

Police shooting lawsuit headed for mediation

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY of Carmel and the woman who filed suit after police fatally shot her son nearly a year ago might be in settlement talks, according to recent court filings. Ellen Barrett’s lawsuit against the city, filed in U.S. District Court, is scheduled for discussion during the city council’s closed session Monday, and a mediation session is set for early December.

The suit, filed in July, accuses police officers, including former Chief Paul Tomasi, of violating state and federal laws by using “excessive and unreasonable force” in the shooting of 27-year-old James Marshall near the Golden Bough Theater on Oct. 25, 2024.

‘Assault-style’ BB gun

That morning, Marshall was seen carrying an assault-rifle-style BB gun and a crowbar in the area near the Monte Verde Street home he shared with his mother and reportedly threatened people before retreating to the backyard, where he was eventually shot.

Bodycam footage shows many of the events leading up to the shooting, including the final moments in which

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Phonics poised to return to California classrooms

AFTER YEARS of failing to teach children how to read, California is bringing back the basics in literacy instruction with a return to phonics. In a rare show of bipartisanship, Sacramento lawmakers unanimously approved a bill this session that will require the use of phonics in reading instruction at public schools.

The change can’t come soon enough. Last year, 60

New law means big cuts to county health services

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY stands to lose millions of dollars to pay for healthcare for undocumented immigrants and other social services, according to county officials, who this week outlined some of the anticipated impacts of the so-called One Big Beautiful Bill on the county and its residents. Congressional Republicans approved the bill and President Donald Trump signed it on July 4.

At the Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, the heads of the county’s public hospital, social services and health departments provided summaries of the estimated cuts to Medicaid, CalFresh and other programs that are expected to affect county residents.

The law “is still something that is being reviewed federally, but we wanted to start the conversation so that there is a little bit of perspective that is individual to the county,” county administrative officer Sonia De La Rosa told supervisors ahead of the presentations.

Asset limit

Social services director Roderick Franks said Monterey County will first feel the impacts of the law on Jan. 1, 2026, with a reinstatement of a “Medi-Cal asset limit,” which will require some enrollees to demonstrate they don’t have assets exceeding \$130,000 (for individuals), excluding primary residences and cars. The asset limit could affect about 13,000 residents.

“Our concern here is that for the last number of years, enrollees haven’t had to turn in the documentation to certify the asset limit,” Franks said. So even though they may still qualify, “we are concerned people may not turn in the documentation that is required and

may be dropped from Medi-Cal.”

About 39,000 residents in Monterey County who receive Medi-Cal benefits — which include medical care, prescriptions, mental health services, dental care and eyeglasses — have what officials call “unsatisfactory immigration status,” meaning they are undocumented.

District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez said that some of his constituents in South Monterey County have expressed concern that the law means they’ll automatically lose

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An emergency patient arrives at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas. Trump administration cutbacks endanger services at the hospital, county officials say.

CSUMB, Panetta decry end of \$\$\$ for Latino students

By KELLY NIX

CARMEL VALLEY Rep. Jimmy Panetta and his Democratic colleagues pushed back this week on the federal government’s decision earlier this month to stop funding college grant programs it says are racially discriminatory. CSU Monterey Bay said Wednesday that the decision threatens programs that “uplift” Hispanic students.

The U.S. Department of Education announced Sept. 10 it would divert hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars from Hispanic-serving institutions — colleges which have at least 25 percent students who are Hispanic — to other programs. The Trump administration said it’s ending the funding to such colleges because they “discriminate by conferring government benefits exclusively to institutions

that meet racial or ethnic quotas.”

The government’s move follows the U.S. Solicitor General’s determination in July that the programs at Hispanic-serving institutions “violate the equal-protection component of the Fifth Amendment’s Due Process Clause” because it excludes students of other races. U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon also said the grant programs were unconstitutional.

‘Disproportionate harm’

“Discrimination based upon race or ethnicity has no place in the United States,” said McMahon, adding that, “Diversity is not merely the presence of a skin color. Stereotyping an individual based on immutable characteristics diminishes the full picture of that person’s life and contributions, including their character, resiliency and merit.”

Panetta and 80 other members of Congress sent a letter to McMahon opposing the removal of funds from Hispanic-serving institutions, as well as from programs that favor other minorities, arguing that the taxpayer money

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CITY REPORTS RECORD HOTEL TAX REVENUES

By MARY SCHLEY

TAXES PAID by guests at the city’s hotels reached a new high in fiscal year 2024-2025, breaking the \$9 million mark, nearly 12 percent above the prior year’s total, according to the city’s finance department, even though daily occupancy for the year rose just over 3 percent.

The biggest single-period jump in transient occupancy taxes was seen in July and August of last year, when receipts increased 17.37 percent, to \$2,290,176, over the same months a year earlier, according to reports released in mid-September.

Big increase

In fact, every two-month period in 2024-2025 saw improvement over the prior fiscal year, with the smallest rise of 5.52 percent occurring in September and October 2024. In May and June of this year, hotels generated \$1,724,774 in taxes, an 11.09 percent rise over those months a year earlier.

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California students score poorly on reading tests, but a return to traditional teaching methods could be coming to classrooms.

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

percent of third graders were not reading at grade level. The numbers are even worse for some groups, with 70 percent of Black and low-income students failing to meet the state’s standard in 2024, with data showing that children who are behind in third grade are unlikely to catch up.

The dismal numbers are nothing new. The literacy crisis has persisted at this level for decades, and only as other states decided to return to phonics did California lawmakers realize it’s a good idea.

Traditional method

Up until the 1980s, most children in California and across the nation were taught to read using phonics-based instruction, a system that helps beginning readers decode words by sounding them out. Over time, however, that approach fell out of fashion, replaced by something called the “balanced literacy” approach.

Balanced literacy has been around for the last 20-plus

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Booker absolutely loves being at the beach, as long as she's on dry sand. She'll go out of her way to avoid getting wet, sprinting down the shoreline like a greyhound with her tail tucked for aerodynamics, running "like the wind," her person said, until she runs into water. Then she turns and races back to her person, playing "chicken," yet averting collision by a last-minute dodge.

Booker is a 12-year-old coonhound, who was a year old when she was found wandering the streets of Stockton, having just had puppies, who were never found. She was sheltered by Coonhound Rescue, where her person fell for her and brought her home to Carmel Valley.

"When we got home, my daughter wanted to name her 'Booker,' after Booker DeWitt, the protagonist in a

video game. So, she's Booker."

Booker's person had wanted a hound, in particular, a Bloodhound, after seeing "Hubert," a lovable and eccentric Bloodhound in the 2000 mockumentary, "Best in Show."

"I just love hound dogs," she said. "But there are very few Bloodhounds available for rescue. I wanted the big, soft ears, and I got them with Booker."

At first, Booker seemed very aloof. But, as she warmed up to the family, a humorous side emerged, said her person, particularly as she learned to express herself. When she rubs her face against the couch, for example, she's asking to have her back rubbed. When family members comply, she picks up her back legs, one after the other, in a little happy dance.

"Booker is funny and also a flirt, particularly with boy dogs," her person said. "Her current boyfriend is a 3-year-old Rhodesian ridgeback. They put their butts in the air and wiggle. It's embarrassing. I didn't raise a daughter of mine to behave like that."

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Beach bag left to travel on alone

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, SEPTEMBER 12

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report of possible financial abuse at Hacienda Carmel.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident reported a burglary. Entry was made via an unlocked door and jewelry was taken.

Pacific Grove: Report of suspicious circumstances on Forest Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Child Protective Services report of possible sexual abuse at a residence on Via Milpitas.

