinced," it would work for him as planned, he said. But as he completed more laps and

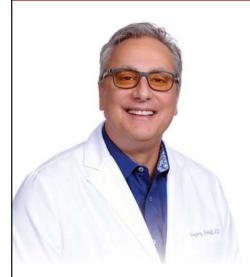
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gained more confidence, he glanced at the speedometer and realized he was going 130 mph on the racetrack's front straight.

'The bike accelerates really hard," he said. "It was a thrill."

Rainey, who raced for the Yamaha factory team in the late 1980s and early 1990s, will be on the track again during the MotoAmerica races, for a fundraising ride Friday and in the Lap of Legends before the headlining superbike race on Saturday.

Along with a few partners, Rainey has resurrected national championship-level motorcycle racing in the United States over the past decade by establishing and overseeing the MotoAmerica series. He also started Rainey's Ride to the Races five years ago to raise money for the Roadracing World Action Fund, which purchases the air fences that help cushion riders who run off the track and crash. So far, the ride has raised more than a half-million dollars.

'The air fence that gets deployed at all MotoAmerica races is very important for rider safety, and the fans who go on this ride — they get it," he said. "It has been a total game changer for rider injuries. If the rider hits it, the bike is destroyed, but the rider gets back up."

He'll do a few laps on the new bike during the fundraiser, and on July 12, fans will get to watch him ride during the Lap of Legends alongside fellow world and national champions, including "King"

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but a moratorium imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board on new Cal Am hookups greatly restricts the construction of homes and businesses on undeveloped land. Stoldt said the water district is working with the state to get the meter ban lifted. "That's job one — working with state board," he said.

A couple of speakers urged the council to update the city's policies on water Kenny Roberts and his son, Kenny Roberts Jr., Eddie Lawson, Freddie Spencer, Ben Spies, Doug Chandler, Ricky Johnson and Bubba Shobert. "These guys come on their own dime and give back to the sport that they love," he said.

Their appearance will add to an already exciting weekend that includes a lot of on-track competition and off-track activities. "Motorcycle racing is not only a great thrill, it's great fun to watch," Rainey said. "In MotoAmerica, we put on a good show."

Something for everyone

While most MotoAmerica race weekends are double-headers, with the major superbike class competing once on Saturday and once on Sunday, the Laguna weekend will feature three superbike races, with two taking place Sunday.

The four other classes are the Super Hooligan National Championship — a competition featuring large-displacement bikes, including a team campaigned by actor and enthusiast Keanu Reeves - the King of the Baggers, which features Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles, the Twins Cup and Supersport. The Baggers class in particular has attracted a new fan base. "There's something for everyone," he said, and ticket sales reflect that.

This year's event will honor the California Highway Patrol. For tickets and information, visit weathertechraceway.com.

distribution that heavily favor affordable housing projects to take the new bounty into account.

"We don't want this delayed any longer," planning commissioner Erin Allen said. "We have water, so let's take a mindset of abundance as we approach that. We can make our residents happy and fulfill our commitment to the state.'

At the end of the meeting, councilwoman Alissandra Dramov suggested the council and the planning commission hold a joint workshop to get the community's feedback on how water should be allocated and develop a plan.



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of the Forest Theater parking lot which could not only serve to provide additional off-street parking during shows, but could add to the inventory of valet spots," he suggested, adding that Byrne "has engaged with various property owners on the periphery of the commercial district — including churches and other institutions — who have expressed interest in making portions of their lots available for valet use."

The city would collect drivers' fees directly and pay the vendor, Swanson said, and its insurance, coupled with coverage held by the operator, would minimize any liability concerns. He also said nothing in the zoning code prohibits valet parking.

Research by the committee found that four cities — Mountain View, San Juan Capistrano and Palo Alto, as well as Lockport, Ill. — offer valet services.

"Three of the four cities don't charge they pay for it out of their general funds just as a measure to reduce congestion," Swanson said. "All of them use professional valet service. That was something they all hammered on us and said, 'Do not try to do this yourself.""

Not Forest Theater

Several members of the public objected to the idea of increased parking at Forest Theater, including a group of 13 residents who complained in a letter that doing so would make traffic in their neighborhood worse and cause other issues.

Resident Andi Carr, who lives near Vista Lobos, said the city should focus on enforcing time limits on downtown spaces before undertaking any "complicated, convoluted" solutions like valet parking, and resident Linda Calafiore said visitors should be charged to park in town.

Councilman Jeff Baron said the valet option just doesn't seem like the right answer.

"Valet parking doesn't feel like Carmel

— it feels like La Jolla or some other community — and I don't think that's really what Carmel should feel like," he said. Baron also objected to using the Sunset Center lots for valet parking.

Similarly, councilman Hans Buder worried it would lead to more parking and traffic in residential areas where pedestrians often walk in the street due to the lack of sidewalks.

"Having had the chance to turn it over in my mind, I don't know that valet parking really fits the character of Carmel," he added.

Focus on workers

Buder instead wanted to work on ways to keep employees from parking in the commercial district. "We really need to be focusing on solving that problem," he said, perhaps by running a shuttle between downtown and offsite parking. The Carmel Chamber of Commerce has already committed to helping.

The only real solution is to have fewer cars coming into town in the first place, councilman Bob Delves said. "Having employees park elsewhere increases the capacity of downtown," he said.

He and Buder also agreed that enforcement should be ramped up.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said the entire effort felt rushed. She predicted valet parking would "bring more chaos to our streets" and sympathized with the concerns of residents.

She also said she was not at all in favor of rejiggering the AB 413 changes — especially since Swanson said doing so would require the hiring of a traffic engineer — "when we haven't heard from our chief" who formulated the plan to deal with the new law.

Byrne was disappointed by his colleagues' lack of enthusiasm.

"I don't want to be the only one here who's positive about trying to solve the parking problem in town by using creative solutions to try to find another 100 or 110

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spots, which is what I think Brandon and I were trying to do with this," he said. "I'm not comfortable moving forward with the kind of reception I got here tonight, so I can go work on other things."

He predicted that doing nothing will continue to negatively affect downtown businesses and said he's still committed to finding long-term solutions.

Byrne also said he was disappointed by the lack of interest in trying to recover some of the spaces taken away by AB 413. "I'm not hearing any support for even investigating that, despite the fact that we executed the plan we have without a traffic engineer," he said.

"You've convinced me to not move forward," he told the council.

On this, they agree

While opinions varied on downtown parking, the council was less divided about Police Chief Paul Tomasi's recommendation to install 16 more stop signs to convert seven downtown intersections to all-way stops, which he said would improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

Doing so would leave the commercial area bordered by Monte Verde, Junipero, Fifth and Eighth with just a pair of intersections with two-way stops: Mission and Sixth and San Carlos and Sixth, which the fire department needs to remain as-is to prevent backups in front of its station. Drivers should be warned at those locations that "cross traffic does not stop," he said.

His recommendation included the troublesome intersection of San Carlos and Fifth near the post office, which garnered most of the commentary at the July 1 meeting.

Parker Logan suggested converting it to an all-way stop would create chaos and huge backups on that busy street, while Carmel Residents Association board member Nancy Twomey, resident Donna Jett and former councilwoman Karen Ferlito all argued in favor.

"Please fix that intersection," Twomey said.

Delves said he was "reluctant" to change it but said the city should at least test the idea.

"I think we've got to try it — it's confusion junction right now," he said.

Baron sided with Logan. "If we put a stop sign at the top, it will back up traffic all the way down the street," he said.

Buder said he would support adding more stop signs because Tomasi believes it will make downtown safer, and while Dramov said the Fifth-and-San Carlos crossing concerns her the most, "I'm willing to go ahead and add the stop signs."

"And chief, you're always really good about coming back to us and recommending changes" if something isn't working, she added.

At the end of the discussion, city administrator Chip Rerig said he would draft a formal resolution to add the stop signs, as recommended by Tomasi and the traffic safety committee, for the council to consider at its August meeting.

Blessing of the cars

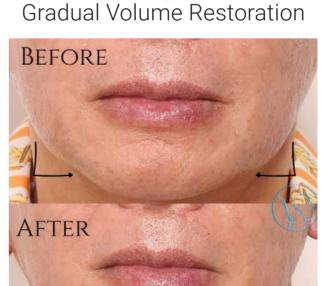
PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE COMMUNITY Church of the Monterey Peninsula is hosting the Carmel Valley Classic car show and blessing of the automobiles July 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a display, barbecue, awards, music, games and other activities.

The \$50-per-car entry fee benefits the church and its chosen charities, and the show will take place at 4590 Carmel Valley Road.

Gates open at 8 a.m. for registration, with the event opening to the public at 10. Awards will be given at 2 p.m., and the show will wrap up at 3 p.m.

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another fence there ran \$18,500 in labor and materials and took 32 volunteer hours.

The group pitched in \$26,152 in labor, including project management and engineering, and 32 volunteer hours toward the effort to underground utilities on a segment of San Antonio Avenue.

The Downtown Detail group's tools, supplies, pots, plants and landscaping and cleaning services, as well as volunteers' "acting as Carmel ambassadors," cost \$4,947 and consumed 1,800 volunteer hours.

The Pickup Posse's buckets and grabbers for cleaning at the beach, on the Scenic pathway and throughout downtown, its purchase and maintenance of cigarette-butt receptacles and the recycling of said butts, and volunteers' service as "Carmel ambassadors" to residents and visitors were valued at \$1,061 in labor and materials and 1,800 volunteer hours, while the Median Minders' cleaning and planting cost \$54,717 in labor and materials and 80 volunteer hours.

A new display case at Sunset Center and the nearby landscaping around cost \$3,700 in labor and materials plus 200 volunteer hours, and renovating the "milk shrine" at the First Murphy house required \$1,700 in labor and materials and 60 volunteer hours.

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Finally, improving and maintaining the garden at Vista Lobos cost \$11,392 in labor and materials and 360 volunteer hours, and the Tag Team spent \$220 and 40 hours on removing graffiti.

Without discussion, the council unanimously voted to accept Carmel Cares' donations. Byrne was allowed to participate because he is no longer in charge of the nonprofit, nor is he on the board.

Turning 5

Later this month, the group will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a party at the Forest Theater.

"Join us to celebrate this milestone and learn about our efforts to keep Carmel-bythe-Sea beautiful, safe and inviting," organizers said, adding that the party is free for volunteers and donors, so "all community members are warmly encouraged to attend with a donation or pledge to be a volunteer."

The event, set for July 13 from 2 to 5 p.m., will include refreshments, live entertainment and "community fun," and anyone with questions is encouraged to email carmelcares1@gmail.com.

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At the hearing, school board member Jake Odello called the loss of the historic building "really unfortunate."

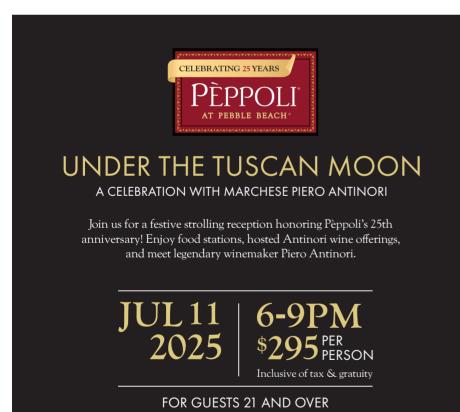
"A landmark along Carmel Valley is gone," Odello said. "It's a sad event."

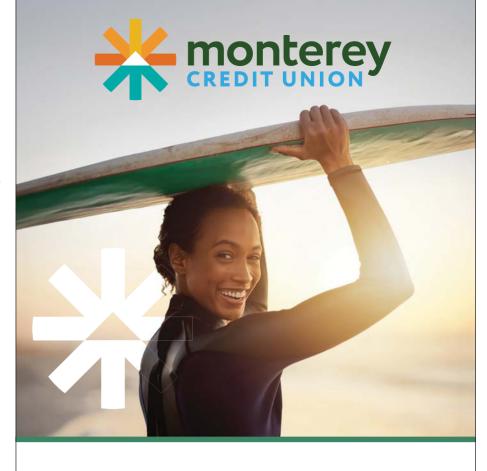
Once a hub of activity

Deputy fire chief for the Monterey County Regional Fire District Eric Ulwelling told The Pine Cone his agency did an investigation into the cause of the fire but couldn't identify it. "There was no power going into the building, and there was no surveillance or video that would indicate arson," Ulwelling said. "Based on the conditions that were present, the fire investigator listed the cause of the fire as undetermined."

The building was known by several names, including the "Carmelo Athletic and Social Club Building," "The Barn," and the "Grange Hall,"

It was once a busy site, hosting "townhall-style meetings, holiday celebrations, birthday parties, dances and Grange meetings," according to Carmel Valley historian Elizabeth Barratt. When it was built, it was surrounded by nothing but agricultural fields and trees.





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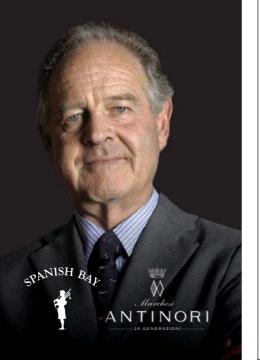
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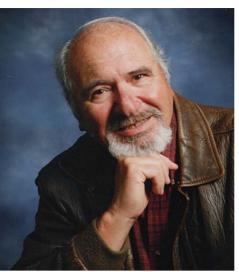


RAY ERASMO LUCIDO May 25, 1942 – June 21, 2025

Ray Erasmo Lucido of Carmel Valley, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and community servant, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2025, at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula due to complications following open heart surgery. He was 83.

Ray was born in the quaint seaside fishing village of Isola delle Femmine near Palermo, Sicily, on May 25, 1942. In 1960, he immigrated to the United States to live with his uncle Mario (Kay) Lucido of Hollister and his cousins Maria and Patty. He became a proud American citizen in 1968 and built a life defined by faith, family and service.

In 1963, Ray married Patricia Azevedo of Monterey, the love of his life and partner of 62 years. Together they built a loving extended family and welcomed many friends into that circle of love. They stood by each other through life's greatest joys and deepest sorrows. Ray is survived by his son, Salvatore Lucido (Merrielle Krause) of Santa Rosa. He was preceded in death by his infant son, John Anthony Lucido, and his adopted son, Mario Cunha. He is also survived by his nieces, Shelly Allen of Texas and Sharon Silva of Carmel.



Ray cherished his grandchildren, Domenico Lucido of San Luis Obispo and Sofia Lucido of Los Angeles, who brought him boundless pride and joy. To them, he was known as "Poppi," a name born from affection and carried with love.

A gifted structural designer, Ray devoted nearly five decades to his craft. Outside the office, he was an avid tennis player and enthusiastic gardener. But his dedication to service was his hallmark: a Jaycee in his younger years, a Little League coach in Carmel Valley, a long-time member and past president of the Salinas Northeast Rotary Club, a volunteer firefighter for nearly 25 years, and a lifelong chef for countless parish and community events. His faith and service found a spiritual home at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel Valley, where he was an active parishioner since 1971.

Ray's deep Sicilian roots never faded. He remained close with his extended family in Italy, returning often to Isola delle Femmine. He was preceded in death by his parents, Salvatore and Anna Lucido, and his brother, Pietro Lucido. He is survived by his brother, Antonino Lucido of Isola and sister, Nazzarena Billeci of Capaci, along with his many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins in Italy.

Having arrived in America as a young man with big dreams and little English, Ray worked tirelessly to create a meaningful life — guided by determination, faith, perseverance and his uniquely special sense of humor.

Ray had a gift for making others feel welcome. His cooking —especially his cherished Christmas "Buon Natale" dinners complete with homemade cannoli — was legendary. But his favorite recipe may have been his warm smile and ever-cheerful disposition, often saying, "I'm fine and dandy, just like Christmas candy!"

Ray lived by the Jaycees' creed: "Faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life. Earth's greatest treasure is the human personality. Service to humanity is the best work in life."

Ray's legacy lives on, not only through his family, but also in the countless lives he touched — through his generosity, humor, mentorship and steadfast friendship.

A Rosary Service will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2025, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 18, both at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel Valley, CA. A reception celebrating Ray's remarkable life will follow. The Mass will also be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person.

> In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ray's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in his memory.

For additional information, please email lucido.sal@gmail.com.

Mille Grazie, Ray. Your light and legacy will endure in all who had the privilege to know you.



methodologies, at a time that federal funding and grants for such work has lapsed, has fueled the creation of our nonprofit," she said. "The diligent and ongoing work of cold-case resolution in Monterey County must continue to bring hope and closure for the victims, their families and the community at large."

The group's all-volunteer board includes Kern, Clark, L'Heureux, Monterey Police Chief Dave Hober and Assistant Chief Mike Bruno, foreign policy and international security specialist Darnell Whitt, and threat assessment expert and investigator Bruno Dias, a former Seaside P.D. commander.

'Unprecedented potential'

While advanced forensic techniques, including DNA analysis and investigative genetic genealogy, "offer unprecedented potential to solve cold cases," agencies often can't use them due to their prohibitive costs, according to Kern.

"The organization is dedicated to raising the funds necessary to keep cold case investigations moving forward ensuring that cases aren't left unresolved because of financial barriers," she explained. The project is raising funds via the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

"Behind every unsolved murder or long-term missing-person case is a family in pain, desperately seeking answers," the group said. "Solving these cases brings justice for those who can no longer speak for themselves and provides a vital step toward healing and closure for the family and the community."