Carmel area: A person refused to leave a business at the Crossroads after causing a disturbance.

Carmel Valley: Report of a domestic dis-

pute on Carmel Valley Road.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Battery reported at San Carlos and Seventh at 0114 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle at San Carlos and Fifth towed for blocking a driveway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Towed vehicle from Mission and Fifth for a traffic violation.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Central placed on a mental health detention hold.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Stuart cited and released for failing to provide the license tag number of his dog to the victim of a dog bite.

Carmel Valley: Neighbors on East Carmel Valley Road knocked each other over.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Loose dog at Santa Fe and Second was brought to the station for safekeeping. Returned to owner.

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The gavel falls

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

Aug. 25 — The Hon. Pamela Butler sentenced Mario Garcia, 40, of Salinas, to state prison for 55 years to life plus 32 months for the April 5, 2024, homicide of Gabriel Gutierrez outside a bar in Salinas.

On July 18, 2025, a Monterey County jury convicted Garcia of second-degree murder.

At approximately 11:37 p.m. on April 5, 2024, Salinas Police officers responded to a shooting in front of a downtown Salinas bar. Upon arrival, they located Gabriel Gutierrez suffering from a single gunshot wound to the abdomen. He later succumbed to his injuries. No cooperative witnesses were present at the scene.

However, investigators recovered critical surveillance video from the bar and nearby businesses, which captured Garcia's actions leading up to the shooting. The video evi-

dence proved that Garcia was responsible for Gutierrez's death. Garcia fled the country following the shooting and was later apprehended in Mexico before being extradited to the United States to face murder charges.

The investigation revealed that the motive for the killing stemmed from a separate incident that occurred approximately 30 minutes earlier at a separate bar. Notably, Gutierrez was not involved in that prior altercation.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Department detectives Gansen and Richardson. District attorney investigator Alicia Cox assisted in trial preparation.

Aug. 27 — Ricardo Archundia Cruz, 19, of Salinas, admitted culpability for a felony violation of gross vehicular manslaughter

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STATE REVIEW WON'T AFFECT EX-DEPUTY'S CRIMINAL SENTENCE

By MARY SCHLEY

A FORMER Monterey County Sheriff's deputy convicted of "attempted unlawful sexual intercourse" and other charges last November and sentenced in May to five years in prison had already spent enough time in custody to satisfy the penalty, according to a Monterey County Superior Court judge, and an inquiry from the California Department of Corrections regarding his punishment will do nothing to change that.

Nathaniel DiMaggio, a Salinas resident who also formerly worked for the now defunct Coastal Luxury Management, was arrested in May 2022 after a woman alleged he raped her while she was unconscious. According to the allegations, the incident occurred sometime late May 7 or early May 8 in Carmel Valley after she, her husband, two of her friends and DiMaggio had dinner and drinks together.

The case took more than two years to conclude in part because a search conducted by the sheriff's office of DiMaggio's cellphone yielded suspected child pornography, prompting a second search warrant and amended charges to include sexual offenses related to minors. All told, he faced 13 felonies.

2-1 decision

DiMaggio argued the images from his phone shouldn't be allowed as evidence, since the initial search warrant was confined to a month-long period preceding

the alleged assault, and the suspected child pornography files fell outside the confines of the warrant.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Heidi Whilden was presiding over the case and denied the motion to suppress, but DiMaggio filed an appeal with the 6th District Court, which in August 2024 ruled 2-1 that the judge erred in admitting the evidence.

"At oral argument in this matter, DiMaggio clarified that he seeks exclusion only of that evidence seized pursuant to the search warrant falling outside of the date and time limitations listed in the warrant. We decide exclusion of such evidence is warranted," the majority stated, ordering the court to grant his motion to suppress the evidence.

Charges dropped

Subsequently, several charges, including contacting a minor for a sexual offense, assault with intent to commit a felony, sexual battery, lewd act by a defendant 10 years older than the child,

penetration by foreign object of a victim over 14 and attempted forcible rape, were dropped in the amended pleading, while accusations of attempting to dissuade a witness and false imprisonment were set aside, according to court records.

DiMaggio, a deputy from 2011 to 2019, pleaded guilty on Nov. 13, 2024, to four felonies: first degree burglary, attempted unlawful sexual intercourse, assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury, and false imprisonment by violence.

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Carmel Resort Inn sells — again

■ Permits for houses expire

By MARY SCHLEY

THE BELEAGUERED property that is the Carmel Resort Inn — which in the past has been condemned for unsafe conditions, bought and fixed up, fought over in court, proposed for a massive make-over, proposed for residential development and eyed by the city as a site for some of the housing demanded by the state — sold last month for \$15 million, according to Monterey County property records.

Meanwhile, permits approved for four new homes on the inn’s Guadalupe Street frontage have expired, senior planner Evan Kort said Tuesday. The hotel, which opened in 1926, has 31 cabins and takes up most of the block between First and Second avenues and Carpenter and Guadalupe streets.

A decade of false starts

After decades of operating as a motel, in 2014, a developer proposed scraping the property and building homes on its 16 lots, but that garnered little support from the Carmel Planning Commission. A few years later, the inn was vacant and in disrepair, eliciting rebukes from city, county and other government officials who found numerous violations there.

It was also the subject of an extensive legal battle over its ownership, with a Pebble Beach couple finally selling it to Santa Rosa Motel Co. LP, I&P Brothers LLC and Mohammad Rezai in February 2019 for \$8.1 million.

The inn was fixed up and reopened, and in 2020, the then-owners unveiled a concept to overhaul it, with initial plans that included a spa and restaurant. Those elements were removed in subsequent

drawings presented in late 2021 that involved two-room hotel units built to look like houses along Carpenter and individually developed single-family homes along Guadalupe.

But the project never progressed past a pair of workshops hosted by architect Eric Miller and the owners, and in June 2022, revised plans were drawn for suites on

Carpenter Street, but those didn’t go anywhere, either.

Then, in fall 2022, Miller submitted plans on behalf of the owners for new homes on two of the inn’s northernmost lots. The planning commission approved them in 2023.

Later that year, one of the owners, Don Desai, applied for two more single-family homes on a pair of mid-block lots on Guadalupe.

He also requested feedback on a potential master plan concept calling for abandoning the previously approved houses, remodeling two of the hotel’s cottages on the northwest corner, building a three-bedroom hotel suite on the vacant lot next to them, dropping the total number of hotel rooms to 25 plus a manager’s unit and reducing parking from 50 spaces to 27 to meet current standards.

No applications

Nonetheless, in fall 2024, the planning commission approved the second pair of homes.

But those approvals have since lapsed, Kort confirmed. The first pair of permits expired in March and April, with no more time extensions available, while the second set expired Sept. 11 but could be extended for another year.

“I do not see that we have received any application for time extensions for lots 10

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P.G. to weed out ineligible pot permits

By KELLY NIX

THE CITY of Pacific Grove is accepting applications from those interested in competing for the sole retail license to operate a cannabis store in the city.

The window to apply opened Sept. 15 and closes Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. The process, city manager Matt Mogensen said, is “designed to ensure compliance, transparency and alignment with community standards.”

Mogensen told The Pine Cone last week that while the city has not yet had any applications, it doesn’t expect to receive any until the Oct. 15 deadline.

The process requires an applicant to identify a specific location for the business, and they cannot switch the location of the store after the city awards a business license.

And from the date the city provisionally approves the license, the applicant will have 12 months to secure approval of a use permit for a shop, in addition to any other land use permits or entitlements that may

be required by this code for the premises, according to city documents.

“If the applicant who received a provisional license does not obtain the use permit or any other required land use permits or entitlements for the premises within this time frame, then the provisional license shall become null and void,” the city said.

Profit predictions

While there had been lofty sales tax revenue predictions for a pot shop opening in the city, the estimate has plummeted significantly.

An argument in support of a 2022 ballot measure that was signed by Councilman Chaps Poduri and then-council candidate Tina Rau, who has since been elected, told voters that one weed dispensary could bring \$300,000 to the city.

But in a public report to councilmembers in late June, Mogensen said that the estimated annual revenue for a dispensary is “up to \$50,000; actual amount of annual revenue may be more or less than this estimate. Administrative costs unknown.”

Brewpub to get outdoor dining

By KELLY NIX

PATRONS OF a downtown Pacific Grove brewery and restaurant will soon have more room outside to enjoy food and a beer.

On Wednesday, the P.G. City Council gave the owners of Hops & Fog at 511 Lighthouse Ave. the green light to build a so-called bulb-out — essentially an extension of the sidewalk to accommodate outdoor dining. The council voted 6-0 to issue an encroachment permit to the restaurant, which has minimal outdoor seating.

Hops & Fog requested a sidewalk dining permit in July, but the city initially

rejected it. Instead, city staffers proposed the bulb-out, which would also meet the criteria for pedestrian thoroughfares.

Hops & Fog co-owner Ximena Waissbluth touted the benefits of the plan at the council meeting.

“Seeing sidewalk dining on the street activates the street,” Waissbluth said. “It creates feelings of excitement and helps draw locals and visitors to the area.”

The reconfiguration, according to a rendering provided to the city, would eliminate one parking space in front of the restaurant.

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Work starts on new bus route

■ Completion planned by early 2028

By CHRIS COUNTS

CONSTRUCTION BEGAN this week on the SURF Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project to build a 5-mile bus-only route parallel to Highway 1 from Sand City to Marina. “Construction activities will take place within the Caltrans right-of-way along Highway 1, specifically between the Palm and Del Monte intersection in Marina through Playa and California Avenue in Sand City,” Caltrans said.

The state roads agency contends the work will have minimal impacts. It’s expected to be completed by early 2028.

\$92 million

Proponents say the new route will allow buses to bypass traffic along a busy section of Highway 1, “providing fast, lower-cost travel from affordable housing to major job centers and education.”

While the project is anticipated to cost taxpayers \$92 million, supporters contend it will provide \$114 million in economic benefits to local communities.

The start comes one year after the California Coastal Commission voted 7-1 to approve it — despite opposition from some residents who cited concerns about its cost or impact on the environment.

Plans have long called for placing a bus route next to the train tracks, which haven’t been used since 1971. But the California Coastal Commission had opposed the

move, warning it would damage critical dune habitat. An alternative was agreed on to remove the tracks and replace them with the bus line.

That route was opposed by some who warned it could jeopardize a future revival of the rail route. But others said trains will never use the line again.

A Caltrans map shows the bus route starting at the Playa/Sand City Station on Playa Avenue just west of California Avenue and winding its way north to the Marina Transit Exchange at 280 Reservation Road.

Big Sur library temporarily shut

A RENOVATION of Big Sur’s branch of Monterey County Free Libraries, next to the Ripplewood resort, has started, and it will be closed for the next three weeks.

“The library’s entryway and porch are being replaced,” Monterey County spokesperson Maia Carroll reported. “Preliminary work is in progress and active construction started Sept. 29.”

If you’ve checked out an item that needs to be returned, you can drop it off next door at the Ripplewood gas station.

The construction is part of a county-wide effort to improve library facilities — the Greenfield branch library is also closed for repairs.

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OFFICIALS CELEBRATE \$156K ‘VAULT TOILET’ AT FORT ORD TRAILHEAD

By CHRIS COUNTS

IT MAY be just a drop in the bucket where Monterey County’s lack of public restrooms is concerned, but county officials are celebrating the construction of a two-stall vault toilet at a trailhead on land that was once part of Fort Ord.

Located at 15301 Watkins Gate Road, the trailhead will be the site of a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday at 11 a.m.

While it might seem strange to get excited over the installation of what is essentially a glorified outhouse, Monterey County spokeswoman Maia Carroll called it “a very important project.”

“Think about the hundreds of thousands of people who use these public lands and how much they are going to appreciate it,” she said. “While it is just a bathroom, we can all agree that in a time of need, a bathroom is very important to us all.”

Steep price tag

The county spent about \$156,000 in taxpayer funds on the restroom. The work included grading, excavation and protection for a PG&E gas pipeline.

“A huge crane was needed to lift the bathroom off a truck, and we had to build a soil ramp over the top of a very shallow high-pressure gas line so it would not get crushed,” Carroll said. “We then spent about \$10,000 on

dead tree removal and brush clearing around the site.”

Chief of Parks Bryan Flores called the new bathroom “a big deal.”

“It shows that we care,” Flores said, adding that the structure is made of concrete, making it very durable. “It will be there 50 years from now,” he predicted.

The county official noted the area was once used by soldiers and their families for camping. The county acquired it in 2012.

Flores, who plans to attend the ribbon-cutting, said

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A new restroom is a welcome addition for those who bike and hike on public land that was once part of Fort Ord.



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As jubata grass spreads in Big Sur, state parks and locals fight back

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR DECADES, vegetation from distant parts of the globe has slowly been overtaking the hillsides of Big Sur, as genista, Cape ivy, sticky eupatorium, jubata grass and other plants outcompete their native counterparts.

So successful has the invasion been at taking over local habitats, reversing it may seem impossible, but a push is underway to eliminate jubata grass — perhaps the famous and despised among Big Sur’s nonnative plants.

Mistakenly called pampas grass by many, jubata grass is a close relative that also comes from South America, but is much harder to eradicate. According to experts, it crowds out native plants, suppresses seedlings and increases the risk of fire. It can be found up and down the Big Sur coast, particularly on steep and disturbed slopes. But many motorists and bicyclists find its large feathery plumes of seeds attractive and attach them to their car antenna or bikes as they cruise along Highway 1, broadcasting the seeds wherever they go — and driving native plants

enthusiasts crazy.

“While many enjoy the plant’s feathery, purple-to-beige-colored flowers, jubata grass has spread out of control, threatening native plant and animal species which belong on our beautiful coastline,” reported California State Parks, which sent out word last month that “the momentum to manage” the pesky plant “has grown significantly” in recent years.

Herbicides employed

State parks environmental scientist Amy Palkovic told The Pine Cone that her agency is working to get rid of jubata grass in Big Sur state parks. While some plants are dug out with hand tools, others are treated with herbicides. Palkovic said considerable progress has been made at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, but the problem is more severe the farther you travel down the coast. “The worst we have it is at Limekiln State Park,” she said.

Also working to eradicate the grass is a local group, Keep Big Sur Wild, which is ramping up a volunteer effort to do so. One of its members, Marcus Foster, said he believes it can be stopped from spreading,



Jubata grass can be seen at many of Big Sur’s most spectacular vistas, like this one looking south toward Point Sur.

PHOTO/KEEP BIG SUR WILD

particularly along the north Big Sur coast. The group’s volunteers are actively engaged in removing or killing it at various sites on private land, and a drone is making the task easier.

Foster said education is also a critical component in stopping the spread of the obnoxious grass. “We want to raise awareness so visitors and new residents don’t

contribute to the problem,” he explained.