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dune support," beach grading and sand management, stacked rock seawalls, vertical seawalls, "sand nourishment" and offshore reefs.

Officials also want to know how satisfied people are with the city's maintenance of the beach, as well as its response to winter storms and related damage.

Finally, before a set of voluntary demographic questions aimed at categorizing respondents, the survey asks people to state in no more than four sentences "what you value most about Carmel Beach and your future vision" for it.

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DIANE 'DANI' PAUL

Diane – Dani – Paul (née Marshman) passed peacefully at the Hospice unit of Westland House in Monterey. She has been a resident of Carmel, living in the Carmel Highlands for 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Denny; her daughter, Sandra Jacobs of San Jose; son, Bruce of Reno, NV; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dani was born in Green, NY in 1941. Her father, Cleon

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Elaine Marie McDermed

Elaine departed to heaven on May 16, 2025. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Forsythe (Michael) and five grandchildren. Saving her a place in heaven are her husband, Donald McDermed (2003); their daughter, Diana Kissinger (1994); and their son, Mike McDermed (2013). Her remains will be in El Carmelo Cemetery beside her sweetheart, her favorite place to be.

Born and raised on a farm in Kalispell, Montana

Marshman, was a WW I veteran and passed when she was 3 years old. Her mother, Helen, continued to live in Green and when Dani was 12 years old the family – Helen, Dani, three sisters and a brother, moved to Norwich, NY where Helen was a nurse in the maternity ward at Chenango Memorial.

Dani began seventh grade at Norwich High where she first met her future husband. Dani and Denny went steady from their junior year, 1958, and married in 1963. Dani continued her education at Buffalo State Teachers College, but after a year economics intervened and she began work. However, she was able to finish her education at San Jose State and received a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Dani had a varied career, most importantly as a mother and grandmother, but was also an apartment manager, librarian, party planner and a trained and massage therapist. When she retired she continued to volunteer at charity shops, for the last 20 years at the Monterey County SPCA shop near the Barnyard. Since retiring she has enjoyed world travels to all the continents.



in 1930, she attended U of M in Missoula, earning a BPharm degree. Within that journey she met and married her adoring husband. After marrying in Montana in 1953, he brought her back to his hometown, Pacific Grove, CA.

Elaine was a talented, hard-working, proper lady, who kindly offered a smile to everyone. She and Don worked side by side as pharmacists for more than 30 years, managing and running McDermed Pharmacy, their successful drug store in downtown Pacific Grove, CA. They settled in Carmel after selling their business in 1983 and continued as relief pharmacists throughout the peninsula. Elaine filled

her last prescription, 60 years in, at the age of 83.As an avid and accomplished golfer she enjoyed playing in the local salt air at MPCC and around the globe from 1961 until 2021.

In her last couple of years her memory was clouded. It would mean so much to us to hear stories of how you knew Elaine, how she affected your life, or simply how she brought a smile to you. Let this be a reminder that community is important, grace is essential, and a little kindness goes a long way.

No services will be held. Please visit www.ThePaulMortuary.com to leave your messages, stories and memories. Blessings abound, thank you for sharing.

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TERESA GERALDINE HURTUBISE

July 30, 1930 - May 16, 2025

Teresa Hurtubise, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and lifelong learner, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2025, at the age of 94. She was a woman of extraordinary determination, intelligence and grace, who lived life with an unshakable belief that no challenge was too great and no obstacle insurmountable.

Born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on July 30, 1930, Teresa was the eldest of five children. From an early age, she exhibited a remarkable drive for education, skipping grades and earning her teaching certificate from the University of Ottawa. It was at university where she met her future husband, Dr. Francis Armand Hurtubise, a medical student who would become her lifelong partner.

Teresa and Francis married in 1951, and together they embarked on a journey that took them across Canada and the United States. She dedicated herself to raising their six children while also pursuing her passion for teaching, working as an educator in a variety of settings, including in Massachusetts, where she taught French and American children with unflagging enthusiasm.

Despite the challenges she faced - first as a teacher in a new country, and later as a mother of six - Teresa always found ways to adapt, learn and persevere. Whether driving across the country with her children in tow or finding creative ways to stay connected with her community, her resourcefulness knew no bounds.

Teresa relocated to Pacific Grove in 2000, where she devoted herself to caring for her children and grandchildren. She later moved to Carmel, where she continued to be a vibrant part of the community. Whether volunteering at the Carmel Foundation or supporting her grandchildren in their academic and extracurricular pursuits, Teresa remained actively engaged in the lives of those she loved.

Her love for books, languages and lifelong learning remained a constant throughout her life. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, Teresa maintained a reading routine that kept her connected to the world, reading five or six books a week, often in both English and French in connection with the Carmel Public Library. Her ability to adapt and find joy in life's simplest pleasures inspired everyone who knew her.

Teresa is survived by her six children - Michele, Anne Marie, Suzanne, Paul, Louise and Mary Ann, eight grandchildren, C.J., Kyle, Renee, Drew, Laura, Celeste, Marcel and Lena; and four great-grandchildren, Tripp, Weston, Georgia and Piper.

A celebration of Teresa's life will begin at 10:30 a.m. July 31, 2025, at St. Angela Merici Church in Pacific Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carmel Foundation or the Carmel Public Library in her memory.

To place an obituary for your loved one, contact anne@carmelpinecone.com or (831) 274-8654

The Carmel Foundation Celebrates 75 Years of Community

This article is part of The Carmel Foundation's new monthly column in the Carmel Pine Cone, highlighting stories, resources, and reflections to support successful aging.

Senior Moments from The Carmel Foundation

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Robert Allen Zoller

Loving husband, father, and friend passed away on June 17th, 2025 at the age of 71.

Bob was born January 1, 1954 in Columbus, Ohio. His parents John and Donna Zoller raised a large family of six children in Eugene, Oregon. Upon graduating high school, Bob went on to attend the University of Oregon where he played on the golf team.

After college in 1975, Bob moved to the Monterey Peninsula to begin his





44 year career as Golf Course Superintendent at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Bob was known for his exceptional care of the course and knowledge of the game. Bob was a talented player himself and was respected both professionally and personally by all. He was considered a legend by many.

Bob was a proud father to Ben, Mackenzie, Megan, Mallory, and stepchildren Connor and Clay. He was their greatest supporter and a constant source of love and encouragement.

He shared a beautiful life with his wife, Diana. Together, they have many memories of traveling the world. In retirement, they settled in Thousand Oaks, California where Bob loved the Southern California sunshine.

Bob will be remembered for his kind heart, loving nature, and dedication. His legacy lives on through his family, friends and the many lives he touched.

A celebration of life will be held on July 9th. For information regarding the celebration please email rememberingbz@gmail.com

After overcoming injuries, Jabin Trosky heads for San Diego State

FOR THE second time since 2023, a surgeon has reconstructed the future of former CHS baseball standout Jabin Trosky.

And after four years with national powerhouse Oregon State University - two full seasons, plus two injury sea-

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

sons — Trosky has opted to take his talents elsewhere.

The silky-smooth infielder announced on June 26 that he'll be playing shortstop this coming season at San Diego State University, joining a first-year head coach who already has made dramatic advances toward rejuvenating the baseball program there.

Trosky, a redshirt junior, is one of five former Oregon State players — so far — who have been enticed to play for the 2026 Aztecs by Kevin Vance, who spent the previous three years as pitching coach at the University of Arizona.

"There are a lot of Oregon State guys in the transfer portal right now looking for a fresh start in a new area," said Trosky, who was the first of 14 Beavers who decided to move on after the 2025 season. "Some people felt like



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Jabin Trosky batted .288 in his freshman year at OSU, .287 as a redshirt sophomore in 2024. In two healthy seasons with the Beavers, he played in 64 games, 30 as a starter.

they weren't treated right at OSU, some weren't satisfied with their playing time, some are starting pitchers who didn't see a spot for themselves in the rotation. They all have their own reasons."

Injury interruptions

Trosky enjoyed highly successful seasons at OSU in 2022, as an 18-year-old freshman, and 2024, as a redshirt sophomore, but was a hard-luck case at OSU during his other two years.

He batted .288 in 24 games -11 as a starter — as a freshman middle infielder, and was competing for OSU's starting shortstop job during preseason workouts the following November.

"During one of our final practices, I made a throw, felt a pop in my elbow, and knew right away

that something wasn't right," remembered Trosky, who immediately felt a tingling and numbness in the ring finger of his throwing hand. "When I woke up the next morning, I could barely move my elbow or pick up a 5-pound weight."

When rest and rehabilitation failed, an MRI revealed a full tear of the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow. Keith Meister, team doctor for the Texas Rangers, sur-

gically repaired the elbow, but Trosky missed the entire 2023 season.

Healthy again in 2024, he played 40 games - 29 as a starter — at second base, shortstop and third base, batting .287 with 20 RBI.

Among NCAA's best

During his two active seasons, Trosky established himself as one of the elite defensive infielders in the country, committing just four errors in 155 chances (one in 61 chances as a freshman) — a .974 fielding percentage despite playing three positions.

But the prospect of another year in a utility role didn't appeal to a player whose ultimate goal is to become a major-league shortstop.

"I actually was thinking about leaving Oregon State last year until the coach, Mitch Canham, told me I'd be his

starting shortstop, no matter what," he said. "That was my reason to go back."

No room for sentiment

But NCAA Division I baseball is big business, with minimal room for sentiment. Canham subsequently recruited two top-drawer middle infielders, A.J. Singer, a junior college All-American, and Aiva Arquette, a 6-foot-5, 220-pound shortstop, a former first-team high school All-American who had slugged 14 doubles, a triple, and 17 home runs in 63 games in two seasons at University of Washington. Both were entering their junior seasons of eligibility.

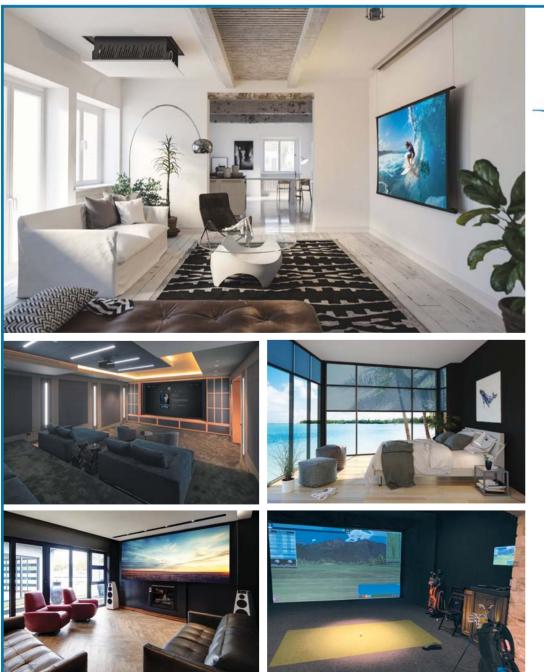
"Singer wasn't a big shock," Trosky said, who felt comfortable with Canham's promise. "And then, after the transfer portal closed, they landed Arquette. That, for me, was more of a blindside.

"Suddenly, I had to rearrange and try to compete for the second-base job," he said. "And I felt like I was looking good when the shoulderthing happened."

After recovering from the elbow surgery, Trosky, a right-handed hitter, dislocated his left shoulder swinging a bat. When the problem frequently recurred, his doctor

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Widely regarded as one of the top defensive infielders in the NCAA, Trosky expects to be San

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scheduled surgery.

"He cut me open in three spots and put three anchors in my shoulder to tie it back to the labrum," he said.

"He told me it won't ever pop out again, and he's also the doctor who did my elbow surgery, so I have a lot of trust in him," he added.

The surgery took place in March, and Trosky spent the entire season watching his teammates compile a 48-16 record, which included a 4-1 record at NCAA Regional, beating Florida State two out of three games in the NCAA Super Regional; and a triumph over Louisville prior to back-to-back losses at the College World Series. The Beavers finished the season ranked fourth in the nation.

Arquette and Singer earned first-team NCAA Division All-America honors. Singer was an NCAA Gold Glove winner at second base. Canham was named West Region Coach of the Year.

And Trosky went shopping for a new place to play.

The Jabin Whisperer

"I mean, it felt like a lot of adversity. It felt really hard at times," said Trosky, whose uncle, Nate Trosky, a renowned private baseball coach, helped talk him through his tough-luck injuries.

"He definitely helped me a lot," he said. "When you're injured, you're kind of just sitting there, with a whole bunch of time to think. Uncle Nate always got good advice and good words for me, and having my friends and teammates around also was super helpful."

Trosky took a recruiting visit to Loyola Marymount and had discussions with USC, Iowa, and UC Berkeley before choosing San Diego State as his new school.

Former OSU teammates who have joined him there include third baseman Levi Jones, infielders Dawson Santana and Reeve Boyd, and catcher Anthony Marnell.

"That's a great thing for me, having all my buddies coming along," he said. "There might be more coming, so we're excited to



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Carmel High alum Jabin Trosky (left) has transferred to San Diego State with former Oregon State teammates (left to right) Dawson Santana, Reeve Boyd, Levi Jones and Anthony Marnell, to play for first-year Aztecs coach Kevin Vance.

try to flip that program in one year."

The 2025 Aztecs were 20-39 overall and 14-16 in the Mountain West Conference.

Trosky is rehabilitating the shoulder and strengthening his body through physical therapy, and plans to begin fielding grounders and swinging the bat in two

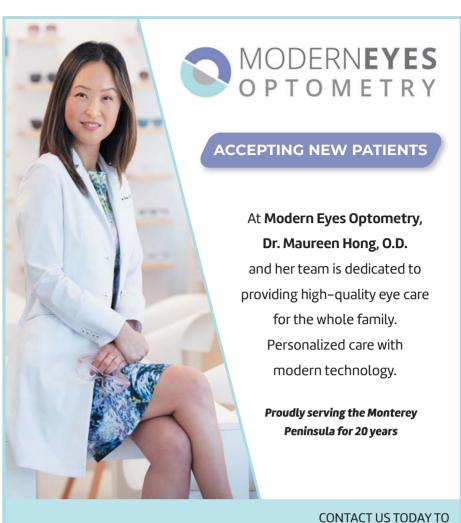
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weeks at Carmel High and Monterey Peninsula College.

He'll have one — and possibly two years of athletic eligibility remaining, depending on whether he's granted NCAA. Dennis Taylor is a professional freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact

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but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools and /or other misc. and /or other misc. items. Auction to be held at 4:00 pm on July 21, 2025, at www.selfstorageauction.com The property is stored at: Leonard's Lockers Self Storage, 816 Elvee Drive, Salinas, CA 93901 Tenant name: Michael Gonzales 7/4/25

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Registered Owner(s): JEFF STROBEL, RICHARD JAMES, LESLIE

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267 Chapparal Street, Salinas, CA 93906. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Registered Owner(s): MATTHEW LEE LOGGINS, 267 Chappa-ral Street, Salinas, CA 93906. Clerk of Monterey County on July 1, 2025. Publication Dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 (PC 717)

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ORDINANCE No. 2025-01 ORDINANCE ADJUSTING AND SETTING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

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WHEREAS, on July 5, 2000, the California Legislature enacted Senate Bill (SB) 1559 (Chapter 86, Statutes 2000); and

WHEREAS, this bill amended Section 6489 of the California Health and Safety Code, authorizing sanitary district boards to, by ordinance, increase Board member compensation by five percent (5%) for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the last adjustment for the Board of the Carmel Area Wastewater District was in July, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the California Water Code section 20200 et seq., which have been incorporated into the Sanitary District Act, require that any such increase be by ordinance and shall not become effective for at least sixty (60) days from the date of final passage; and

WHEREAS, the California Government Code provides that special districts may provide benefits to directors. EFFECTIVE DATE. Upon adoption, this Ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Carmel Area Wastewater District Board, and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the **District**

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District does ordain as follows:

1.) Ordinance 02-02 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2.) Board stipends: Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 6489, compensation for Board of Directors

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MHOLE DOG RADIANCE, 252 CASA VERDE WAY, MONTEREY, CA 93940, County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): HOLLY MASON HEIMER, 252 CASA VERDE WAY, MONTEREY, CA 93940 This business is conducted by AN INDIVID-

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Name of Individual Registrant: Johnali Rose Westmoreland.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS File No. 20251074 File No. 20251074 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. REZA'S CREAMERY, 445 Reservation Rd., Suite B, Marina, CA 93933, County of MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): I & P BROTHERS DAIRY LLC, P.O. Box 2106, Monterey, CA 93940 Monterey, CA 93940 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE S/Jayesh Desai, Manager/Member June 5, 2025

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File No. 20251190 pe: NEW FILING Filing type: NEW FILING -CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. with for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered as a Director by request of the Board, is hereby established as follows:

Each member of the Board shall receive \$200 for attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered, except that the President shall receive \$250 for such attendance or service, and that such compensation shall not exceed a total of six days in any calendar month, together with any expenses incident thereto.