Despite the challenges of removing jubata grass, Foster said it’s worth the effort. “Invasive plants are such a huge problem,” he added. “A lot of people think jubata grass is pretty, but it’s choking out the native plants — it’s destroying the natural landscape and it’s killing the biological diversity.”



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Ribbon cutting for new water supply

By KELLY NIX

AN EXPANSION of a wastewater reclamation project that will make it possible for Monterey Peninsula property owners to build new homes on vacant lots and add fixtures like toilets and sinks to their existing homes is expected to be online within the next few months, and officials this week celebrated the news.

Pure Water Monterey, a project that turns wastewater and agricultural runoff into the stuff you can drink, is expected to expand supplies from 5 million gallons per day to 7.6 million gallons per day.

On Thursday, numerous public officials and water experts were slated to speak at a ribbon cutting at the Monterey One Water Regional Treatment Plant in Marina, where the wastewater is transformed to drinking water.

60 percent more

Monterey One executive officer Paul Sciuto told The Pine Cone that the sewer agency is excited about the expansion, which was made possible because of public-private partnerships and collaborations.

“This project adds 2,250 acre-feet per year, enough to supply more than 11,000 households, and brings total groundwater replenishment to 5,950 acre-feet per year,” Sciuto explained. “Thanks to \$42 million in federal and state grant funding, we constructed the expansion for \$21 million local dollars, minimizing the impact to ratepayers.”

Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta, who secured funding from U.S. taxpayers for the project, said the Peninsula should always seek “more eggs in our basket” regarding water resources.

“Due to the support at the local level, Pure Water Monterey’s recycling project is one of those eggs,” he told The Pine Cone Wednesday. “By using advanced technology to recycle and purify wastewater as a safe source of drinking water, and, now

with this expansion, Pure Water Monterey apparently will be able to provide more than 60 percent of the Peninsula’s supply.”

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District general manager Dave Stoldt said the water from the expanded Pure Water Monterey won’t likely start flowing to customers’ taps for a few months.

“The soonest the actual permit will be issued is Oct. 10, following a Regional Water Quality Control Board hearing on Oct. 9,” Stoldt explained. “However, we have until Feb. 1, 2026, to declare an official delivery start date.”

‘Don’t be stingy’

Stoldt recently urged Carmel city officials to be generous in allocating the water to residents who want it.

“It is the water district’s view that cities can establish priorities but should not exclude any category of user,” Stoldt explained to The Pine Cone. “That is why we allocated only a portion of available supply and held back much in reserve — in order to see which jurisdictions are going to foster growth and come back for more” water.

Stoldt, who has long advocated for the expansion, said Pure Water Monterey is the reason Cal Am has been able to stay within its legal rights to pump from the Carmel River.

“The expansion gives the Peninsula the water needed for housing and jobs until a desalination plant becomes available, and potentially for a long time if the desalination plant cannot meet all of its permit conditions,” he said. “So, I will feel good if the State Water Board agrees with us and lifts the prohibition on new service connections based on this project. That is when I will breathe a sigh of relief.”

He explained the process for property owners to request water.

“A resident asks the city for a

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Trayer drops ‘acting’ from his title

By MARY SCHLEY

NO ONE has to refer to him as “acting police chief” anymore — and those who work at Carmel P.D. might get even more delectable baked treats, now.

Todd Trayer had been poised to retire after a lengthy career at San Jose P.D. but pivoted to become CPD’s commander in January, and he was hired this week as the newest police chief, with his swearing-in set for Friday afternoon at city hall. Trayer, who also happens to be an avid and talented home baker, replaces Chief Paul Tomasi, who retired in early August for the second — and final — time.



PHOTO/COURTESY TODD TRAYER

Todd Trayer learned Wednesday that he’ll become the city’s latest police chief.

Long audition

For the job, Trayer, 51, was interviewed by city administrator Chip Rerig, assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson and HR manager Marisa Bermudez for nearly two hours, but he said Thursday he feels like he’s been auditioning for the role since he got here.

“And I felt like the whole town knew about it, which was a little unique — because it’s Carmel — and I honestly feel like the testing process started nine months ago when I took over as commander,” he said.

Carmel had lacked a commander, the rank second to the chief, for years, as it was last occupied by Jeff Watkins, who moved on to be chief and then retired in 2023 when Tomasi returned after two years of heading security at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

When Trayer was named acting chief,

he said, the community and the department seemed to welcome it, and he’s been busy meeting with constituents and others ever since.

“I would say the biggest change in the acting role is making sure I’m available for everyone in phone calls, emails and meetings,” he said. “Personnel-wise, I feel like they believe in me.”

As acting chief, he told the staff he wanted to get working on positive changes right away, including hiring more people,

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bringing in better technology to help dispatchers and officers do their jobs more efficiently, and focusing on the health and wellness of the whole department.

“I want to make sure we all do what we can to stick around and be healthy here,” he said.

He also plans to focus more on training, especially in de-escalation, mental health and the use of less-lethal tactics.

And the overhaul of the aging police station “is a given, but that’s long term.”

Sharing accomplishments

Trayer wants community members to have a better idea of what his department is doing and is encouraging his officers to share their accomplishments, in part through CPD’s new Facebook page.

He’s envisioning forming an advisory board to better connect with community leaders and county officials, particularly in mental health, and wants to review the department’s policies to ensure they’re current and effective.

Trayer brings with him a wealth of knowledge and a bounty of experience accumulated during his 30-year career at San Jose P.D. Born and raised in that city, Trayer was in college when he tested to

become a police officer and joined San Jose department at the age of 21. Over the years and decades that followed, he worked in 16 positions, covering everything from investigating serial rapists, to operating undercover in vice. He refers to patrol as “the backbone of every police department.”

Trayer worked with the gang unit for a while, and his five years in vice and intelligence included undercover stints during which he’d frequent bars, underground nightclubs and sideshows.

He did a lot of research before deciding to take the commander job and realized early on that he’d want to stay. He professed a goal of longevity months ago and reiterated it this week.

“I’ll be here for as long as Carmel will have me,” he promised.

Trayer’s swearing-in at city hall Oct. 4 will take place at 4 p.m., when two dispatchers and an officer will also be brought into the fold.

It will be “a once-in-a-lifetime day” for Trayer as he’s supported and cheered by many family members and friends who are making the trip for the occasion.

“I’m very excited,” he said.

Meanwhile, the city’s HR department is working out the terms of his contract, Rerig said. The annual salary range for the position as of July 1 is \$201,502.65 to \$244,927.49.



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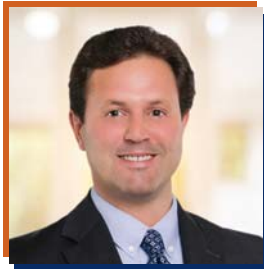
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Golden Bough transforms into three-ring circus of cinematic bliss

By CHRIS COUNTS

PRESENTING MORE than 25 feature length films and 40 short films over four days, the Carmel International Film Festival kicked off Wednesday evening with a welcome party at Mission Bistro. Attendees included a pair of award-winning film industry notables, actor and Screen Actors Guild official Robert Chestnut and animator Gary Baseman.

“It was fantastic,” festival co-director Lawrence Roeck told The Pine Cone. “We had the red carpet. Spirits were high and everybody was really excited to have the festival back.”

The festival, which dates back to 1929, was revived last year by Roeck and Annette Andersen. All films will be screened in the Golden Bough Playhouse’s Founders Theatre — which is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth — while all panel discussions, Q&A sessions, parties and receptions will be at the Circle Theatre next door.

This weekend, the Golden Bough Playhouse will host a packed schedule of events, starting Friday at 9 a.m. with a showing of “Wonders of the Wolf,” a documentary about the Yellowstone Wolf Project, which explores “one of the most successful conservation efforts in modern history.”

Artist celebrated

Friday’s highlights include screenings of the documentaries “Flashpoint,” which explores the heated talk around racial equity on a college campus (10:45 a.m.), “Ocean Stories,” which celebrates the work of marine life artist Robert Wyland (11:30 a.m.) and “Flowers Beyond the Dark,” which looks at the Ukraine-Russia War through the eyes of a pair of artists (4:35 p.m.).

Wrapping up Friday’s films is “Into the Night,” which plays at 6:45 p.m. It showcases a first-time California director, Riley Vitale, and tells the story of a college student trying to get back home to her family halfway across the country “after the sun fades out and humanity is left with roughly a week to live.”



The Carmel International Film Festival provides a screen this weekend for an array of films, including (clockwise from the top left) “A Disturbance in the High Desert,” “Flowers Beyond the Dark,” “Mosley” and “Snow Bear.”

Besides films and panel talks Friday, a VIP Filmmakers Party starts at 6:45 p.m., with the Chuck Brewer Band playing rock and blues.

Saturday’s festivities begin with a packed program of short films — the first one, “The Knocker, starts at noon, while an episode from an independent television series, “The Long Long Night,” starts at 3 p.m. The short films

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will be followed by screenings of three feature length films starting with “Magic Hour” at 3:40 p.m.

Other highlights Saturday include a Q&A with music producer Marlon Espino and sound designer Steven Ticknor, “Sound and Music: The Magic of the Movies” at 4 p.m., and a VIP Filmmakers Party, Fundraiser and Silent Auction starts at 7:15 p.m. Proceeds from the latter will benefit the Soul Points Fund, which raises money for more than 1,200 families still in need across Los Angeles who were impacted by the recent wildfires.

Tears and triumphs

Sunday’s schedule starts off at 9 a.m. with “Unscripted Lives,” which follows “the setbacks, tears and triumphs as a little New England village and an enrichment center for people with disabilities attempt to stage an original musical together.” “With music by Lady Gaga, Billy Joel, Lionel Ritchie and others, this film is guaranteed to strip away any preconceptions you ever had about people with disabilities,” according to the film festival.

A series of animated films kicks off at 12:35 p.m. The first one, “Snow Bear,” follows a polar bear’s quest in an unforgiving

environment to find a friend, while the last, “Happy Life,” tells of an elderly woman who turns her loneliness into joy with the help of three balloons and a mysterious stranger. The latter starts at 2:50 p.m.

Next up on Sunday will be a Q&A with screenwriter Mark Valadez at 1:15 p.m. Valadez was the winner last year of the Carmel International Film Festival’s screenwriting contest for his work, “The Pride.”

A pair of short films offer fresh perspectives on surfing, including “Daydreaming,” which starts at 3:35 p.m., and “Haagua,” which plays at 4:05 p.m.

The former celebrates the “art of riding waves” along the west coast of Portugal,” while the latter looks at a group of Native American surfers who see the sport as a way of reconnecting with their culture.

The festival’s last full-length film, “Midnight in the Orange Grove,” starts at 6:20 p.m. The film delves into the story of “a young woman who is jarred into remembering a tragedy long buried in her subconscious.” The screening represents its North American premiere.

The festival wraps up at 8 p.m. with an Awards Ceremony and VIP Filmmakers Party.

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Pickleball, addresses, water on council’s full agendas

By MARY SCHLEY

SOME OF Carmel’s greatest hits, issue-wise, are headed for discussion, and possibly action, by the city council Oct. 7, when it will be asked to vote on such heady topics as rules for pickleball play, allocations of a bounty of new water, and the century-old argument over whether to implement a standardized address system.

The day before, councilmembers are set to contemplate the Mills Act — the strongest incentive for historic preservation because it provides tax breaks to property owners — along with a contract with a firm to develop objective design standards for residential developments, and other items of business.

At the regular meeting Tuesday, following some routine reports, the council will consider “one or more ordinances regarding tennis and pickleball courts in Forest Hill Park,” including a temporary ban on the popular game “pending study by city of sound attenuation options,” and a host of regulations on the use of the courts.

That debate is expected to take 90 minutes, according to the agenda, while consideration of a resolution “directing staff to return to council with a comprehensive street address program that includes a process to begin implementation of an address identification system” is only estimated to occupy an hour.

After they get through those, councilmembers will be asked to amend the city’s water allocation policy for the

distribution of the 14 acre-feet the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has promised to Carmel as a result of the expansion of the Pure Water Monterey reclamation plant (see story, page 13A). That topic is expected to run 45 minutes.

Other public hearings include a \$136,185 construction contract with Moya & Sons Builders, Inc. to upgrade the fire station and a \$146,000 agreement with Ausonio, Inc. for project and construction management services. Finally, the council will hear updates to the emergency operations plan.

Special meeting

At the special meeting Oct. 6, the council will vote on items of routine business like monthly reports, contracts and purchases, before taking up the \$212,290 contract with Opticos “to prepare objective design and development standards for accessory dwelling units, multifamily residential and mixed-use residential” developments.

The Mills Act discussion will focus on “potential policy amendment options” and will be followed by a proposed resolution to work with the Monterey Regional Waste Management District on franchise agreements.

The closed session includes a lawsuit, property negotiations and labor contracts.

For details on how to participate in the meetings online and in person, and to see full agendas, go to ci.carmel.ca.us.

Pinnacles National Park free and mostly open

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ONE OF the frustrating things about a government shutdown is that it’s hard to get information on what’s shut down. Pinnacles National Park remains open. However, services are limited.

“Critical functions that protect life, property, and public health will remain in place, including visitor access in many locations, law enforcement, and emergency response,” the park says. “Entrance stations are not collecting fees. Visitors should be aware, however, that some services are unavailable and are expected to protect park resources by following all regulations and ‘Leave No Trace’ practices.”

Hikers should bring plenty of water, snacks and sunscreen, print out a map from the Park Service website, nps.gov/pinn/index.htm or use a hiking app like AllTrails, and be prepared to be flexible.

WATER

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release form for the water required for a project,” Stoldt explained. “The resident takes the form with the plans to the district for a water permit. With water permit in hand, the resident goes back to the city for a building permit.”

Officials from Peninsula utility California American Water were also set to be at the Thursday event.

“Cal Am is proud to be participating in the Monterey One Water ribbon cutting ceremony,” a statement to The Pine Cone by Cal Am spokesman Josh Stratton said. “Consistently, Cal Am has supported the concept and development of a recycled water project to help solve the water crisis on the Monterey Peninsula. Combined with desalination and aquifer storage and recovery, recycled water is a critical component of our water portfolio.”

While Cal Am maintains that its proposed desalination plant is the only project that will provide enough water for its customers for the next 25 years, the water district and Monterey One believe that a desal plant is unnecessary and that the expansion will produce more than enough water for the for new water fixtures, housing, lots of record and other uses.

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PROGRAMS

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threatens programs that offer “critical support” for students at California State University Monterey Bay, Monterey Peninsula College and other local colleges.

Panetta, who represents California’s 19th Congressional District, and the other lawmakers warned that stripping resources from Hispanic-serving colleges would “disproportionately harm students who rely on these schools for affordable, high-quality higher education,” and they urged the Trump administration to reverse the cuts.

“In my district, Hispanic-serving institutions like UC Santa Cruz, CSU Monterey Bay, Monterey Peninsula College and Cabrillo College play a critical role in increasing access to opportunity for students across our community,” Panetta said in a release to The Pine Cone.