- 3.) <u>Stipend policy</u> may be changed by Board resolution, as set forth in Administrative Code 21.022. Application of and changes in the stipend policy by Board resolution may not include increases in the stipend, which pursuant Health and Safety Code section 6489 may only be increased by ordinance.
- 4.) District Dental and Vision benefits shall also be conferred on members of the Board, pursuant to Government Code sections 53201 and 53205.1.
- 5.) Severability: The Board declares that each section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, is severable and independent of every other section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held invalid, the Board declares would have adopted the remaining provisions of this ordinance irrespective of the portion held invalid, and further declares its express intent that the remaining portions of this ordinance should remain in effect after the invalid portion has been eliminated
- 6.) Publication: Following adoption, this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District.
- 7.) Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force sixty (60) days after final passage of this ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on June 26, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members: PRESIDENT WHITE, DIRECTORS: COLE, LONERGAN, SIEGFRIED, URQUHART

Ken White, President of the Board Attest: Domine Barringer, Board Clerk Publication Dates: Julv 4th & Julv 11th

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Editorial

Even the youngsters

BACKED BY substantial majorities in both houses of the California legislature, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday wiped off the books some of the most important provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, effectively admitting that all the criticism directed at CEQA by developers, business groups and Republicans over the last 40 years was correct.

Not only did he embrace provisions he previously would have rejected outright, Newsom called the two bills he signed Monday "the most consequential housing reform that we've seen in modern history in the state of California," and said the laws represent a "historic reshaping of environmental rules" that had previously led to litigation and costly delays, hindering development.

The new laws not only make most housing projects in urban areas — including the Monterey Peninsula — exempt from CEQA, they also provide exemptions for businesses, including high-tech manufacturing sites.

"These are the jobs of the future, and I want them in California," said State Sen. Scott Weiner, an unlikely CEQA reformer, while brushing off criticism from environmentalists.

Newsom was also dismissive about objections to the new laws.

"We cannot let perfection be the enemy of progress," he said. "The status quo has left us with a housing crisis that's pushing people out of California."

What's amazing about this latest round of changes to CEQA isn't just that the state's leading Democrats have decided to toss it into the nearest cement mixer, it's that a whole generation of journalists and college professors have apparently come of age believing that CEQA is one of the worst things that ever happened to this state.

On KTVU's evening news Monday, a youthful reporter named Amanda Quintana called CEQA "one of the biggest barriers to building new housing" and said that "for San Francisco Bay area housing projects, CEQA was the red tape."

On the same news program, a young law professor at UC Davis, Christoper Elmendorf, said the environmental law has been functioning more like a racketeering scheme than something protecting plants and animals.

"CEQA was incredibly powerful for anybody who is looking for a side deal from a developer. Maybe they want special concessions for hiring unionized workers, or maybe they want money to be paid into a community group, or who knows what other crazy ideas they might have, or things they might want," Elmendorf said. "Since anybody could push that 'delay' switch and cost the developer hundreds of thousands or maybe millions of dollars, they had incredible leverage."

Newsom even went so far as to use a Republican talking point, framing CEQA reforms as part of his "abundance agenda" aimed at producing more housing and infrastructure by removing procedural obstacles.

"These reforms reflect a new mindset — one that prioritizes delivery over delay," he said.

Newsom underscored that the reforms would accelerate residential and infrastructure projects, including infill housing, high-speed rail, broadband, and wildfire prevention, while maintaining protections for sensitive lands.

"We're urgently embracing an abundance agenda by tearing down the barriers that have delayed new affordable housing and infrastructure for decades," Newsom said, urging Californians to "get building."

Words like those are going to take some getting used to for anyone who's been active in California real estate development over the last several decades. And what's even harder to believe is that the young people seem to be embracing Newsom's "abundance agenda" — something Baby Boomers and even Gen Xers would have regarded as an unspeakable heresy.

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Preventing wildfires **Dear Editor**,

Fire doesn't care about city character, zoning, or where lines are drawn on a map. It only responds to fuel, wind, humidity — and how well we've prepared. Drought and climate change have turned what used to be seasonal fuel into year-round drier vegetation for longer periods and increasing ignition risk.

Debating climate change won't help now — action will. Wind and PG&E's infrastructure have consistently emerged as the common threads in California's most catastrophic fires. Consider the winds: Camp Fire, 80 mph, Tubbs Fire, 60 mph, Palisades Fire, 80 mph, Eaton Fire, 80 mph, and Tunnel Fire, 65 mph. And three of these five were linked to PG&E. sources like poorly maintained power lines. That's a critical oversight. Downed or contacting power lines start and contribute to moving fires.

To illustrate: At 35 mph winds, embers travel about 50 feet per second. A blaze starting at Fourth Avenue near Carmel Beach could reach Highway 1 in less than two minutes. With 60 mph gusts, you have half that time — especially if large canopy trees kick embers skyward.

Mitigation must go beyond "defensible space" slogans. It means rigorous vegetation management — including trees — as well as replacing bare electric wires with insulated lines, adding protective spacers, removing vegetation near poles and demanding undergrounding of lines in accordance with the fire maps.

Homeowners should be required — or incentivized — to landscape with ignition resistance and fuel reduction in mind. PG&E must lead with action, not PR campaigns after the fact.

Thomas Brezozcky, Carmel

Opposes roundabout **Dear Editor**,

I strongly oppose the roundabout at the intersection of Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road in Monterey County. This project is an unnecessary and costly endeavor that fails to address the county's more pressing needs. First, roundabouts require significant space, often far more than a standard intersection. The footprint for a roundabout at this location will encroach on surrounding land, potentially disrupting

We can't stop the wind. But we can hold PG&E accountable and prioritize residential and community mitigation. One major gap: fire risk maps fail to include ignition

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He's always been listening closely

W HO STARTS a new business at 79? And that's not to mention it's an enterprise that flies in the face of the belief that seniors are easily confounded by technology.

George McKechnie, who lives at Haci-



By ELAINE HESSER

enda Carmel, is that guy. He's had alternating career tracks — one as a psychologist and one as an expert in home electronics, particularly audio and home theater. He seems equally pleased with his parallel paths.

McKechnie's paternal grandfather was a coal mine inspector, and his dad became a welder and an electrician. McKechnie learned to rewire houses as he was growing up and also discovered he had some talent in the classroom. He wanted to go to college.

An awakening

His family didn't have money for higher education, but "a great guidance counselor in high school" suggested he peruse catalogs in the school library and that he might find a scholarship to one of the colleges. McKechnie wasn't too sure. No one in his family had ever taken that step.

Nevertheless, he applied to what is now Wesleyan University in Connecticut, and, after meeting with someone there, he received an offer of early admission with financial aid.

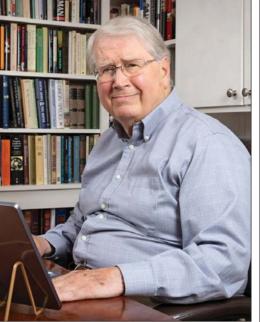
He planned to major in chemistry, but, "In my sophomore year, I took a psychology course. Then I took another, then another." After a while, he said, "I woke up one morning and thought, 'What am I doing in chemistry?""

On the suggestion of a professor who was a Berkeley alum, McKechnie went there to pursue his doc-

torate. He met Theodore Sarbin, a Berkeley professor and highly respected psychologist with a long list of awards and honors. Over lunch one day, McKechnie

mentioned he was interested in architecture. Sarbin suggested that he meet Kenneth Craik, a Berkeley professor doing

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PHOTO/RICHARD GREEN

At 79, after careers in psychology and audio equipment sales, George McKechnie launched a new business working with smart homes.

From the mayor's desk — Making meaningful progress

By DALE BYRNE

T'S BEEN six months since this new city council was seated, and Carmel-by-the-Sea is already showing visible and meaningful momentum — not just in projects, but in how we govern and engage.

We inherited delayed infrastructure improvements, complex mandates, stale ad hoc committees and Carmel's natural resistance to change. But we've brought new energy, transparency and a commitment to getting things done. As we start the new fiscal year, even more visible results are on the way.

Prepared and focused

This council of five dedicated individuals comes ready. They do their homework, ask tough questions and engage in respectful debate. It's not about politics it's about solving problems. We've retired inactive ad hoc committees and replaced them with action-focused workgroups. These teams have clear goals, defined timelines, and are already producing results — bringing staff and residents into the process. and offering thoughtful input. The message is clear: people feel heard. Inclusivity is becoming how we operate, not just something we talk about. You can feel the shift across town. Residents, business owners, and volunteers are stepping up. Our fully staffed city leadership team is moving forward with renewed purpose armed with a large capital spending budget. There's a long to-do list — but we're moving with intent.

Progress on big issues

As I shared in the last column, we've overhauled the budgeting process to prioritize infrastructure investment. In just six months, we've also broken the logjam on several long-stalled efforts. Sidewalk repairs are underway, the address dilemma is finally being properly vetted, and my top priority after being elected — the Harrison Library restoration — is advancing after council approved the architect contract this week. We also received five thumbs up on the police station workgroup's rethinking of the project to better fit our needs and budget.

Data support creative Carmel Valley man's endeavors

LIKE A Lamborghini in search of a lane, a Carmel Valley artist weaves through traffic on a congested freeway, watching for his chance to separate himself from the crowd.

At 23, Oliver Hendricksen has unbridled energy and volcanic creativity — an

Carmel's Artists

exciting but frustrating combination in the ever-evolving world of digital art.

The Carmel High alumnus is an animator, combining his quirky, colorful, handdrawn cartoon characters with whimsical, three-dimensional digitally animated backgrounds. That combination of skills and talents opens doors to endless possibilities.

As a freelance contractor, Fredericksen has contributed his cartoons and backgrounds to music videos for Coldplay, the rock band, and Smino, an American rapper and singer.

'Mad Dawg'

Fredericksen — online moniker is Ollie Loko — Smino, whose real name is Christopher Smith Jr., and an illustrator, designer, writer, rapper and producer known as Fin, also collaborated to create a pilot episode for "Mad Dawg," a cartoon-style series they hoped to sell to a streaming service.

That 2022 project went dormant, and Fredericksen never posted it online.

"Then, for some reason, Mad Dawg leaked — I don't even know who put it online," he said. "After that happened, I posted it on my own YouTube channel."



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Carmel High alum Oliver Fredericksen — aka Ollie Loko — is an award-winning animator, video creator, musician, songwriter and producer.

Ollie Loko's channel, which previously had around 100 followers, blew up overnight.

"The next day, I had more than 8,000 followers, along with some really nice comments," he said. "That was a really great feeling of validation for me."

Fredericksen plays keyboards and guitar — acoustic, electric and bass composes original songs and produces his recordings in the comfort of his Carmel Valley apartment, using

e computer software.

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Three of his albums — written, performed, mixed, mastered and artistically decorated by Fredericksen — are on Instagram, Spotify, and his website. His most recent album features 31 original songs.

The puzzle of getting paid

But the riddle that most freelance digital creators struggle to solve is how to monetize their art.

"If you were a musician or band in the 1970s, '80s or '90s, you'd share your demo with somebody at a record label. If they liked it, they might offer you a contract, and the label would handle all the marketing," Fredericksen said. "Nowadays, even if you get on a label, most of the marketing is up to the creator."

Conventional internet wisdom posits that a creator needs to post content several times a week — ideally every day — to be noticed by the algorithms that determine which videos and posts start trending and which ones disappear into the heavy traffic.

But creativity, lucrative or not, is also its own reward, and Fredericksen hails from a creative family.

His dad, Luca, a building contractor,

is a blues keyboardist who frequently plays with the Lenny Williams Band at Deja Blue in Seaside. His mom, Tina, is a chef. His 25-year-old sister, Katya, is a multifaceted San Diego artist whose mediums have included pastel drawing, acrylic painting, collaging, photography and videography. Her current passions include designing artistic clothing and tufting colorful rugs.

"I feel like the luckiest person in the world. We've always supported and helped each other," he said.

Working at 7

Fredericksen became a "commissioned artist" as a 7-year-old, when classmates at the International School of Monterey noticed his drawing skills and dipped into their allowance to hire him.

"Kids would give me

Even more inspiring is how the public has responded. Residents — many for the first time — are attending council meetings Housing is another area of major progress. With strong community input and

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work in environmental psychology, which deals with differences among individuals and how they relate to natural and manmade environments.

McKechnie completed his Ph.D. in 1972, and his dissertation resulted in two published psychological tests, The Environmental Response Inventory and The Leisure Activities Blank.

At Arizona State University, he applied his newly minted degree, later becoming assistant chair of the psychology department, and then was invited back to Berkeley as a visiting professor. Although he tired of teaching, he said, "I didn't want to leave Northern California."

In 1976, armed with his store of knowledge in environmental psychology and years of rewiring houses with his dad and his brother, not to mention significant musical experience as a choral singer, he founded Audio Excellence, a business that specialized in high-end home audio equipment.

"It was the only shop in Northern California" of its kind, he said. Francis Ford Coppola, who had an office in San Francisco, became one of McKechnie's first clients. Singer Boz Scaggs was a customer, as was engineer Ray Dolby, which could be considered quite an endorsement. He's the fellow who invented the noise reduction system used in movie theaters, HDTVs, DVD players and more.

But McKechnie's work in psychology wasn't over. About nine years later, he talked with his mentor and colleague, Sarbin, who said, "George, you're wasting a good education. Would you consider going back into psychology?"

In 1985, McKechnie became a clinical psychologist and did his post-doctoral residency at Community Hospital, where he joined the staff, became chair of the psychology division and sat on the bioethics committee. He also had a private practice over the Bookworks in Pacific Grove. His second wife, Dee, later joined him in that endeavor.

When McKechnie's son from his first marriage, Loren, entered adulthood, McKechnie worked with him to launch a new business, Axiom Home Tech, in Monterey. After three years, Loren moved to Silicon Valley, but McKechnie retired from CHOMP and his private practice and kept the business until 2022, when he sold it.

Flipping houses

Along the way, he sang with I Cantori di Carmel and spent 14 years singing with the Carmel Bach Festival. During his college and university singing careers, he was proud to be part of a group that performed for a visiting Martin Luther King Jr. in 1967.

He also obtained his real estate license and, over a period of 40 years, bought and flipped eight homes, doing most of the renovation himself. Building furniture and cabinets is also in his repertoire.

And now? He's launched Smart Home Planner (smarthomeplanner.com) with realtor Ben Heinrich, retired attorney Robert Daunt and a former employee from Axiom, James Perry.

They offer services in entertainment and automation, tackling things like televisions, projectors, multi-room music, and home networks, as well as home security, energy management and home health and safety. That includes topics like medical monitoring, help with agingin-place and people who have special needs.

McKechnie's psych background makes an appearance

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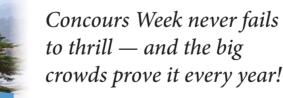
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under the "Insights" tab on his website, where homeowners can define their priorities by choosing among lifestyle patterns he's labeled protect, connect, enjoy, concern and adapt. Another portion of the site is dedicated to considering how tech will fit into a house's existing infrastructure, as well as info on buying or selling a smart home.

It's been a great way to integrate two lifetimes' worth of knowledge. When he's not at work, he said he enjoys listening to music. We bet the sound system's awesome.

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Judge Rafael Vazquez sentenced Poliquin to 16 months on his trespass with threats to cause serious bodily injury case, and eight months on his resisting-an-executive-officer case. Each of these terms are doubled and will run consecutively for a total prison term of four years because Poliquin was previously convicted of a prior strike under California's three strikes law

April 30 — Jose Ramiro Sanchez, 25, of Salinas, was sentenced today to seven years and eight months in state prison after pleading no contest to one count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one count of DUI causing great bodily injury.

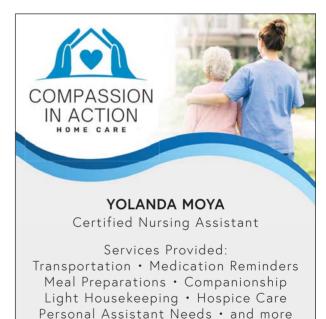
On July 20, 2024, just after 1 p.m., Sanchez was traveling southbound on Highway 101 through Salinas in a black Acura TL. Witnesses reported seeing Sanchez speeding and weaving in and out of traffic in a reckless manner. Victim Virginio Cortez was on the side of the road just south of the Laurel Drive overcrossing changing a tire on his granddaughter's vehicle. Due to his level of impairment Sanchez swerved out of traffic lanes onto the freeway shoulder, striking the victim.

Cortez was pronounced dead at the scene. Sanchez also struck and injured the victim's daughter, who had been attempting to alert oncoming traffic to the disabled vehicle.

Sanchez was contacted by California Highway Patrol officers after the collision, and they observed that he appeared to be under the influence. A subsequent test of Sanchez's blood alcohol level found it to be .22 percent, more than twice the legal limit.

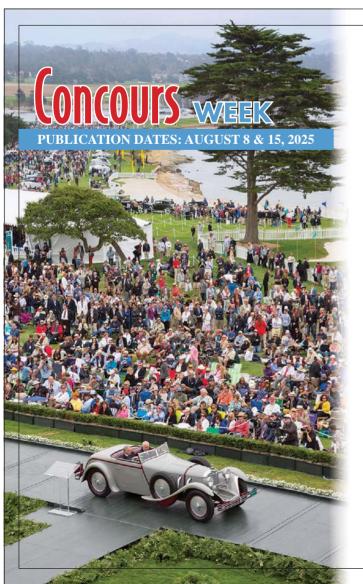
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District. Construction of most of the housing is expected to take 18 to 24 months to complete.

Williams said he and partner Clint Eastwood have sold the 93 market-rate homesites to an entity called Carmel Grand Avenue Partners 54 for \$22.5 million. The group is led by Chuck Lande of the Chadmar Group, a southern California boutique development firm, which will soon get started on infrastructure like roads, utilities, flood control measures and an acceleration lane along Carmel Valley Road near Village Park Road a short distance east of Carmel Middle School. Don Chapin Co. is the contractor for the initial work.