The congressman said such colleges collectively educate millions of first-generation, low-income and underrepresented students.

“These colleges and universities play a critical role in advancing opportunities for students from all backgrounds who would otherwise be left behind,” the Democratic lawmakers claimed. “Diverting funds would not only hurt these institutions’ ability to serve underrepresented students, but it would also disproportionately harm the students who rely on them for access to affordable, high-quality higher education.”

Government shutdown means no airshow Angels

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE FAILURE of Congress to approve a stopgap spending bill this week forced a government shutdown that grounded the Blue Angels and other military flight demonstration teams. The disruptions means this weekend’s California International Airshow at Salinas is losing its headliner and other critical entertainment, but

California State University Monterey Bay spokesman Walter Ryce told The Pine Cone Wednesday that, “losing the funding threatens programs that uplift Hispanic students and strengthen the educational experience for all students.”

At Cal State Monterey Bay, he said, “where half of our students are Hispanic, the grants have been vital to student success, degree completion and social mobility,” Ryce said.

Ryce said that CSUMB will be able to spend the federal grant money for the current fiscal year through September 2026.

“For two of our grants, they are in their final year, so we will be able to complete the grant cycle,” Ryce said. “We are carefully reviewing the full impact of the federal decision for the other three grants, as the funds provide both curriculum and structural support.”

One of CSUMB’s primary concerns is that it will “not have the opportunity to seek future funding that would support our efforts around access, equity and excellence,” Ryce said.

‘Reinvisioning’

“We look forward to working with Congress to reenvision these programs to support institutions that serve underprepared or under-resourced students without relying on race quotas,” the department of education said.

“We will continue fighting to ensure that students are judged as individuals, not prejudged by their membership of a racial group,” it added.

organizers insist the show will go on. “Unfortunately, due to the government shutdown, the U.S. military will not be allowed to participate in the California International Airshow,” the board of directors announced Wednesday. “While this is disappointing news, we are excited to share we have a full lineup of some of the best civilian air show performers from North America.”



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Gloria. Philomena Moschella. Gargiulo

On Sept. 1, 2024, Gloria Philomena Moschella Gargiulo took the gentle hand that guided her to her Creator, peacefully at home with her family at her side.

Born July 22, 1932, to Francesco Moschella and Philomena Gallo in Clintondale, New York, Gloria, one of six children, spent her days on her family’s farm in Peekskill later moving to The Bronx, New York.

After graduating from Columbus High School, Gloria enrolled at Hunter College studying literature and foreign languages while juggling a career that spanned several positions in management at Tiffany & Co. During this time her vocal career blossomed with operatic roles as well as delightful popular performances with Lester Lanin orchestras throughout the New York/Tri State region. A strong supporter of Italian arts and culture, Gloria’s time with the Coro d’Italia Italian Folklore Society ushered her into a new role with her leading co-star, her husband Theodore Gargiulo. The two were married in September 1959.

In 1964 the family moved to Columbus, Georgia where Theodore was the head of music and theatre at Ft. Benning and where they worked with the community to bring opera to the region, founding several opera companies and music festivals in the southeastern United States. In 1972, the family moved to Monterey where she and Theodore took on the role of music directors for Ft. Ord as well as liturgical music directors for several churches including Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel, Monterey Methodist Church, The Chapel at The Presidio of Monterey, The Christian Science Church of Monterey among others.

In a new life in Monterey, Gloria held volunteer leadership positions for many organizations including the Red Cross, Altrusa International, The Monterey Museum of Art, (where she created the series “Music in the Museum”), Monterey Opera Company, First Night Monterey, The Golden State Theatre Preservation Group, (where she produced three major historical presentations), The Licia Albanese Puccini Foundation (NY) and the Monterey Film Commission where she served as its president. The Mother’s Club at Santa Catalina School brought her great joy as she watched her children grow while organizing bake sales and costume fittings for stage productions. With children launched, her business career moved quickly forward where she found herself in management roles with The Monterey Museum of Art, Monterey County Symphony, Video Schoolhouse and CTB McGraw-Hill.

After the death of Theodore, she created with her children The Occhiata Foundation which fulfilled both her and Theodore’s vision of bringing children to the wonder of opera. From 2010 to present, Occhiata has presented operas through creative classroom curriculum and “Occhiata’s Day at the Opera” to more than 10,000 Monterey county students.

Gloria’s family was her greatest joy with her gentle guidance and devotion nurturing her children, Franca Gargiulo (Thomas Quinn) and Terrence Gargiulo and her grandchildren, Taddeo Quinn, Sophia and Gabriel Gargiulo. She is predeceased by her husband, Theodore, and siblings Maria Mangino, Paul Moschella, Dominic Moschella and Theresa Melito. She is survived by her sister, Frances Caputo of Purdy’s Station, NY and many nieces and nephews.

A musical celebration of life will be held later in 2026.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to The Film Commission of Monterey County, Santa Catalina School or a group of one’s choice.



GAVEL

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while intoxicated and an enhancement for fleeing the scene per vehicle code section 20001(c). He also admitted culpability for a felony assault with a deadly weapon and admitted inflicting great bodily injury upon a second victim. Judge Pamela Butler will sentence the defendant on Oct. 22 to a stipulated sentence of 17 years in prison.

On July 26, 2024, the defendant was driving on East Alisal around 6:20 in the evening. Despite heavy traffic, he was driving at 50 mph in a 25 mph zone. He had an open beer can in the car and admitted to being under the influence of alcohol. As he approached the intersection of Alisal and Wood streets he continued at 50 mph despite the light changing from green to yellow and then red. He was more than 900 feet from the intersection when the light turned yellow. He sped toward the intersection without slowing for 10 seconds after the light turned red.

Fermin Maldonado, only 3 years old, was with his guardian, Regino Vivar. They began crossing Alisal in the crosswalk when their light turned green. Vivar was holding Fermin’s hand and tried pulling him back when he noticed the defendant entering the intersection. Vivar was struck and thrown 60 feet, suffering severe injuries, but he survived. Fermin went under the defendant’s car, was trapped and was dragged as the defendant fled the scene. Fermin’s lifeless body was eventually expelled from under the car over 600 feet away from impact.

The defendant continued to speed recklessly from the scene. He then got a ride to San Diego and fled to Mexico. Salinas Police ultimately convinced the defendant to return to the United States and face justice. With the assistance of detectives, the defendant was arrested on Aug. 4, 2024, at the San Ysidro border crossing.

This case was investigated by the Salinas Police Department with assistance from the California Highway Patrol Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team.



DOROTHY MARIE KIRK

Dorothy Marie Kirk, age 95, passed away peacefully at her home on Sept. 1, 2025, in Pacific Grove surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 19, 1930, in Medford, Oregon.

Dorothy lived a life of a homemaker, loved by her family and friends. She was a great cook and entertained a lot at home the last 50 years. In 1955, she joined the Foreign Service where she met her husband in Sri Lanka. He was also in the Foreign Service. They lived all over the world, visited 51 countries and retired to Pacific Grove in 1976. She was active at St. Timothy Lutheran Church as head of hospitality and Santa Catalina School in the Mother’s Service League. She loved her family tremendously, had a great sense of humor, was always happy and said she enjoyed “a great life.”

She is predeceased by her husband, Northrop Kirk. She is survived by her children, Barbara Jellison (Paul Jellison), Elizabeth Sondern (Greg Sondern), Northrop Kirk, Jr.; and her five grandchildren, Nicole Jellison Capewell (Kyle Capewell), Nathaniel Jellison, Katrina Sondern, Northrop and Cocofie Kirk; as well as many other relatives in California, Sweden and Florida.

The family is grateful for the wonderful care given by her caregivers the past three years.

There will be a Celebration of Life Saturday, Oct. 4th in Pacific Grove. Donations in memory of Dorothy may be made to Santa Catalina School and Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula.

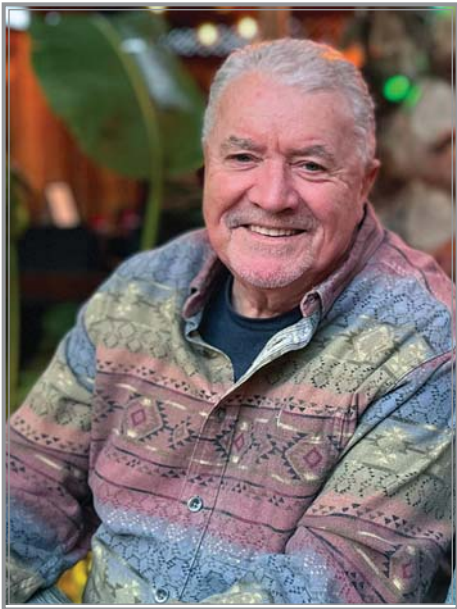
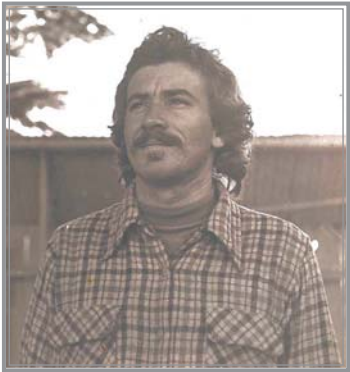
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CHARLES L. BOMIO

Charles L. Bomio, known to many as Charlie, or Chaz, passed away on July 26, 2025, in Monterey, after a courageous six-year journey with cancer. His fight was marked by remarkable strength and determination. Throughout this journey, Charlie’s resilience often hid his true struggle, with many unaware of the depth of his illness.

Charlie was born and raised in Salinas. He spent his childhood exploring the outdoors with his beloved father, Lewis, enjoying camping, fishing and duck hunting. His passion for surfing began in middle school, earning him the nickname “Backside Bomio,” and he became an original member of the legendary Moss Landing Surf Crew in the mid 1960s. After graduating from Salinas High School in 1969, he spent time in Maui, where he embraced the surfing lifestyle. He returned to Moss Landing where he lived and worked as the harbor master for a while.

In 1974, Charlie moved to the North Shore of Oahu, where he surfed the waves and began working in the restaurant business. He eventually found his way back home to California where he lived in San Diego and Newport Beach, and established lifelong friendships with pioneers in the surf industry. He continued his “Endless Summer” lifestyle by traveling with the Quicksilver team, visiting Australia, Bali and South Africa. He eventually pursued his love of skiing by living in Utah and Lake Tahoe. Charlie lived in Marin County for a short time before returning to Carmel in the 1980s.



Charlie loved the mountains, the surf and the camaraderie of friends old and new. His work in the restaurant business, and later his time at Safeway, allowed him to connect with countless people, share stories and enjoy the simple pleasures of life. In his retirement, Charlie spent his days going to the gym, mountain biking, skiing and spending time visiting friends in the Redding/ Trinity River area. He enjoyed the peace of his cottage by the river, watching old westerns and exchanging banter about politics and sports.

Charlie was a loyal son and friend who lived life on his own terms. His love for his father, Lewis, who preceded him in death, and his stepmother, Mary, who became an important part of his adult life, was unwavering. He left behind his stepsister and stepbrother, as well as cherished lifelong friends who miss him deeply.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the compassionate teams at Montage Health – including CHOMP, Westland House and Hospice – for their exceptional care and patience. We are especially thankful to Gus Halamandaris, M.D., MaryLou Roma, M.D., Nancy Rubin, O.D., and Dharma Naidu, PharmD, whose heartfelt support and guidance made all the difference.

A Celebration of Life is set for 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025, at the Elkhorn Yacht Club in Moss Landing. All who knew Charlie are warmly invited to attend. Kindly RSVP to Gregg at (831) 236-5941 so that food arrangements can be made.

Charlie’s life was one of adventure – but his true legacy lies in his loyalty and the friendships he forged along the way.

CUTS

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benefits. Franks cleared it up.

“All of those people will be able to keep their Medi-Cal if they continue to follow through with the conditions” of renewal, he explained. “However, we won’t be able to take new (illegal immigrant) enrollees” after Jan. 1, 2026.

Indigent people, however, will still be eligible for emergency medical and dental treatment through Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status.

And Medi-Cal eligibility redeterminations will be every six months, rather than annually, for undocumented immigrants. That will affect more than 61,000 low-income residents.

Work requirements

Also starting in January 2026, roughly 8,700 residents with CalFresh, or food-stamp, benefits who the feds have classified as “able-bodied adults without dependents” will have to show proof of employment or risk losing eligibility.

“Some of the people who will no longer have exemptions from the work requirements for CalFresh include those who are homeless, veterans and those with children 14 and older,” Franks said. “Those groups will now all be subject to the work requirements, which is 80 hours per month.”

Volunteering or performing community service also qualifies as work. That requirement may affect up to 35,000 county residents.

Similar work requirements for non-disabled, non-elderly Medi-Cal recipients aged 19 to 64 are set to take effect in January 2027.

In October 2026, there will be a shift in cost sharing between the state and federal government for CalFresh administrative

expenses. The feds now pay for about 75 percent of the admin costs, which will decrease to 50 percent.

“It’s estimated that for the State of California in total, it would be an additional cost of about \$200 million to counties,” Franks said, adding that he figures Monterey County will have to fork over an additional \$2 million annually.

It’s also anticipated that undocumented residents with full Medi-Cal coverage “will be subject to certain premiums of \$1 to \$35 for services,” Franks said.

Natividad Medical Center, the county-operated hospital in Salinas, stands to lose as much as \$14 million annually because of cuts to a federal program that offsets costs to hospitals that serve a large number of Medicaid and uninsured patients, Natividad CEO Chad Harris said.

“This is just the beginning,” he said. “We are going to be watching very closely, but these impacts are huge.”

It’s also anticipated that the federal match for emergency medical services at public hospitals for some adult illegal immigrants will decrease from 90 percent to 50 percent.

Health department director Elsa Jimenez said that about 23 percent of the patients who use the county’s hospitals for primary and specialty care are undocumented.

Jimenez said the county on Oct. 1 lost \$750,000 for school-based wellness education, nutrition programs, promotion of “parks prescriptions” (a program that encourages people to connect with nature for health benefits), and education at farmers markets. It will also lose about \$500,000 of federal assistance for teen pregnancy prevention programs.

Meanwhile, the federal government this week shut down after Democrats on Capitol Hill unsuccessfully demanded that Republicans reinstate funding for some of the very programs and services the One Big Beautiful Bill did away with.



JOSEPHINE ROSE MILANO LAGOW
May 7, 1941 - Sept. 25, 2025

Josephine “Jo” Rose Milano Lagow passed away peacefully in McKinney, Texas, after valiantly enduring nearly 18 months with late-stage metastatic peritoneal ovarian cancer.

Born in St. Louis, Mo. in 1941, Josephine was the eldest of four daughters of Mary C. Milano (née Mocca) and Paul S. Milano. As a young child, she lived on “The Hill,” the nostalgic Italian neighborhood of St. Louis that is still known today for its home-style Italian cuisine and bakeries. Josephine spent her time there surrounded by countless extended family members, some who continued to fight off speaking the English language while insisting that the younger generation of the family could surely understand them in Italian!