"I brought in Carmel Grand to build out some homes and get some improvements done," Williams explained. "They're bringing in the financing. We're keeping the work local. We're going to get the infrastructure in first."

Meanwhile, Williams and Eastwood plan to build the 40 affordable workforce units and 12 townhouses. The Carmel Development Co. will do the work.

100 fewer affordable units

Williams had hoped to build the 280 homes Lombardo had proposed in 2004 — which included 140 affordable units — but he said opposition to the project, along with

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or ladder-style bars, should avoid colors or patterns that resemble official traffic control devices, and ensure that designs do not confuse pedestrians, particularly those with visual impairments.

"In alignment with these guidelines, City of Monterey staff believe decorative crosswalks are permissible as long as they adhere to these safety-based principles," Renny told The Pine Cone, referring to the rainbow crosswalk proposal.

Numerous other cities have painted rainbow crosswalks or used roads to convey political messages, including Washington D.C., which installed a massive "Black Lives Matter" street mural in that city in 2020. A few months ago, however, Mayor Muriel Bowser erased it after a Georgia Republican congressman threatened to withhold federal funds from the city if it wasn't removed.

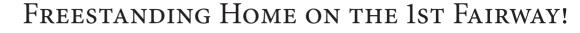
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While Williams said he was disappointed he couldn't build more units, he's gratified by some of the side benefits the project will provide. "That's why Clint and I hung in there," he said.

The 36 acres donated to the park district not only create a valuable connection for a network of trails, they give Palo Corona Regional Park a bridge over the Carmel River that's large enough for vehicles to cross - something it previously didn't have.

The land offers "important acreage" for a restoration project, while flood control measures will help protect 240 businesses and more than 400 homes. "A lot of people have been waiting for us to get going for years," Williams said.



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two or three dollars to draw things for them — a lion, or something," he said. "One girl said, 'Can you draw Cinderella jumping up and down?' And I said, 'Sure!'

When he was a fourth grader, his fascination with 3D animation was sparked by the Pixar film, "The Incredibles."

"My grandpa let me use his laptop to download a free app called Blender. It's still my favorite 3D animation software, even though it turned out to be way more complicated than I expected," he said.

His fifth-grade teacher, Tod Spedding, encouraged him to start creating animations for class presentations.

At the end of the school year, Spedding gifted his student a copy of Final Cut Pro Express, a video-editing program that Fredericksen used for several years.

"It was so cool to hear him tell me, 'You should keep doing this.' That advice obviously stuck with me," he said.

Mom's secret partner

When Tina Frederickson's son was a sixth- or seventh-grader, she began combing Craigslist to find people in need of somebody with Oliver's evolving skills.

"Mom found a Carmel winery that needed a 3D model to show people the construction they were planning," he remembered. "She said, 'Do you think you can do this?' And I said, 'Totally."

Tina avoided disclosing that the winery's 3D modeler was her middle-school son, he said, but the final product proved to be exactly what the client wanted.

As a Carmel High freshman, Fredericksen became a

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student at Monterey's Youth Arts Collective, a nonprofit program for artists 14-22 years old.

Artistically, he grew more from that experience, he said, than he did as a student at California College of the Arts (2019-2022), where he studied animation, interactive technology, video graphics, and special effects.

"When our old YACsters often come for a visit or to do a workshop, the younger kids tend to gravitate toward them," said YAC co-founder Meg Biddle. "Oliver is such a natural mentor that they love to hover and watch him. Then, when he leaves, they all want to know when he's coming back."

Fredericksen is teaching classes at Art Abilities, a nonprofit in Pacific Grove that serves children and adults with handicaps or special needs.

As a high school senior, he won Scholastic Art and Writing's Silver National Animation award in January 2019.

Five months later, the Seattle Television Network Awards gave its "Best Animated Film" honor to Fredericksen's film, "Brick's Path."

In November 2019, his first semester at California College of the Arts, he entered another film, "Keys," in the All-American High School Film Festival, where it was judged Best Animation and nominated for Best Overall. The festival rewarded him with a trip to New York City for its awards ceremony.

'One little thing'

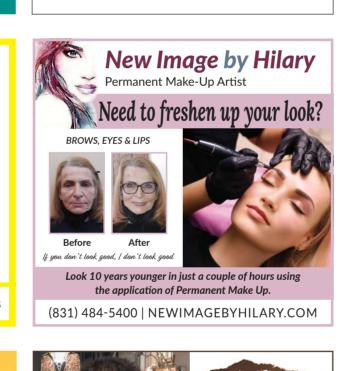
While studying at the College of Arts, Fredericksen applied for an internship with Disney's Pixar Animation Studios, but ultimately decided the company probably wasn't a good fit.

"I slowly realized that working with teams at a major studio wasn't what I wanted," he said. "A Pixar production is a huge thing with so many animators that you're really only assigned to do one little thing."

Pixar's art directors and storyboard artists make the big decisions, and the company's low-level animators play minuscule roles.

"When that many people are involved, I feel like there's something missing, some human element," he said. Fredericksen is a self-described control freak who

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prefers to oversee every detail of his own art - a plan that fulfills him for now. The freelance opportunities keep coming, and he's excited to be forging his own path as he attempts to figure out the business side of art on his own.

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close coordination with HCD, we're nearing an update to our housing element that could actually produce new units — thoughtfully dispersed and designed through a resident-driven process.

Our commissions, reinvigorated by fresh appointments, are tackling longstanding issues - from design standards, to roofing, landscape materials, and shoreline infrastructure. Council is ready to codify updates that have been deferred too long.

Fixing what needs fixing

We're actively addressing public safety and traffic. While a council majority wasn't ready to continue work on ideas like a dynamic valet service or space adjustments related to AB 413, the parking workgroup will keep exploring workforce parking options, shuttle service and long-term solutions using city-owned lots. Significant drainage and street repairs are also in progress.

Our wildfire workgroup is getting ahead of new state fire zone regulations with urgency and local expertise. Our fire department, CERT Team and regional partners are stepping up with inspections, joint training, and coordinated planning. We've also made progress toward better coordination between Monterey Fire and our ambulance provider to strengthen emergency response.

Eyes on the future

My biggest takeaway so far? When committed leadership, engaged residents, and dedicated staff work together, progress isn't just possible — it's inevitable. We may be a small town, but we're tackling big challenges with focus, creativity, and unity. We're no longer stuck admiring problems — we're solving them. And while much remains to be done, the foundation is now solid.

Now that the library project is underway, I'll focus with our leadership team on making Carmel a model of excellent customer service.

The next six months will be exciting. Let's keep the momentum going. The work matters. And the best part? We're doing it together.

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local ecosystems and nearby properties. In a county where open space is valued, this is a reckless use of resources.

Moreover, Monterey County's roads are in deplorable condition. Potholes, crumbling pavement, and outdated infrastructure plague our communities. Funds earmarked for this roundabout — estimated to cost millions — would be better spent repairing existing roads. A 2021 study by the Transportation Research Board noted that roundabouts, while effective in some contexts, often come with high initial costs and maintenance expenses, diverting funds from critical repairs. Why prioritize a flashy project when our basic infrastructure is failing?

The intersection, as a T configuration, functions adequately. Traffic volumes here do not justify the disruption and expense of a roundabout. Data from a 2019 Federal Highway Administration report shows that roundabouts only significantly improve safety and flow at high-traffic, crash-prone intersections. This intersection does not meet that threshold. It works fine as is, and drivers are accustomed to its layout.

Finally, Monterey County faces budget constraints, with limited resources for schools, emergency services, and housing. Spending on a non-critical project like this roundabout is fiscally irresponsible. Studies, such as one from the University



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of Wisconsin (2020), have questioned the cost-effectiveness of roundabouts in low-traffic rural areas, citing minimal safety benefits relative to their expense. I urge county officials to put a stop

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Building Momentum

to increase throughout the summer.

The market is steadily building momentum out of the doldrums continues to pay for ocean views. We represented another that we saw in 2023, with 170 deals closing across Carmel, seller in Tehama, which was the top sale so far at \$9.8M to Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Preserve, Tehama, bring total sales to \$13.2M this quarter. Quail had 4 sales close Monterra, Carmel Valley Ranch and the Carmel Highlands for \$9.3M as inventory continues to get snapped up quickly this quarter, raising \$443M overall. Despite macroeconomic in that market. Carmel Valley Ranch slowed a bit to \$5.8M, which isn't atypical as that area is prone to seasonal swings but uncertainty, we saw a strong rebound over last quarter, as overall dealfow is up 19% from 1Q25. While the rebound hasn't overall looks healthy. The Preserve has slowed considerably been even across the entire region, we have seen buyers across this quarter to \$4.8M but we're seeing strong demand from all regions take a renewed look and anticipate growth continue new buyers entering the space, so we anticipate this changing over the next 6 months.

> In the face of uncertainty, the top of the market tends to hold on big investments initially, but the historic stability of this area has turned into it's own asset class with people shifting money from the stock market and into real estate in this area. As such, we have seen prices continue to climb with the median sales price going from \$1.78M last quarter to \$2.77M this quarter. While sellers are still needing to work with buyers on terms, this price appreciation is driven more by stronger demand at the top of the market - a trend we anticipate continuing throughout the year.

This is a very nuanced market that balances patience from a seller and a deliberate approach to buying in this area, as the likelihood of more competition on the buy side increases every day.

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Historically, demand has been strongest in downtown Carmel and radiates outward, which has certainly been true this

quarter as Carmel led the pack this quarter with \$143M closed

in 39 deals, up 72% and 44% over last quarter, respectively.

closing this quarter for almost \$100M, up 16% and 39% over

last quarter, respectively. As demand continues to climb up

the price point, Pebble and the Preserve are poised to show

healthy levels of inventory and high quality product. Pacific

interest rates with 40 deals closing for \$63M. Monterey also

was a strong rebound from last quarter. The Carmel Highlands jumped this quarter from 6 to 9 deals for \$44M as the market

climbed this quarter with 42 deals closing for \$52M, which

Grove has continued to hold steady in the face of higher

the largest increase over the next 12 months as they both have

Pebble Beach is also starting to gain steam with 29 deals

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FINANCIAL & LEGAL SERVICES

Giving yourself time to think s save money — and headaches

By LISA LAPIN

FINANCIAL FRAUD and financial abuse cases are skyrocketing, particularly among seniors. And attempts to scam people will continue to rise with the ease of digital outreach and artificial intelligence, according to local legal advocates.

"It's an issue that is not isolated to Monterey County, but we are seeing such an increase that we feel strongly the need to get out and talk about it," said Vicki Miranda, attorney and deputy director of Legal Services for Seniors, a local nonprofit that provides no-fee counsel to Monterey County residents over 60. "The only way to prevent fraud is to spread the word about how to avoid it."

The nearly 1,200 reports of financial fraud reported to Monterey County Adult Protective Services in 2024 represent just a "fraction of a fraction" of the rampant fraud experienced by victims, Miranda said.

"People don't typically report this type of abuse," Miranda said. Even though it shouldn't be, losing out to a scammer can be a little embarrassing, and the victims don't know who they're reporting. "It's so much larger a

'The only way to prevent fraud is to spread the word about how to avoid it' problem than we will ever see. If you lost \$500 to a text message, you are unlikely to report it."

There is no one to sue, and because the thieves could be anywhere, there is usually no one for law enforcement to arrest or investigate, she added.

At a recent public education session at Meals on Wheels in Pacific Grove, Miranda asked for a show of hands from people who had recently received an unsolicited, suspicious phone call, text message or email. Everyone in the room raised their hands.

"We want to reduce these numbers," Miranda said. "And the only people who can prevent it are the potential victims."

How can you avoid be-

ing taken in? Give yourself a moment to think before taking any action, especially with anyone you don't know. And don't be pressured into any rushed decision.

"Criminals count on getting you to make a quick decision or to act quickly," Miranda said. "They want you to be afraid, curious or concerned."



Even the savviest consumers can fall for pressure tactics or not realize they're being scammed.

Miranda outlined two types of financial abuse: Theft from someone you know and trust, such as a family member or caregiver, or fraud perpetrated by strangers, who are often trying to pressure you to send money or divulge

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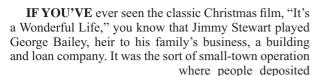
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It's not Bedford Falls, but it seems mighty nice

By ELAINE HESSER



their money, knowing that not only would they get a decent return on their savings, but that their dollars would be

put to use in their own community, neighbors investing in neighbors. Sure, it's an ideal

from another day, but that community spirit is dear to Monterey Credit Union president and CEO Wade Pyron. He could almost recite verbatim the lines in which Bailey tells his depositors that their money wasn't lying around in a

vault, but was instead "in



Wade Pyron

Joe's house ... and the Kennedy house, and Mrs. Macklin's house." That's what he believes community financial institutions should be.

Pyron took over the job two years ago. He's a soft-spoken Alabama native who's been in banking and finance

'There's a pride in being a member versus being a customer'



In Carmel Rancho, the newest branch of Monterey Credit Union sports an updated logo

for most of his life. Before coming here, he was chief marketing and chief revenue officer at Kitsap Credit Union in Bremerton, Wash. His introduction to the Peninsula was running in the Big Sur International Marathon a while back, when the dramatic coastline left him gob-smacked. When he got the opportunity to work here, he said he and his wife were happy to make the move.

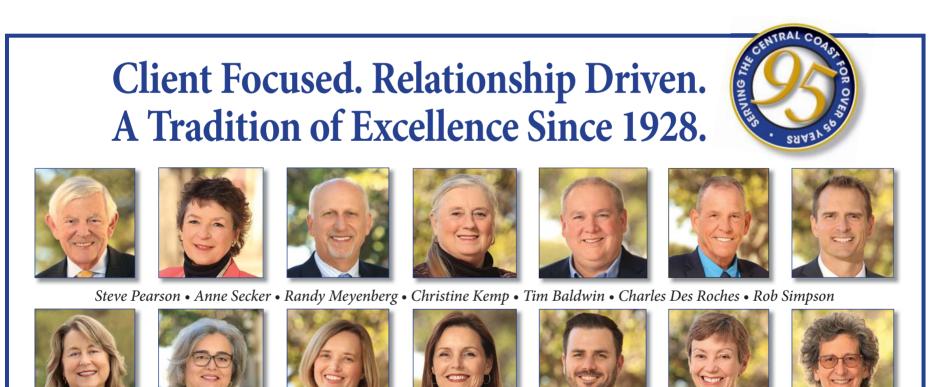
The credit union's offices are in an unassuming building at the foot of Franklin Street, overlooking the harbor. Its newest branch is in Carmel Rancho shopping center, and there's one apiece in Salinas and Hollister.

To qualify for membership, customers must live or

work in one of five counties - Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, San Luis Obispo or Santa Clara.

Some readers may recall that around 10 or 12 years ago, the now-57-year-old institution was called Monterey Federal Credit Union. Pyron explained that the name changed when the board and management wanted to open up its membership a broader group of people. An application to the National Credit Union Association (more or less the federal equivalent of the FDIC for credit unions) to do so was met with disapproval, and no reason was

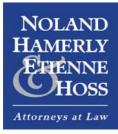
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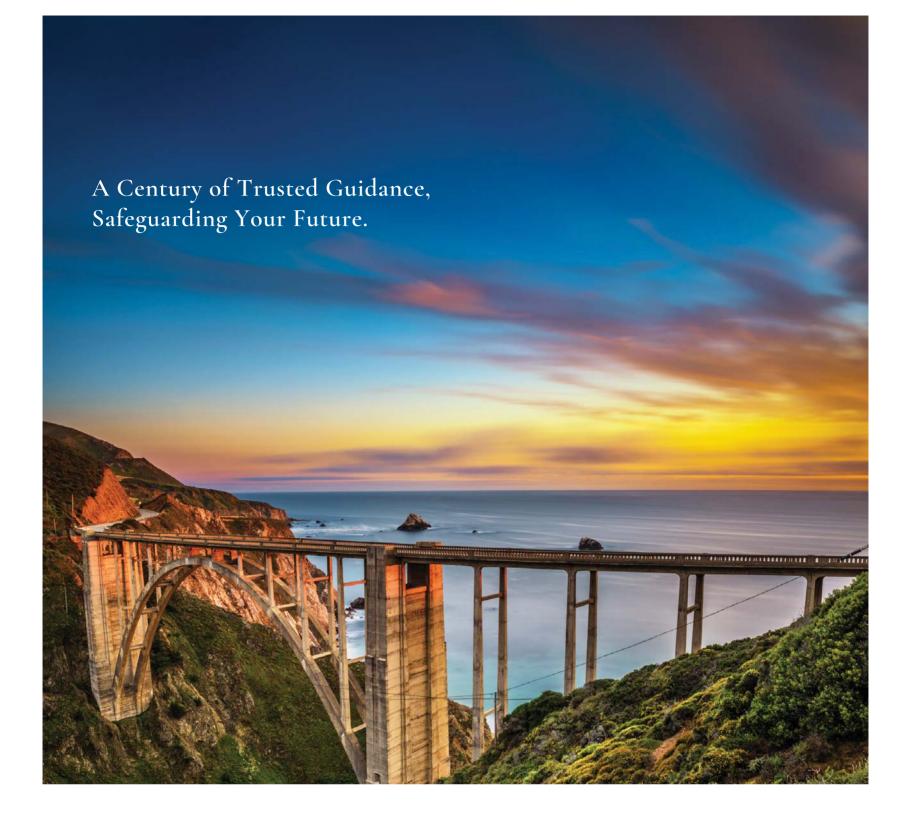


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given. The institution elected to become a state-chartered organization under the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation instead, and dropped "federal" from its name.

'Pride of ownership'

The things Pyron seems to enjoy most about MCU are its strong ties to the community and the ability to offer personal service in an age when contact with a live person is becoming increasingly difficult to find.

He said that he was "blessed" to be working with a dedicated group of employees, many of whom have been with the credit union for years — at least one for more than 30. Everyone appears friendly and welcoming, treating each visitor as a neighbor.

"They know and care about the community and the

members," said Pyron, who advises them to treat people "as they'd treat their mother."

Another difference is that the credit union's balance sheet is posted in the lobby and updated monthly. After all, members are shareholders and have a right to see how their investments are being handled. They seem to appreciate it and return the love.

"There's a pride in being a member versus being a customer," said Pyron. "It's a pride of ownership." He pointed out that people don't just use a credit union, they say they "belong" to it.

To access any of its services, a customer must become an MCU member by opening a shareholder account with at least \$25. And, when the institution has a good year, shareholders receive a dividend payment.

As you'd expect, there are checking and savings ac-

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Like mother, like daughter

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

BARBARA MAY has owned her law practice for 20 years, but how she became a lawyer was something of an accident.

After graduating from Monterey High School, she commenced her undergraduate studies at Monterey Peninsula College before going on to Sonoma State. When she came home on a semester break, her stepfather, who worked at an attorney's office on the Peninsula, gave her a job as a receptionist. She liked the environment of a practice endeavoring to do well by others.

The way up

"I worked my way into becoming a paralegal, a position I held for many years," she said. "I married an attorney, and we had two wonderful daughters. As the girls got older, and I remarried, I decided it was time to go to law school."

That she went into family law, she says, was on purpose. She enrolled in Monterey College of Law and graduated in 2002.

"The godmother of my children was an attorney. When I graduated from law school and passed the bar exam, she told me, 'If you want to make it out there, you need to practice family law.' I really like this specialty because it offers an opportunity to be a firm advocate for people who need one.'

Barbara May went on to achieve certifi-



The Carmel Pine Cone

Barbara May

cation with the State Bar of California as a specialist in family law. Candidates take a test, similar to the bar exam, followed by a series of background checks and referrals.

"My daughter, Amy Spiering, is a specialist who works with me," May said. "Following her undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley, she graduated from University of San Francisco School of Law. Working with her is the best part of my

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INANCIAL & LEGAL SERVICES

So many questions — and paralegals have lots of answers

By LILY PATTERSON

THOUGH HER work

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inspired one of the most successful legal dramas ever to hit the box office, Erin Brockovich never became an attorney. And while Hollywood introduced her profession to millions of moviegoers, many people still don't know what paralegals do.

A few assumptions longtime local paralegals Charlena Nossett, Cheryl Bilgin, and Kelly Nicholas have encountered:

"I thought you just filled out a bunch of forms."

"A glorified secretary"

"You need a degree for that?"

"Why aren't you an attorney by now?"

When asked about common misconceptions, Nossett laughed.

"Once, my own brother introduced me to someone, and mentioned that I'm a paralegal. I started to explain



Kelly Nicholas

what I do and he said, 'I thought you just kind of filled out a bunch of forms and checked boxes.' So I turned to him and said, 'Well, we have to know which box to check!'"

While working as a quality control inspector at a semiconductor plant, Nossett was exposed to environmental toxins. For health reasons, she quit her job and moved her two children to Salinas in 1983. When she needed legal assistance, she met an "inspiring" woman — a paralegal.

More than 30 years later, on the other side of the desk, Nossett is a paralegal with Noland, Hamerly, Etienne & Hoss. With 100 active cases in any given week, she said she regularly works with every attorney at the firm, nearly two dozen of them, across business, real estate and development, and environmental litigation.





Charlena Nossett

In California, someone can become a paralegal through

a certification course or with a combination of education

and relevant experience. No degree is necessary. One

thing a paralegal cannot do is provide legal advice, Nos-

sett said. But they can walk a client through the process,

by describing how a case may play out in terms of timeline

Research, the three agreed, is the essence of the job.

tion needed to draft complaints or counterclaims, pulling

information from depositions, conduct extensive research,

gather evidence for court exhibits — then put it on paper.

but I never took anything at face value. My grandfather

Paralegals involved in litigation dig up all the informa-

"I always excelled in school. I was always reading,

always said I was 'getting to the bottom of it," Nossett commented.

Cheryl Bilgin

Old-school approach

Research looks a little different for Nicholas, a paralegal with Leach & Walker.

"I didn't go to college for this. I come from an oldschool approach, learning on the job," she said. She was first a secretary at a large law firm while attending college at the University of Florida. Her first job was as a paralegal for a real estate attorney in her home state of New York. Skills gleaned from years spent digging through property

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deeds and titles remains "hugely helpful" in drafting trusts and planning estates.

The senior paralegal at Monterey's Pierce King Law, Bilgin also specializes in wills, trusts and probates, and powers of attorney. Frequently, the firm's longtime clients come directly to her with questions or special requests. Occasionally, she has to remind them, "That's a no-no, giving legal advice. Even if I know the answer!"

In 1977, the University of Georgia graduate landed a paralegal gig with the largest law firm in Maryland, where her first boss was a union-buster — among the Teamsters' Top 10 most reviled.

"Oh, it was exciting. They really knew how to use paralegals at that firm. We weren't just treated as glorified secretaries. We were staying up all night and going through depositions. During the trial, we were sitting right behind the attorneys, passing them notes whenever a witness contradicted themselves on the stand," she recalled.

When her then-husband landed a job at the Defense Language Institute, Bilgin discovered that most firms on the Peninsula were too small, at the time, to keep a paralegal on the payroll. She found one job, in estate planning, and she took it.

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job. There are a lot of highlights in this field, but this is definitely at the top. We've worked together more than 10 years.

May's other daughter, Christine Howe, is an aesthetician with Carmel Laser Aesthetics & Spa and will be studying nursing at Monterey Peninsula College.

'I wanted to practice law my way, both ethically and compassionately'

After working at two law offices as an associate attorney and ultimately partner, in 2005, May decided it was time to go out on her own.

"I opened my own firm because I wanted to practice law my way, both ethically and compassionately," she said. "I had been looking at available jobs, but they just didn't suit my sensibilities. Since I'd already been in the legal field for so long, I knew I wanted the autonomy that would be inherent in my own firm."

Twenty years later, what May still finds most gratifying is winning a trial, particularly a child-custody case where the parties start out fighting, and everything is adversarial. Yet, once she brings clients to that "Aha!" moment when



they all understand they're going through the process with the child's best interests at heart, she feels the satisfaction in her work

Fair decisions

"When clients realize that what they're doing will affect their child's life, they have reached the point where they are ready to reach an equitable arrangement," said May. "Some people get this. Some people's anger gets in the way, npromising the process

She's come to love her work, even when things drag on. "Some people treat estate planning as a hobby," she laughed, referring to trusts that involve years of minute revisions. But those experiences have made her more patient and understanding, which she feels is the best a paralegal can offer a grieving family.

"It can be a heavy field," Nicholas agreed. "Walking in on a Monday, you never know what message could be waiting for you. The other day, I had to run to the hospital to meet one of our longtime clients, who was sick and needed to re-sign a power of attorney."

"Getting the job done is the only way to ease their minds," Bilgin said — before adding that her dogs, who come to work with her, are two small comforts to clients.

Firm support

By all accounts, ambition is the only limit to what a paralegal can do - so long as the lawyers they work for value the partnership.

"This firm has allowed me to grow so much through continuing education, self-education, even writing work-

'Walking in on a Monday, you never know what message could be waiting'

shops. Trial preparation and strategy is something I could only have learned on the job and because the attorneys here allowed me to be a part of the process," said Nossett, who has worked with her firm since 1986.

Integral to her career, she said, was the leadership of late attorney Doc Etienne, of Salinas - noted for his pro

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She admits that practicing law is a hard job. The hours,

the demands of the day and the emotions of the party she's serving weave a challenging mantle.

"I've often heard that people who practice criminal law tend to have clients with the best behavior, while family law attorneys typically have clients with the worst behavior," she said. "I think this is true. At least at the start. Part of our job is to calm them down. Usually on both sides."

"If one person is vicious, the other typically becomes vicious as well. In family law," she said, "we don't typically have a good guy and a bad guy. That's not what it's about. It is about getting a fair decision for everyone regarding property issues, or, in custody issues, it's about what's in the best interest of the child. This is where the decision has to land."

There's a reason the profession is called "practicing law," she said, because attorneys must continue to practice throughout their careers. "I'm still practicing, for sure."

When not on the job, May spends time with her grandchildren, ages 5 and 7.

'They are the loves of my life, plus my husband, John May," she said. "Almost 30 years ago, he walked up to me at a bar in Cabo. We liked each other. We still do."

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personal information.

Be suspicious if a caregiver is asking you for personal or financial information. Be even more wary if it's someone you don't know, Miranda said.

"Fraudulent schemes ask you to transfer money to a stranger or imposter, with a fake promise that you will get some benefit," Miranda said.

"It's often someone posing as a government official or someone trying to establish a relationship with you," she added.

'Unlikely'

Legitimate agencies and organizations, whether they be the IRS, Medicare, Social Security or even your bank, will never call unexpectedly to pressure you. "If someone calls you or contacts you and you didn't expect it, it's highly likely it's a scam."

You should take a moment to verify

who you are speaking with. And don't provide any information to anyone if you are not sure.

"It's unlikely that the FBI will call you and say your identity needs to be protected. Or it's unlikely that a government official will claim you owe money or have fines to pay in order to get your personal information," Miranda said.

Many who attended the education session reported receiving fake texts from the "DMV" asking them to pay a fine for a violation they never committed. "Just ignore it. Delete it," Miranda said.

Potential deceptions are increasingly clever, Miranda said. Artificial intelligence can be used to create convincing arguments and can help scammers to use familiar names or mimic the voices of people you know.

Because it's becoming more difficult to tell real from fake, Legal Services for Seniors applied for and received a grant from the California Bar Association and the nonprofit California Access to Justice Commission to create an awareness campaign for Monterey County. The legal office is also available for consultations with seniors who think they have been contacted by a scammer or who want help investigating the facts.

Seniors, she said, are particularly vulnerable, because "we are trusting. We are courteous and we are polite. We grew up with manners. But we are also gullible."

So seniors are — as you may have heard in television commercials urged to "Take a 'senior moment.' Pause. Reflect. Protect. Take control and check with someone before you click, sign or send."

If you're being pressured to sign a contract, ask for help reviewing the terms. "Never sign anything and never pay up front for any service unless you fully understand what you are buying," Miranda said.

Never respond to someone who tells you to keep your conversation with them a secret. Legal advocates have heard from many victims who were told not to tell family members or friends about people who are asking them for money, which is a major red flag, Miranda said.

"Talk to someone before making any financial decision. And take your time investigating it. If it doesn't sound right or feel right, it probably isn't," she said. "Take a moment to think about it. If they say it's urgent and are pressuring you, it's most



Vicki Miranda is deputy director of Legal Services for Seniors.

likely a lie."

Legal Services for Seniors is holding several more education sessions this summer for anyone interested in learning about types of financial fraud and how to avoid being scammed. They are:

■ July 8, 1 p.m., Meals on Wheels, 700 Jewell Ave, Pacific Grove

■ July 23, 1 pm., North County Recreation and Park District, 11261 Crane St., Castroville

■ Aug. 8, 11 a.m., Alliance on Aging, 247 Main St., Salinas

You can contact Legal Services for Seniors at (831) 899-0492. Anyone who believes they are a victim of a fraud is also encouraged to report it to Monterey County Adult Protective Services at (831) 755-4466.



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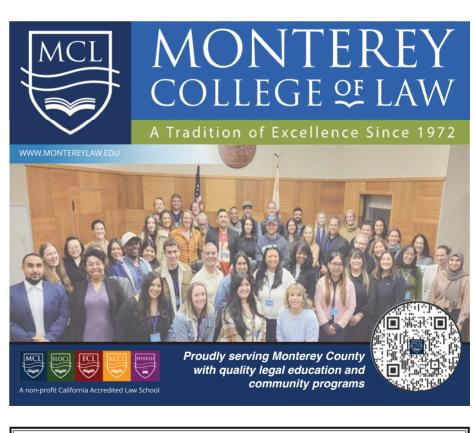
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bono legal work and hand in many major, sometimes controversial, development projects, from the desalination plant in Moss Landing to Hacienda Carmel and Del Mesa. Paying that kind of example forward is essential to her.

"One of the roles paralegals play here is to onboard associate attorneys, to help them put theories of law into practice. We're the ones to say, 'Good job, but you also need this form and this form, and this needs to be notarized," said Nossett.

She mentioned that her history on the Peninsula has made her wise to the idiosyncrasies of municipal departments, resources, boards and local ordinances that make standard procedure anything but, well, standard.

Nicholas, meanwhile, didn't feel the need to go back to school until relatively recently. She was already employed with Leach & Walker for five years and saw a certification for what it was worth in terms of pay. She has a ready response for anyone wondering why paralegals don't just become attorneys.

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"I don't need my name on the door. I love being a great 'right hand,'" she said.

Bilgin, Nicholas and Nossett emphasized the family-work balance in their jobs and chalked it up to the good will of their firms - all described in terms of "blessings," "luck," and "gratitude."

Nicholas suspects the feeling is mutual. "The recordkeeping alone ... paralegals are often the glue that holds everything together. Not everyone can handle it. But I thrive on it," she said.



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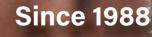
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counts. What might be unexpected is a checking account that currently offers more than 8 percent interest on accounts as large as \$10,000 with no minimum balance. There are activity requirements, however — among them, a certain number of transactions must occur within a designated time period. According to the credit union's website, there's also a cash-back checking account.

Alternatives for saving include share certificates like certificates of deposit - a money market account, IRA, and regular savings accounts. Options for borrowing money include auto, home equity, mortgage refinancing and personal loans. A new, no-annual-fee rewards credit card is available as well.

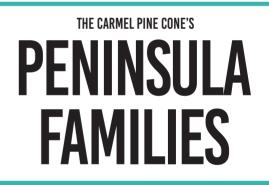
Pyron noted that one advantage of belonging to a local credit union is that if a member needs a loan but has lessthan-stellar credit, the staff has the flexibility to help them seek a workable solution in-house.

While services can be accessed online, Pyron said there are people available to help walk members through the process, and you can come in and talk to someone faceto-face.

And yes, he really is that earnest about what he sees as the importance of credit unions to a community. Being able to manage one here in paradise is simply part of his wonderful life.



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Free concerts mark Independence Day, guitarist offers Bach festival preview

ALONG WITH the fireworks and apple pie, a July 4 party isn't complete without free live music — which you can find all over the Monterey Peninsula on Friday.

The Monterey County Pops Orchestra celebrates our country's 249th birthday at Devendorf Park in Carmel Saturday at 2 p.m.

"A full 40- piece orchestra will delight audiences of all ages with an engaging and memorable program of popular and patriotic music," the orchestra said.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

At historic Colton Hall in Monterey, 570 Pacific St., the musical lineup features **The Pfeffers** (pop and rock at 10:45 p.m.), **Carnival** (Santana tribute at noon), **Wild at Heart** (country and classic rock at 1:30 p.m.) and **Foreverland** (Michael Jackson tribute at 3 p.m.).

At Caledonia Park in Pacific Grove, 141 Caledonia Ave., starting at 11 a.m., there will be a live reading of the Declaration of Independence, **The Monterey Peninsula Voices** will sing the National Anthem, and special musical guests will play throughout the afternoon.

And on the City Hall lawn in Seaside, 440 Harcourt Ave., **The White Album Ensemble** pays tribute to the Beatles at 2:30 p.m.

Recital set for Wednesday

Offering a sample of what's store for the audience when the 88th annual Carmel Bach Festival kicks off July 11, Grammy Award-winning guitarist **Jason Vieaux** will perform Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Ninth and Dolores in Carmel. The program was "crafted" by the festival to showcase the guitarist's "expressive range." Vieaux will play three pieces by Bach, along with Pat Metheny's "Four Paths of Light." Tickets are \$45.

The festival officially opens with its gala July 11 at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club in Pebble Beach, including a "beautiful outdoor reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, a live auction and a classical cabaret performance by Jesse Barrett and Lisa Edwards," according to the festival.

For more details, visit bachfestival.org.

Oak Ridge Boys play Tuesday

A six-time Grammy

Award-winning vocal quartet with roots in gospel and country, **The Oak Ridge Boys** play Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

The lineup features three members who have been with the group for more than 50 years, **William Lee Golden**, **Duane Allen** and **Richard Sterban**.

The group had 12 No. 1 country hits, including "Elvira," "Bobbie Sue," "American Made" and "Leaving Louisiana in the Broad Daylight."

Tickets start at \$53. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.



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Live music July 4-10

Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **James Henry & Hands on Fire** (world music, Sunday at 1 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — **Windows** ("cosmic country") and singer and guitarist **Richard Tripps** (Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

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OOD & WINE

Péppoli celebrates, Foray honored, Il Vecchio chef's homecoming

ATTENTION WINE lovers and Italian food fans: Pèppoli restaurant at the Inn at Spanish Bay is having its 25th anniversary dinner, "Under the Tuscan Moon: A Celebration with Piero Antinori," Sunday, July 11, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Soup to Nuts

The restaurant has a longstanding relationship with Antinori wines. In fact, Pèppoli is named after one of the Antinoris' vineyards. Marchese Piero Antinori is part of a Tuscan family that's been producing wine since 1365, when Giovanni di Piero Antinori entered the Winemakers' Guild of

Florence.

Twenty-six generations of that family have worked to perfect their art, and their wines will be paired with chef de cuisine Angela Tamura's exceptional menu, designed to honor Tuscan tradition and cuisine.

"The event is a heavy walk-around" reception with seven stations," explained Bryan Anthony, vice president of food and

beverage for the Pebble Beach Co. Five stations will represent the five regions of Tuscany, with a sixth for Napa Valley, in honor of the Antinori family's Stag's Leap vineyard. Finally, there is a dolci (sweets) station.

Each stop offers several dishes and a



Péppoli restaurant at the Inn at Spanish Bay will be celebrating its 25th anniversary next week with a special "walk-around" reception. Dishes prepared for the occasion by chef de cuisine Angela Tamura are going to be paired with wines from Tuscan vintner Antinori.



wine or two to pair with them. At one, a Kobe-style beef carpaccio with fennel, celery and red onion pinzimonio — an olive oil dipping sauce — will be paired with a white vermentino and a red il bruciato, both from the Antinoris' Guado al Tasso estate vineyard of the Bolgheri region of Tuscany. (Il bruciato means "the burnt" and refers to a historic fire at that vineyard.)

Bistecca alla Fiorentina, grilled Tuscan-style porterhouse served with grilled lemons and Pèppoli olive oil, will be offered with two Antinori chiantis from different vineyards, including the restaurant's namesake Pèppoli, located about 20 miles south of Florence.

Rare opportunity

Antinori is perhaps best known for introducing high-quality "super Tuscan" wines to the United States in the 1970s. He is "known as the godfather of Italian wine," said Anthony.

Antinori will attend the event and give the opening remarks, offering a rare opportunity for Italian wine lovers to meet and chat with the head of the renowned family. All attendees must be 21 or over. Tickets are \$295 per person and include tax and gratuity for the indoor/outdoor event. To purchase, visit tinyurl.com/epbtu5h4.

Foray second in nation

Pine Cone readers have already honored Foray restaurant at San Carlos and Fifth with several Golden Pine Cone awards, but Newsweek readers in June selected it as the second-best farm-to-table restaurant in the country behind The Farm Cafe at Kahuku Farms in Hawaii. The publication's "10 farm-to-table restaurants were selected by our featured panelists and contributors and voted on by readers as the best of the best."

"Pine Cone readers (and fans alike)

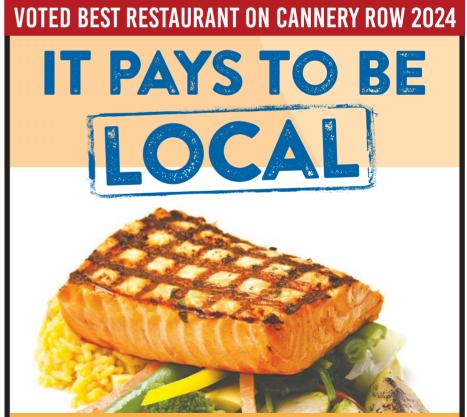


Marchese Piero Antinori of the renowned Tuscan wine family will be on hand at the Inn at Spanish Bay to help celebrate Péppoli restaurant's 25th anniversary. The restaurant is named for one of the Antinori vineyards.

heeded the call to vote, and Newsweek ranked Foray No. 2 in the country on their list of Best Farm to Table Restaurants! Foray ranked higher than two other well established California nominees," pointed out Cathy Farley, a fan of the restaurant. "Considering that No. 1 on the list is in Hawaii, Foray is really ranked No. 1 in the continental United States by Newsweek. Congratulations to a local Pine Cone favorite."

Owned by chef Michael Chang and wife and sommelier Caroline Singer, Foray capitalizes on local and foraged ingredi-

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ents. As Newsweek said, "The flavors of the Pacific Ocean and California's redwood forests unite at Foray, where you'll find local delicacies like red abalone, black cod, and truffles foraged by the chef's dog, Falco. The restaurant sources everything from foraging (try the foraged huckleberry pie!) and the nearby Del Monte Farmers Market. And the shucked shells from Foray's delicious shigoku oysters go back into San Francisco Bay to rebuild its ecosystem."

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The winners

The remaining Top 10 include Grove in Grand Rapids, Mich., Burlingame's Twelvemonth — "an eco-friendly restaurant that focuses on plant-based food" — Trattoria Stella in Traverse City, Mich., Michelin-starred SingleThread in Healdsburg, The Old Mill Pottery House Cafe in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Talula's Garden in Philadelphia, Pa., Chateau Morrisette Restaurant in Floyd, Va., and The Quincy Exchange in Corning, N.Y.

The Carmel Pine Cone

"Thank you to our supporters for voting Foray into Newsweek's Best Farm-to-Table Restaurant of 2025," Chang and Singer said. "This level of national recognition is a first for Foray, and we are incredibly thankful for your continued support."

The restaurant offers Happy Hour and dinner Wednesday through Saturday and is hosting wine dinners regularly, with a prix fixe developed by Chang to complement the featured wines. Next up is Rhys, located in the Santa Cruz Mountains and specializing in pinot noir, chardonnay and syrah, on July 17. The evening will feature four courses and six wines, along with "an interactive discussion by head winemaker

Jeff Brinkman," and costs \$250 per person. For more information and to reserve, visit forayrestaurant.com.

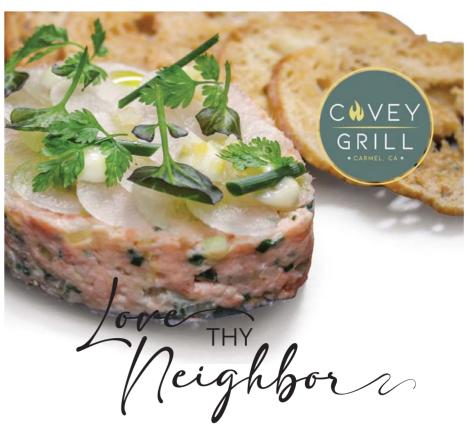
A visit to Il Vecchio

Kelly Shatto, along with her son, chef Stefen Shatto, have taken over ownership of Il Vecchio in Pacific Grove. Stefen is returning as executive chef — he was there

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Foray restaurant was selected for the No. 2 slot in Newsweek magazine's 10 best farm-to-table restaurants in the United States. Owners Michael Chang and Caroline Singer are delighted by the news.



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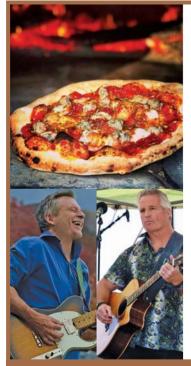
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when Il Vecchio opened 13 years ago and stayed for four years before moving on to other opportunities.

"When the previous owner, Carl Alasko, wanted to retire, he reached out to Stefen," said Kelly. The mother-son duo have mostly maintained the menu, adding a few things to make it their own. Take the carbonara, a pasta dish from the Lazio region of Italy, which is home to Rome. Il Vecchio's version is made with bucatini — a thick spaghetti-like pasta with a hole down the middle - guanciale, which is cured pork cheek, pecorini romano cheese, eggs and freshly ground black pepper. The eggs are added at the end and blend with the cheese to create a creamy sauce. Then,

Il Vecchio's offerings include some excellent desserts, like two-layer mascarpone chocolate cake (left), but if you're not an "eat dessert first" sort of person, the burrata sandwich - featuring creamy cheese, pesto, zucchini and a balsamic reduction – plus a cup of clam chowder make for a satisfying lunch.



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the chef adds his own touch — a poached egg on top.

Designed to delight

All the dishes seem designed to delight, like crisped-to-perfection fried artichokes served hot with a trio of dipping sauces, including romanesco — a blend of tomato, garlic, nuts, and sweet red pepper - lemon aioli, and pesto. The apple and gorgonzola gnocchi, a homemade Italian pasta in the form of little pillowy potato dumplings, would be almost too rich if not for the apples and walnuts adding a little sweetness and texture.

They also serve sandwiches, from a classic burger, to the "burrato sando" made with burrata, pesto, a sweet-tart balsamic reduction, and zucchini.

Homemade tiramisu served in a stemmed ice cream cup has just the right amount of rum, and the not-too-sweet mascarpone chocolate cake is also a great choice for a decadent dessert.

The lunch menu is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, with prices set at \$17 to \$18 for sandwiches. Items from the dinner menu — served from 5 to 9 nightly are also available midday, with pasta and other entrees in the mid-\$20 to mid-\$30 range.

Hearty traditional dishes include osso bucco, chicken marsala, and braised short rib polenta, or you can switch things up with lobster and ravioli in a saffron sauce, or truffle butternut risotto. The day The Pine Cone visited, service was prompt, professional and friendly.

"I love the spirits side of the restaurant," Kelly said, and you can tell by the extensive wine and cocktail menu. Take the Donatello, her spin on a lemon drop with Tito's vodka, pear syrup, lemon juice, egg white and dried pear, or the Heat Wave, a fruit-forward mocktail fit for the beach. The eclectic wine list has a range of selections sold by the glass or bottle.

The restaurant embraces local artists, too, offering live music Tuesdays (blues) and Thursdays (jazz) at 6 p.m. The walls are accented by local paintings available for purchase. Il Vecchio is at 110 Central Ave. — parking is on the street — or visit ilvecchiorestaurant.com.

Pizza Jam

Carmel Mission Inn at 3665 Rio Road is having a Pizza Jam on July 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the courtyard. Local catering company Fire on Wheels will provide the pies, and local musical favorites the Transducers are bringing the jams. Drop by with some friends for a bite and a drink or two.

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

Chef's friends rally to put a roof overhead

By CHRIS COUNTS

FEW PEOPLE live more remotely in Monterey County than chef, cheesemaker and author Charlie Cascio of Big Sur, who lost his home in the upper reaches of Rocky Creek nine years ago in the devastating Soberanes Fire.

Cascio, 78, has been living in a yurt on the same property ever since, but with that structure on its last legs, his friends are raising money at GoFundMe.com to buy him a new home.

Besides being remote, the property is located thousands of feet above sea level and gets cold during winter - especially when you're living in a home made from canvas.

"Years of cold and damp conditions have caused his health to decline," according to the campaign, which is titled, "Let's Get Charlie Out of the Yurt." "Winter is coming, and it's urgent that Charlie has a safe place to live before there's snow on the ground. His friends are stepping in to

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raise funds to build him a simple, fireproof home.

Before the fire struck in 2016, Cascio was raising goats for cheese - he was making six different varieties — bees for honey and chickens for eggs, along with growing fruit and vegetables. Most of the farm was destroyed in the blaze.

According to the organizers, "every dollar will go directly to construction materials and labor."

50 donations

Launched just three weeks ago, the campaign has so far received 50 donations totaling nearly \$13,000. The goal is \$115,000.

To help publicize the fundraiser, organizers also produced a short video about Cascio on YouTube titled, "Help Our Phoenix Rising."

A longtime chef at Esalen Institute, Cascio is the author of the "Esalen Cookbook." He's also been the subject of several profiles in The Pine Cone.



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Henry Miller Library — John Turkey's Nightmares present a free concert (rock, Friday at 11:30 a.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

Carmel

Barmel — **Jazville** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.

Carmel Mission Inn — **The Transducers** (rock and funk, Thursday at 5 p.m.). In the courtyard, 3665 Rio Road.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday

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 **Alex Lucero** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands singer and guitarist Javier Sanchez (Spanish and classical, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist TJ Kuenster (jazz, Saturday 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 — Surf Monster (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), Songwriters Showcase (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Sunday at noon), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Tuesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur Vineyards tasing room — singer and guitarist Brett Freshour (Fri-

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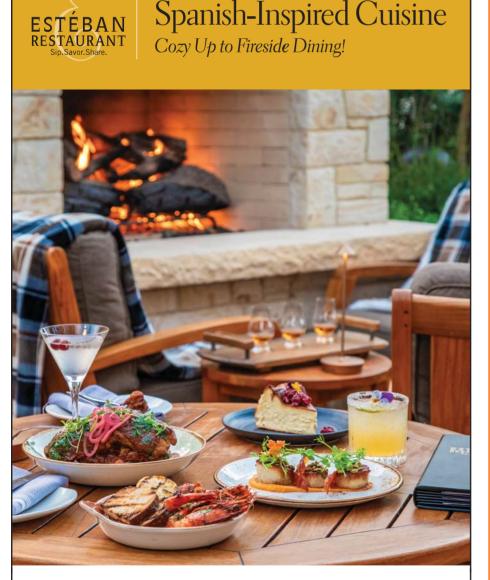


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day at noon). 1 Del Fino Place.

Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist Kito Rayburn (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist Anthony Presti (Saturday at 4 p.m.), The Monterey Jazz Regional All-Stars (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

McIntyre Vineyards tasting room — guitarist Dan Cortes (American roots and traditional Mexican, Sunday at noon). 24 W. Carmel Valley Rd.

Trailside Cafe — The Mighty Maple ("acoustic jams and cool grooves," Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Twisted Roots Winery - singer and multi-instrumentalist Reija Massey (pop, rock and country, Sunday at 1 p.m.).

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Albatross Ridge Winery — The Paper Hearts (indie pop, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Peter Barnes Martin (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) singer and guitarist Keith Rayburn (Sunday at 2 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 — singer and guitarist Kather-

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Painter finds natural beauty worth protecting

EMPLOYING BRIGHT colors and flowing lines, painter Anastasiya Bachmanova offers a fresh perspective on the local coastline in her show, "Beneath Pacific Skies," which opens Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center. The gallery will have public reception for the artist at 7 p.m.

"My creative approach is the culmination of many years striving to perfect the ever-changing, and ever-inspiring essence of my adopted seaside home," Bachmanova said. "From vibrant cliffside poppies straddling idyllic North



By CHRIS COUNTS

Coast nooks, to moody sand dune vistas, this collection presents the viewer with an assortment of enchanting perspectives to inspire and uplift."

Bachmanova, who studied environmental science and fine art Cal State Monterey Bay, infuses her art with a message of conservation. "The blank canvas is a tool to share my thoughts and opinions on what is important, what is worth protecting, and what is so magical about a certain moment or place," she said.

'Tiny Treasures' opens

Also new at the P.G. Art Center are shows by the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association ("Full Spectrum") and the gallery's studio artists, along with the gallery's annual "Tiny Treasures" exhibit, which is also its biggest annual fundraiser. The latter features a display of more than 100 pieces of art, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, prints, collage, pencil and ink illustrations, mixed media, photography, sculpture, textile art



Thursdays - Live jazz with The David Morwood Jazz Band, 6 to 9 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.



Anastasiya Bachmanova's "Beneath Pacific Skies," which features her colorful acrylics of local scenery, is one of four exhibits opening Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

and stained glass — all of which was donated by the center's many supporters. Proceeds will help fund the center's many exhibits and programs.

Keyboardist Glenn Leon-Guerrero will play old-school r&b at the reception. The shows will be on display through Aug. 28. The gallery is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. pgartcenter.org

July 4 is not only Independence Day, but it's First Friday in downtown Pacific Grove, where shops and galleries will stay open late, and live music will be offered at several sites. The participants include the art center, Artisana Gallery and many others.



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Hyatt Regency Monterey — guitarist Glenn Bell (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Scott Slaughter (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

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Jacks Monterey — singer and guitarist Scott Slaughter (Friday at 6:30 p.m.). Located behind Portola Hotel & Spa at 2 Portola Plaza.

Midici Pizza — singer Lee Durley and pianist Bill Spencer (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and keyboardist Luca Fredericksen, bassist Joe Johnsson and drummer Zach McDaniel (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel --- singer and pianist TJ Kuenster (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist Tom Gastineau

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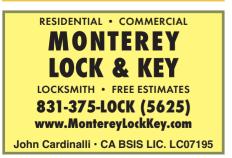
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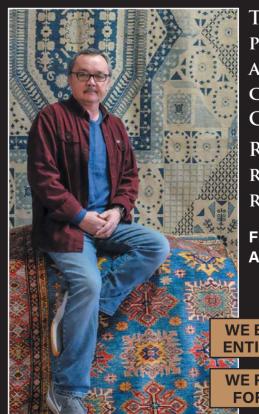
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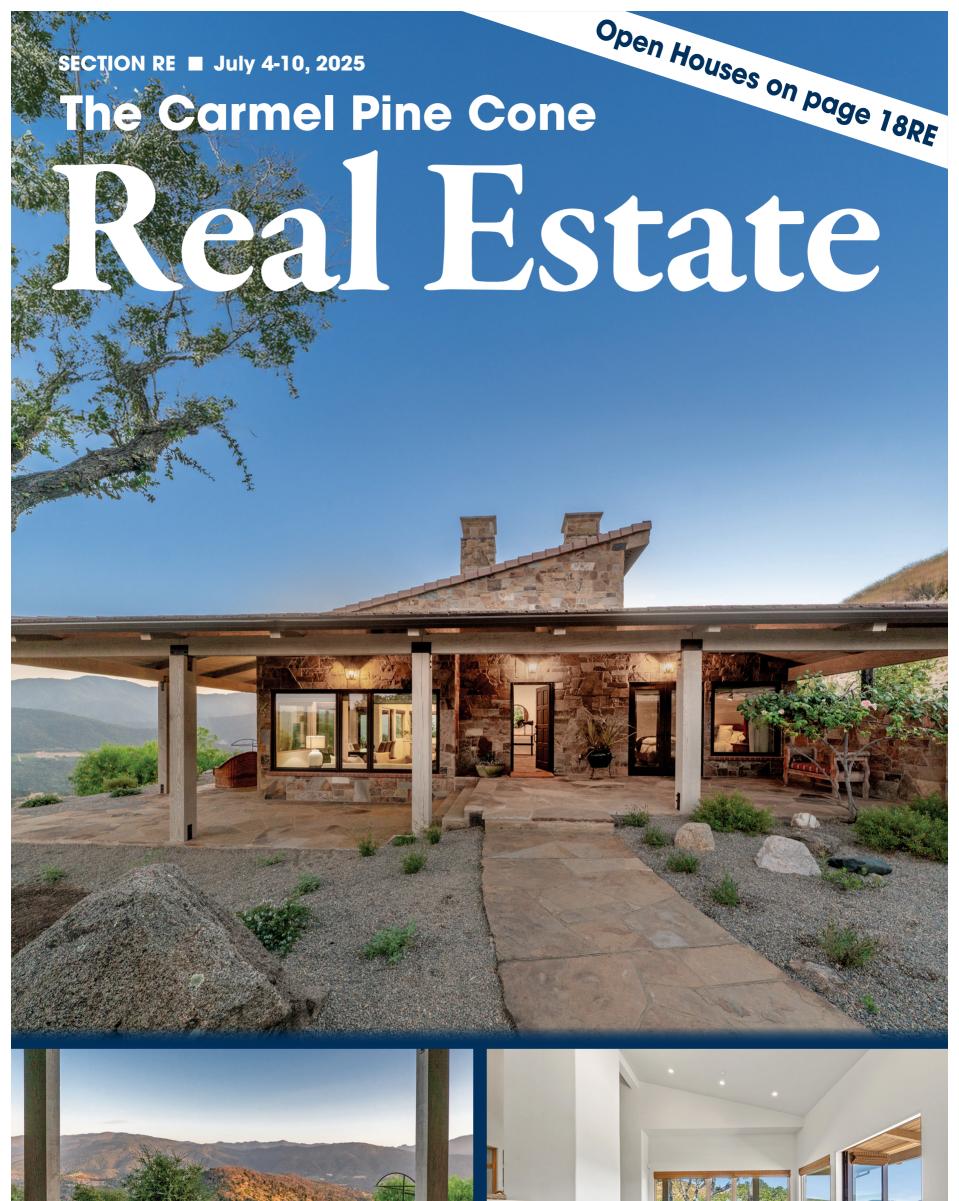
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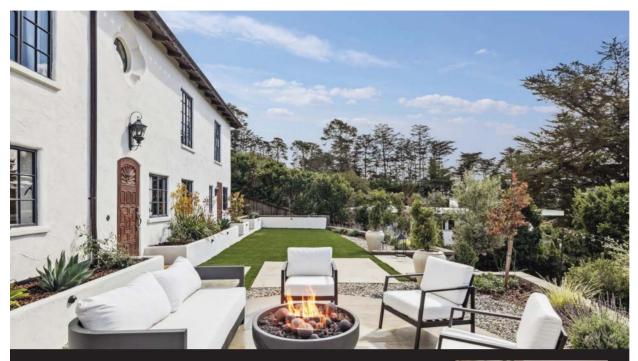
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Yet I cling to my belief in the lasting power of the American Dream, a dream that continues to attract seekers of freedom from the far reaches of the globe.

My good fortune in being born here would likely not have happened without the audacity of two men I barely knew: my grandfathers. With little more than hope in their pockets, they left everything familiar behind in Europe, embarking on a harrowing journey into the vast unknown.

In 1903, 32-year-old Antonio Gervasi bid farewell to his wife, Giuseppa, in Vallelunga Pratameno, Sicily. Perhaps he walked the 37 miles to Palermo before boarding

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

the good ship Sicilian Prince, bound for the New World. He landed at Ellis Island on June 29, 1903. There, amid the cacophony of dreams and desperation, some diligent clerk changed the final "i" in his surname to an "e." And so, the Gervase saga in America began. I have no record of his journey from Ellis Island to Buffalo, N.Y., though it's known that hundreds of Vallelungesi settled in Buffalo in the early 20th century, forming a ready-made community. A year later, Giuseppa, my grandmother, followed her husband to America. My father was born in 1905.

Unyielding grit

My other grandfather, Antonio Sansano, hailed from the small town of Accadia, Italy, before sailing to the USA, disembarking on these shores on May 24, 1906. Another clerk at Ellis Island scrawled "Zanzano" onto his immigration papers. (Evidently, good spelling wasn't a requisite for employment at Ellis Island.)

I presume that freedom and opportunity drew my grandfathers across an ocean. Yet I remain in profound awe of the sheer courage it took to abandon every shred of familiarity for the promise — and it was barely a promise — of a better life. I can imagine their initial struggles: arriving with absolutely nothing, wrestling with a new language, adapting to an alien culture. Their very existence here embodies the unyielding grit required to build a life from scratch in a foreign land.

And even before they arrived, life on immigrant ships

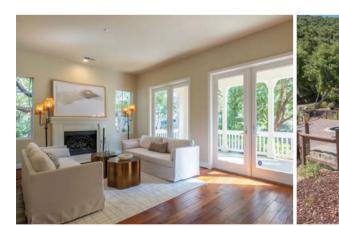
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POLICE LOG

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Pacific Grove: A detainee delayed an investigation at Ocean View Boulevard and 13th Street.

Carmel Valley: Unknown persons attempted to make entry to a vehicle on Carmel Valley Road by breaking a passenger-side window.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Phone lost at the beach — purple iPhone 14 with a maroon wallet attached has a California ID and Chase bank cards inside.

Pacific Grove: A 26-year-old male on Ocean View Boulevard was cited and released for loitering on private property and engaging in utility theft.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Syida reported a battery.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to a trespassing on Highway 1. The 77-year-old male was taken to Monterey County Jail.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A driver parked a vehicle on Junipero Street which subsequently rolled into another parked vehicle, causing a blockage in traffic. Fortunately, there were no injuries, and the vehicle was towed. The driver mentioned that the brakes had recently been serviced, and they suspect this may have been the cause of the incident.

Pacific Grove: No calls to report.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report. Pacific Grove: Report of a suspicious occurrence on Grove Acre Avenue.

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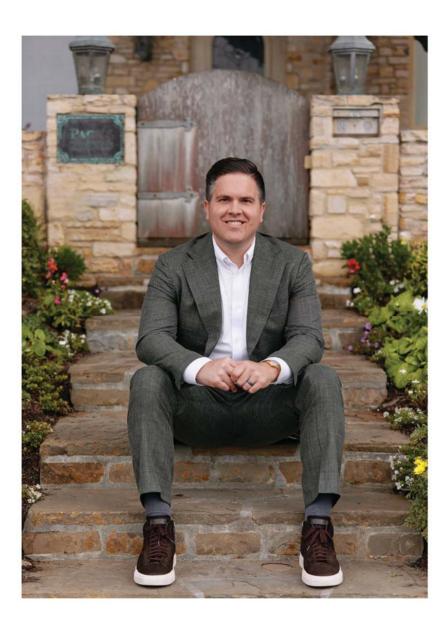
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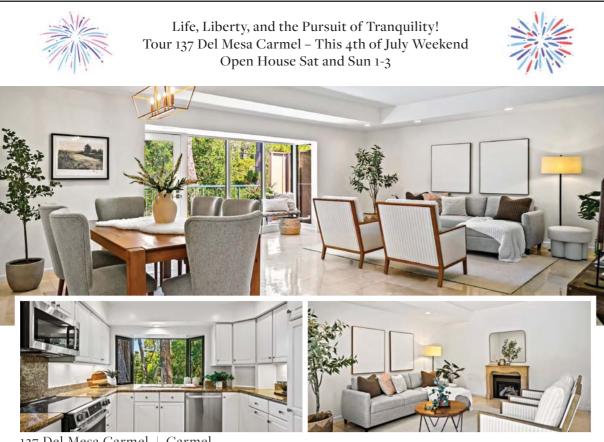
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Pacific Grove: At about 2144 hours, officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Sage Court on report of a peace disturbance in the area. A resident was cited for a municipal code infraction — no social hosting of persons under 21.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1338 hours, an Adult Protective Services report was reviewed.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop at Patterson Lane and Benito Avenue for a stop sign violation resulted in a 45-year-old male being cited for driving with a suspended license.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 50-year-old female from Monterey 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. Staff observed her stealing again. Officers arrived on scene and detained her. Several items were recovered from the female related to this theft. She was subsequently released with a promise to appear for shoplifting. She confessed to prior thefts and was persuaded to return previously stolen items to the police station. 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. She expressed remorse for her actions and wrote an apology letter. She has been formally warned about trespassing at the business and will face arrest if she returns.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Visitor found a loose dog at San Antonio and Ninth and brought it to Carmel P.D. for chip scanning. The owner was located and the dog was returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cybercrime and fraud reported by an Iris Canyon resident. The victim had reportedly been paying money for email "protection" for several years. A courtesy report was taken and forwarded to the appropriate agency for further investigation.

Pacific Grove: Identity theft on Lighthouse Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral of financial abuse involving a Carmel Valley Road resident.

Carmel Valley: Report of a family dis-

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around 1900 was a brutal crucible of cramped discomfort, especially in steerage. Passengers packed into tight quarters battled unsanitary conditions, seasickness and a pervasive ache of homesickness as they journeyed across an unfamiliar ocean. These voyages could stretch from two weeks to a month, subject to the whims of routes, ship types, and caprice of the weather. There were no passports, no visas, no pre-approved entry forms. Third-class passengers were channeled through Ellis Island for the requisite inspections. Those who passed were simply waved through, unburdened by official paperwork. There was no, "Welcome to America, here's your shiny new photo ID," moment.

Family struggles

Booker T. Washington, in his sobering 1908 memoir, "The Man Farthest Down," paints a stark picture that may reflect my own family's struggles once they got here: "I saw Sicilian peasant families living in a single room with no chimney, a stone hearth for cooking (when there was food to cook), one bunk (a heap of straw) upon which the entire family sleeps. The



pute at a Carmel Valley Road residence. Carmel Valley: A civil dispute was re-

ported on Barn Way. **Pebble Beach:** Suspicious circumstance at a residence on Bonifacio Road.

Carmel area: A person was reported missing and later located in another county.

Pebble Beach: Allegation of financial abuse at a residence on Presidio Boulevard.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a missing person from a residence on

coarseness of such family

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coarseness of such family existence is beyond description."

I don't remember my grandparents talking about their feelings about coming here. The unknown facts of their arrival stand in stark contrast to the vivid account of my friend, Inge Kessler, a naturalized citizen, who recounted her harrowing escape from East Germany during the Cold War. She spoke with passion about her excitement voting for the mayor and city council members of Carmel. "It was a proud moment," she confided, "I could fulfill my hard-earned right and privilege of voting for the very first time." Sadly, many natural-born citizens do not share her intensity.

My grandfathers arrived in America with nothing but a fierce, resilient hope for a better life. They worked tirelessly, building families and careers from the ground up. Their collective experiences serve as a powerful, living reminder of the sheer resilience and determination that truly define the American spirit.

Their immense courage, their decision to leave their homeland, carved the path for my own American story. I hope I've fulfilled the profound legacy they bestowed upon me.

Happy Independence Day.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo. com.

Hatton Road residence.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report. **Pacific Grove:** Suspicious circumstance at Country Club Gate.

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

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Ocean View Boulevard.

Big Sur: Business on Highway 1 reported theft.

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

Carmel Valley: A residential burglary was reported on Nason Road.



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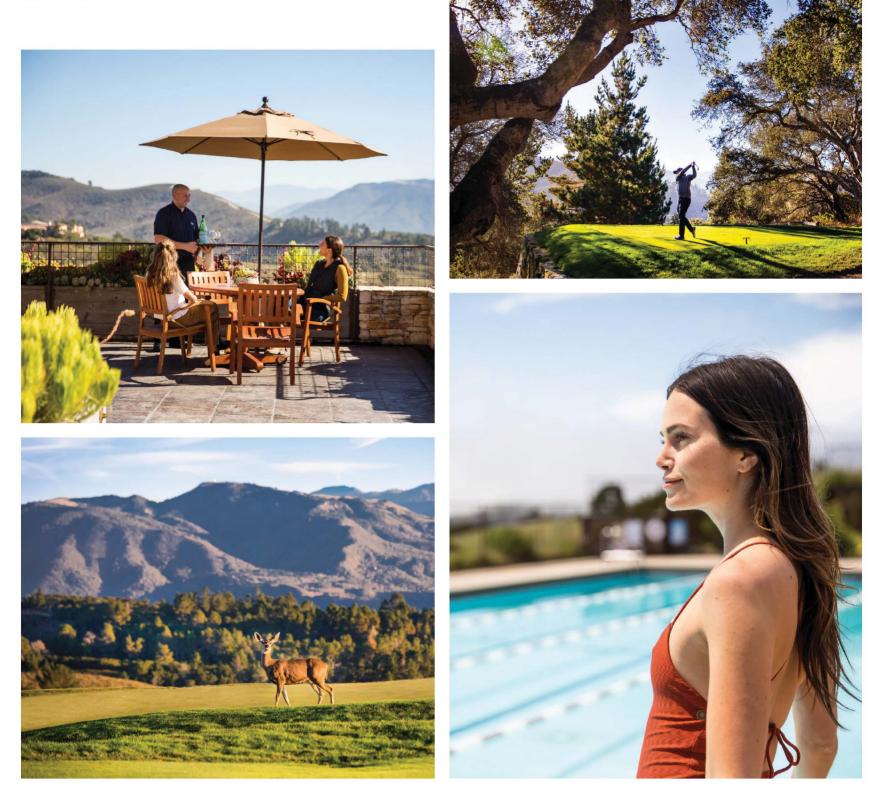


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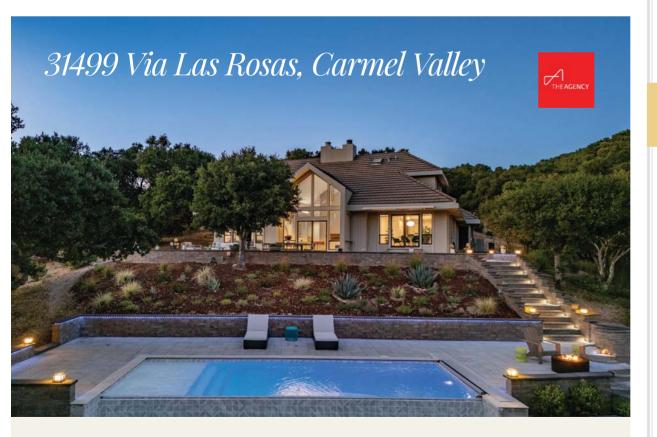
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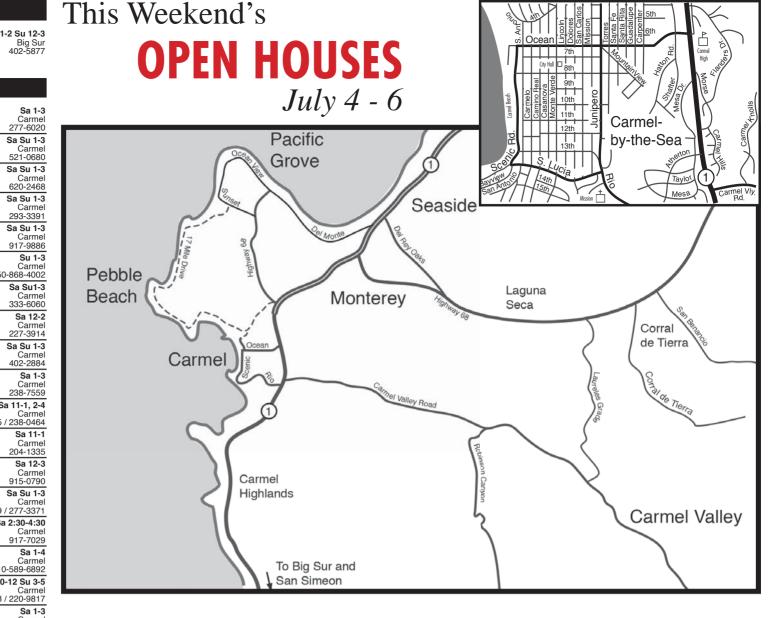
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\$1,200,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 12-3
23 Paso Hondo	Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE	402-4394
\$1,200,000 2bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-3
20 Woodside Place	Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE	601-6271 / 238-7559
\$1,350,000 3bd 2ba	Su 11-3:30
55 Paso Cresta	Carmel Valley
Carmel Realty	206-9969
\$1,395,000 3bd 2ba	Su 12-3
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1201 David St	Pacific Grove
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File No. 20250971 The following person(s) is(are) doing busi-

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Registered Owner(s): ED Restorative, LLC, 455 Market St. Ste FD 1940 #588787, San Francisco, CA 94105;

CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 05/12/2025 S/ Erin Souza, Managing Member This statement was filed with the County Carte of Meathering (22/2025

Clerk of Monterey County on 05/23/2025 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4/25 CNS-3934363#

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: KING OF GRILL, 1005 Yanks Way D22, Greenfield, California 93927. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Registered Owner(s): CRISTIAN EFRAIN CEDANO This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 3, 2025. S/Cristian Cedano Date signed: June 3, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250952 Files Type: NEW FILURG – with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: PEBBLE BEACH OUTFITTERS, 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA

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 (3) FEBLE BEACH COMPANY, 2001 (Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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Istea above on July 20, 1777. S/David Heuck Date: May 5, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 21, Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2. SOFT LIFE SESSIONS 8 San Antonio Circle, Apt. 15, Salinas,

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BRADLEY ADVOCACY LLC, 820 Park Row #304, Salinas, CA 93901. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-

legals@carmelpinecone.com 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 re-corded 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 auction sale to the highest bidder tor 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, re-garding 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 of the initial publication the Notice of sale (or presented by estimated to be serviced mathematication and the services) and the service of 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 desig-nation 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 person-al 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 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 ex-pressed, 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. Chattel Paper, Furniture, General Intangibles and Machinery, cash proceeds received from the sale of any liquor license, cash proceeds received from the sale, exchange, collection or other disposition of the aforesaid property and fixtures now owned; all accessions, additions, re-placements. and substitutions relating to any of the foregoing; all records of any kind relating to any of the foregoing; all proceeds (including insurance, general intangibles and other account proceeds). All accessions, attachments, accessories. tools, parts, supplies, replacements of and additions to any of the collateral described herein, All products and produce of any of the property described. All accounts, general intangi-bles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of sale, lease, consignment or other disposition of any of the property described. 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 at 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 sin-

under the fictitious business name listed above on May 29, 2025. S/Leah Oswinn, Managing Member Date: May 29, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 29, 2025. Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025. (PC 625)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251028 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following parts () The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: **ACOUSTIC HEALING**, 1 West Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, Cali-fornia 93924. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Registered Owner(s): DAVID EDWARD VILLAREAL, P.O. Box 992, Carmel Valley, California 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/David Edward Villareal Date signed: June 3, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 3, 2025. Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025 (PC 626)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251056 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: **PACIFIC EVOLUTION**, **480 Cran**ford Road, Salinas, California 93907. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. MONTERET. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PACIFIC EVOLUTION, LLC, P.O. Box 3823, Salinas, California 93912. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-bility company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2025.

S/Juanita Perea, Member Date: June 5, 2025

Clerk of Monterey County on June 5, 2023 Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025. (PC 627)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20250804 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (act) wing person(s) is (are) doing busi-1. DENTAQUEST

2. DENTAQUEST OF CALIFORNIA 23291 Mill Creek Dr., Laguna Hills, CA

County of Principal Place of Business: OR-ANGE. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CALIFORNIA DENTAL NETWORK, INC., 96 Worcester Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

02481. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the ficitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/Colleen Kallas, Secretary Date: April 28, 2025 Clerk of Monterey County on April 29, 2025.

on Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025. (PC 628)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20231058 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: C & H TRANSPORT, 609 Sycamore St., King City, CA 93930. County of Principal Place of Business County of I MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s): SERGIO CARRASCO TRUJILLO. SERGIO CARRASCO TRUILLO. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/Sergio Carrasco Trujillo Date signed: June 5, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 5, 2025. Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025 (PC 629)

2025 (PC 629) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT NAME STATEMENT File No. 20250886 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: EMPOWER SPEECH THERAPY MONTEREY, 140 W. Franklin St., Ste. 203 #151, Monterey, CA 93940. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY County of MONTEREY. Monteket. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: EMPOWER SPEECH THERAPY MONTE-

REY, INC. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business

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File # 15953685 T.S. No.: 25-14314-181 Notice of Trustee's Sale Deed of Trust and Assignment of Rents (hereinafter referred to as 'Deed of Trust') You are in default under a deed of trust dated 8/30/2018. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by 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): Sharon A. Regan, Trustee of The Sharon Regan Living Trust UAD 10/07/2005 Duly Appointed Trustee: WT Capital Lend-Services, a California corporation Recorded 8/31/2018, as Instrument No. 2018038709 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California Date of Sale: 7/24/2025 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: \$550,836.39 Estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: None given: Directions to said property may be obtained by submitting a written request within ten (10) business days of the first publication to: Theodore Richter, c/o WT Capital, 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111, Fresto, Ca 93711. Legal Description: The land referred to is situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Monterey, State of California, and is described as follows: Parcel One: All that certain real property situated in Rancho San Jose Y Chiquito, County of Monterey, State of California, particularly described as follows: Beginning at the most westerly corner of that certain parcel of land described in that certain grant deed executed by M. Michael Meheen in favor of Sharon Ann Regan dated December 10, 1993, and recorded January 6, 1994 in reel 3049 at page 1060, records of Monterey County, California; running thence along the southwesterly line of said parcel 1. South 44° 37′ 30″ east 825.00 feet to the most southerly corner of that certain parcel of land Described in that certain grant deed executed by M. Michael Meheen in favor of Sharon Ann Regan dated May 1, 1996 and recorded June 11, 1996 in reel 3382, page 60, records of Monterey County, California; Thence along the southeasterly boundary of last said land 2. North 45° 22' 30" east 211.17 feet; thence northwesterly through above two (2) said lands 3. North 33° 44' 23" west, 224.08 feet; thence northwesterly through said 1993 granted lands 4. North 56° 58' 54" west 113.84 feet; thence southwesterly 5. South 62° 00' 34" west 186.95 feet; thence northwesterly through last said lands 6. North 44° 37' 30" west 440.24 feet to a point on the northwesterly boundary of last said lands; thence along said northwesterly boundary 7. South 45° 22' 30" west 50.00 feet to the point of beginning. The above description is purguate to that cartain certificate activity compares recorded March 7. 2018 in official records una description is pursuant to that certain certificate of compliance recorded March 7, 2018, in official records un-der recorder's serial number 2018009509. Parcel Two: The rights, rights of way and easements as described in the agreement by and between Eunice A. Riley, et al., dated January 24, 1950, recorded February 27, 1950, in book 1196, page 468, official records of Monterey County, California. A.P.N.: 243-112-030-000 The un-dersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary writtin 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 mortgageé, 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 25-14314-181. 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 infor mation 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.wt cap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-14314-181 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: June 30, 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# 39845 07/04/25, 07/11/25, 07/18/25) Publication dates: July 4, 11, 18, 2025 (PC715)

The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: TWENTY DOLLAR TIRE CHANGE, 18505 Kennedy Street, Salinas, CA 93906. County of Principal Place of Business: MON-TEREY. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: RAT WORLD ENTERPRISE LLC. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-

This business is conducted by a limited lia-bility company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 3, 2025. S/Joey Arthur Garcia, Managing Member Date: June 3, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 3, 2025. Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025. (PC 634)

under the fictitious business name or names

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20250983 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: CENTRAL COAST BUILDER, 652

Barth Ct., Marina, CA 93933. County of Principal Place of Business: MON-TEREY.

Registered Owner(s): DAVID RAMOS GAMBOA, 652 Barth Ct.,

Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on May 22, 2025. S/David Ramos Gamboa Date signed: May 28, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 28, 2025.

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listed above on May 22, 2025.

File No. 20251032 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following percent

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listed above on April 19, 2025.

S/Wendy McDonald, President Date: May 9, 2025

This

2025. (PC 630)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

ALEXANDRIA RIAN MCDONNELL, 16707 Pickett Lane, Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by an individual.

File No. 20250997 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

ness as: 1. BRADLEY ADVOCACY 8 San Annual CA 93901. County of Principal Place of Business

bility company. Registrant commenced to transact business

of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off ma ownership be a junior lien. 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 pur-chase 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. Sec-ond, 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)

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stand 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

Thing type: Original Filina. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: NOVEMBER RANCH, 38611 Ma-drone Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

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

S/Alfred Seccombe, President Date: April 16, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 8, 2025. 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 busi-

ness as: WESTERN FUELS MANAGEMENT, 2455 TUCKAHOE TER, WATSONVILLE, CA 95076, County of MONTEREY

This business is conducted by AN INDIVID-

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

S/ RICHARD ALEAANDER 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251067

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

3636 East Coast Hwy., Corona Del Mar, CA 92625. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

MONTERET. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SFRE CARMELINC., P.O. Box 680717, Park

SFRE CARMEL INC., P.O. Box 680717, Park City, UT 84068. 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

Date: May 27, 2023 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 9, 2025. Publication Dates: June 20, 27, July 4, 11,

listed above on May 23, 2025. S/Paul Benson, CEO Date: May 27, 2025

1. ENGEL & VOLKERS CARMEL 2. ENGEL & VOELKERS CARMEL

S/ RICHARD ALEXANDER SWITZER

Registered Owner(s): RICHARD ALEXANDER SWITZER

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ration or LLC as shown in the

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

Name of Corpo

listed above on N/A. S/Alfred Seccombe, President 2025.

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cipal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of Individual(s) Registrant: Candy Meraz Arevalo, 1308 Walker Dr., Soledad, CA. 93960.

Fabiola Arevalo, 1308 Walker Dr., Sole-dad, CA. 93960

This business is conducted by a married couple. Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names

Date: May 30, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 30,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: BROWS BY NEENEE, 326 Reser-vation Rd. Suite i 1, Marina, CA. 93933,

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Nome of Individual(s) Registrant: Dennise Jackson, 326 Reservation Rd. Suite i 1, Marina, CA. 93933. This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

Date: June 23, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 23,

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listed above on May 30, 2025. S/Candy Arevalo

File No. 20251144 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

listed above on June 16, 2025. S/Dennise Jackson Date: June 23, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251044 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (s. 1)

The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: SC CONSULTING, 15870 Faith Pl, Royal Oaks, CA 95076. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s): SAMANTHA CORIN SAMANTHA CORIN CARAPINHA, 15870 Faith Pl., Royal Oaks, CA 95076. This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 23, 2025. S/Samantha Carapinha Date signed: June 4, 2025 This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on June 4, 2025. Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025 (PC 636)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINES NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251003 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (arc) of 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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-24-984063-BF Order No.: 240046891-CA-VOO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT (866) 645-7711 or login to: http://www.qualityloan.com. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchas-er's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary the provide the er sole and exclusive remedy. Ine purchaser shall have ho furmer recourse egainst the irvisior, the irvisioe, the beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankrupptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108** 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan. com Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): [866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: [866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: **CA-24-984063-BF** IDSPub #0248370 5/30/2025 6/6/2025 Publication dates: June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025 (PC654)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND THEREAFTER, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL, AND PROVIDING

- FURTHER THAT THIS ORDINANCE AND THE CHARGES ESTABLISHED HEREBY AND THE TAX COLLECTION PROCEDURE SELECTED HEREIN SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL EITHER THE SAID CHARGES ARE REVISED OR
- THIS ORDINANCE IS OTHERWISE AMENDED OR REPEALED -oOo-THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

- Interpolated or Directions of the Carmet Arker wastewater District (DISTRICT) DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

 <u>Sewer Service Charges</u>. Sewer service charges for services rendered are hereby adopted and levied upon all fiscal years hereafter until the charges established herein are modified or this ordinance is repealed, at the same rates set forth on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.
- this reference thereto. 2. <u>Collection on Tax Roll</u>. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §5473, the District hereby elects to have the aforesaid sever service charges for services rendered by the District collected on the tax roll in the same general manner, by the same persons and at the same time as the collection of general property taxes by the County of Monterey. 3. <u>Duration</u>. This ordinance, the service charges established hereby and the collection procedure elected herein shall continue in full force and effect until either; a) the said every service charges are revised or b) this ordinance is
- either: a) the said sewer service charges are revised, or b) this ordinance is

atherwise specifically amended or repealed.
 <u>Publication</u>. Following adoption, this ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper published in the District.

5.<u>Effective</u> Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force one (1) week ofter the date it is published in the newspaper, or July 1, 2025, whichever is later

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on June 26, 2025, by the following

BOARD MEMBERS: PRESIDENT WHITE, DIRECTORS: COLE LONERGAN, URQUHART Publication Dates

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: DIRECTOR SIEGFRIED (s)Ken White, President of the Board Attest: Domine Barringer, Secretary of the Board

Attest: Domine Barringer, Secretary of the Board	July 4th & July 11th	
Exhibit "A"		
Sewer User Fees Effective July 1, 2025		
User Category Units	Annual Rate	
Bakery Location	\$3,395.32	
Bar Location	\$1,527.14	

legals@carmelpinecone.com

NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID NO. 25-01 SOLAR POWER PROJECT The Santa Lucia Community Services District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District ("District") hereby calls for sealed bid proposals to be received by the General Manager of the District, at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923 on or before Thursday, July 11th, 2025 at 5:00 PM, U.S. Pacific Time Zone, verified at www.time.gov.

SCOPE OF WORK: The SLCSD is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to design, permit, procure the inverters and balance of systems, and construct a solar photovoltaic (PV) system with a system size of and 138 kW (DC) to fulfill a reserved Net Energy Metering 2.0 (NEM2) interconnection with PG&E. The system must be installed and interconnected by **April 2026** to preserve NEM2 eligibility. SLCSD has already procured the photovoltaic panels.

All bids will include delivery to above address and all appropriate sales tax, etc. for Monterey Co.

SITE TOUR

A site tour can be arranged **prior to July 3rd at 3 pm** by request of the General Manager 831-620-6791, or Public Works Director Aaron Dula at adula@santaluciapreserve.com

The bid envelope is to be addressed to: "Sealed Bid – Bid No. 25-01 - SOLAR POWER PROJECT, Santa Lucia Community Services District, Attn: General Manager Shaw Pick, Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923."

<u>Bid Opening</u>. At 5:00 pm July 11, 2025 the Bid Proposals will be taken by General Manager Shaw Pick, or authorized District representative, opened and publicly read. All bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The bids, together with a report of the bidders and the respective amounts of the bids, will be presented to the Board of

Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District. All questions regarding the RFP should be presented in writing to: Santa Lucia Community Services District Attn: Shaw S. Pick

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 S/Alex McCloskey, President Date: May 30, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 30, 2025. Publication Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 4,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250988 The following person(s) is(are) doing busi-

ness 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 Sainas, 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 busi-

ness as: GRANTRUSH, 405 OSO DORO CT, MONTEREY, CA 93940, County of Mon-

terey 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 Check 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

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251086 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: PREVENTION & WELLNESS NURSING, 973 Margaret St., Monterey, CA 93940.

of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): BENITO ESPINOZA, P.O. Box 3162, Mon-terey, 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. S/Benito Espinoza Jr. Date signed: June 11, 2025 This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on June 11,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20250921 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

2025. (PC 650)

The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: MONTEREY MARGARITA COM-PANY BARTENDING SERVICES, 1172 S. Main St. #175, Salinas, CA 93901. of Principal Place of Business:

MONTEREY.

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MONTEREY MARGARITA COMPANY, LLC, 1172 S. Main Street #175, Salinas, CA

93901

93901. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-bility company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on May 3, 2025. S/Gary B. Miller, Manager Date: May 15, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 15,

2025. Publication Dates: June 20, 27, July 4, 11,

2025. (PC 651)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20250987

The following person(s) is(are) doing busi-

Ress as: CROWN & BLADE, 1102 FOREST AVE, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950, County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s); ALFRED D. GONZALEZ, 1102 FOREST AVE, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950 This business is conducted by AN INDIVID-UAL

Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE

File No. 20251063 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: **ANTOJITOS EL SAZON, 239 Cherry Dr., Salinas, CA. 93901,** County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of individual registrant, Maria Sofia Raya Anguiano, Juan Manuel Alvarado Corona, P.O. Box 662, Salinas, CA. 93902. This business is conducted by a married couple.

2025.

2025. (PC 666)

2025. (PC 661) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251117 Filing type: NEW FILING with changes. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: CARMEL AREA RESERVATION SERVICE, 20551 Kincannon Rd., Car-mel Valley, CA. 93924, County of Princi-pol Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of Individual(s) Registrant: Suzanne E. Gravelle, 225 Crossroads Blvd., #180, Carmel, CA. 93923. Ihis business is conducted by an individual. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2003. S/Suzanne E. Gravelle Date: June 6, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 17, 2025

Publication Dates: June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2025. (PC 658)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20231149 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FROZEN ATOMS, 769 Northridge Mall, Salinas, CA. 93906, County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of Individual(s) Registrant: Awad Adel Ali Alsofi, 207 Moreno St., Greenfield, CA. 93927. This business is conducted by an individual.

Greentield, CA. 93927. This business is conducted by an individual.

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

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on June 23,

Publication Dates: June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2025. (PC 662)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251154 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: YOGA SALINAS LLC, 44 Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. 93901, County of Principal Place of Business: MONTERY. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Atricles of the (Orn / Ren -

Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: YOGA SALINAS LLC, 544 Archer St., Sali-

nas, CA, 93901. This business is conducted by a limited lia-bility company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 24,

Publication Dates: June 27, July 4, 11, 18,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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listed above on June 24, 2025.

S/Audrey Honeycutt, CEO Date: June 24, 2025 This statement was filed w

S/Awad Alsofi Date: June 23, 2025

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couple. Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 23, 2023. S/Maria Sofia Raya Anguiano Date: June 9, 2025 Date: June 9, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 9, 2025. Publication Dates: June 27, July 4, 11, 18,

2025. (PC 665)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251072

Filing type: NEW FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: CANDY FLOWERS, 35 River Rd., Gonzales, CA. 93926 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Name of individual registrant, Candelaria Gomez, P.O. Box 1931, Gonzales, CA. 93926.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/Condelaria Gomez Date: June 9, 2025

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