By high school, Josephine’s family moved to what at that time was the new “suburban” area of St. Louis, but they would not do this alone. They brought aunts, uncles and cousins ... and built three houses themselves, one for each family, all in a row, on one street. They would share this tight residential family bond for decades.

It was here while attending Bayless High School that Josephine went snow sledding one afternoon on a first date with a young man in her class named Tom Lagow. And the rest was history. While Tom attended Mizzou, Jo attended Miss Hickey’s School for Secretaries ... it was as strict as the name sounds and required white gloves and perfectly skilled performance. Following their graduations, they were married in St. Louis on June 8, 1963.

It would be Josephine’s secretarial position at Trans World Airlines, aka TWA, in St. Louis that would lead to Tom’s first position following graduate school. She was informed of an opening in TWA’s corporate office in New York City. Tom got the job, and they departed St. Louis to head to Manhattan. It was there that a lifetime full of their own experiences took root, and it was there that their only child, Christine, was born in 1969.

Thoughtful, meticulously conscientious, loyal, faithful and most of all, a selflessly dedicated wife and mother, Jo never took for granted or overlooked how blessed she was, and how lucky she was to live and experience the next several decades in picturesque cities and towns that stretched from East Coast to West Coast. From the quaint storybook-like four season perfection of the town of Darien in Connecticut to the stunning ocean and bay vistas of Pebble Beach and Carmel-by-the-Sea on the Monterey Peninsula of California ... with stops in between in “Big D,” the “Twin Cities,” “Chicagoland,” “The District” and the non-stop “sunny and 72-degree” Laguna Beach. Each stop was a steppingstone in life that seemed to also be blessed by the gift of a new friend, or a co-worker or a neighbor who would end up becoming a lifelong part of the family. On this cross-country journey of growth and appreciation, Josephine never lost sight though of her core – a Catholic, Sicilian, Midwesterner who was born and raised on The Hill.

Josephine was preceded in death by her mother, Mary C. Mocca Milano (d. 2001); her father, Paul S. Milano (d. 1970); her sister, Paula Milano (d. 1952) and her sister Carol Ann Milano Buckman (d. 2022). She is survived by her husband, W. Thomas Lagow; daughter, Christine M. Lagow; sister, Catherine B. Milano Reinhold (Sylvester “Bud”); nieces and nephews, Scott Reinhold, Jonathan and Brooke Buckman, Jason and Karen Fischer, Douglas and Terri Fischer, Suzanne and Bill Clarkin and great nieces and nephews, Michael Clarkin, Abigail Clarkin, Natalie Fischer, Mackenzie Fischer, Drew Clarkin, Alexandra Fischer, Elyse Fischer and Amelia Buckman.

Rest easily now, Jo ... free from all pain and illness, and full of everlasting peace in the hands of The Lord.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Josephine’s memory may be made to:

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JULIE ANN DALTON

Friends and family of Julie Dalton will gather to celebrate her life of loving service and resilience from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Carmel Woman’s Club.



Julie passed away peacefully and suddenly at home on Aug. 26, 2025, after living courageously with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a painful and complex connective tissue disorder. She faced years of health challenges — including three major back surgeries — with quiet strength, humor and a deep sense of compassion.

Julie was born on Feb. 25, 1967, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Edward Dalton and Margo Phillips. She is warmly remembered by her two brothers, Greg and Brian Dalton, and her stepfather, Bob Phillips. Julie was preceded in death by her parents. Though she lived life on her own terms, those connected to her early years remember her with affection and respect.

Raised in Carmel, Julie graduated from Carmel High School in 1985. She went on to earn her degree in psychology from San Francisco State University, graduating magna cum laude in 1991.

Early in her career, she operated a group home for teen girls in San Rafael, demonstrating her commitment to care and advocacy.

Later, Julie pivoted into the world of technology, where she truly found her calling. Returning to her hometown, she built a successful IT business known for its integrity, excellence and personalized service. For two decades, she served as the primary IT support for Cypress Point Club and also gave individualized support to many local businesses and individuals. More than a technician, Julie was a trusted advisor and friend to many of her clients— relationships that often extended far beyond the screen.

Those who knew Julie will remember her for her intelligence, wit, generosity and a spirit that shone even in the face of adversity.

MEMORIAL DETAILS

All who knew Julie or were touched by her life are warmly invited to attend her memorial.

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WITHDRAWAL

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Stairs, a handrail, a guardrail and the landing will make way for new stairs, and at the back, the non-historic door, stairs, guardrail and landing will be removed.

Updating the apartment complex in back will include demolishing and replacing balconies and railings, changing windows as needed to accommodate the conversion of two ground-floor offices to residential space, and plastering, light sconces and repainting. Each of the resulting four two-story apartments will have a separate balcony.

The steps in the Paso de Pauline inter-block walkway leading down to the apartment complex will be resurfaced, and a wood fence separating its courtyard from La Rambla's will be torn down.

Property values

Pastor purchased the property in January 2023 for \$6.2 million and bought La Rambla in January 2024 for \$7.5 million, according to Monterey County property records.

According to the city's financial audit released early this year, Pastor pays more property taxes than any other owner in town.

In the list of "principal property tax owners," his Esperanza Carmel Commercial LLC properties had an assessed value of \$58,085,168 in 2024, while Esperanza Carmel LLC's properties were valued at \$29,456,893, for a total of \$87.5 million. Carmel Plaza shopping center, owned by OWRP Carmel LLC, was in second place, valued at \$62,658,000, with other major landowners appearing lower on the list.

RESTROOM

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he's hopeful the county will soon fund the installation of restrooms at two other nearby trailheads — one at Eighth Avenue and Giggling Road, and another at the east end of Eucalyptus Avenue.

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, whose district includes the trail network and restroom, also plans to be at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Securing the funds for this project may seem like a small step, but it's a big win for the 1.5 million people who hike, bike and explore Fort Ord public lands every year," she said.

The ribbon-cutting coincides with the Monterey Off Road Cycling Association's annual Take A Kid Mountain Biking Day. The group's vice president, Peter Berridge, told The Pine Cone the new restroom will be located next to a busy trailhead.

"We're very excited to see this needed facility finally open for public use," Berridge said.

"The need for restrooms at busy trailheads is well established, as are the negative impacts of trailheads that have no restrooms."

The group, whose volunteers put in 1,500 hours of trail work each year, raise funds to pay for a porta-potty at Eighth and Giggling, and they're hopeful the county will soon replace it with a permanent facility like the one at the Ford Ord Day Camp Cycling Area. "We are excited to aid any way we can," Berridge added.

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TAXES

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The total TOT collected in the 2024-2025 fiscal year was \$9,339,961, compared with \$8,347,682 in 2023-2024, according to the city. The figure indicates the city’s hotels, inns, B&Bs and legal vacation rentals brought in \$93,399,610 in business. A decade ago, total TOT receipts for the year were \$6,849,705.

Hotel taxes are part of the “big three” revenue sources for the city’s general fund, alongside sales taxes and property taxes. Together, they are expected to account for 82 percent of revenues this year.

The figures released by the finance department also show the average daily percentage of rooms booked in May and June was 75.7 percent — a 6.36 percent increase over the same months last year. March and April saw the biggest rise, 7.44 percent, to 68.36 percent, in the 2024-2025 fiscal year, while the only period to record a decline was September-October 2024, when occupancy slid 2.83 percent, from 76.89 in 2023 to 74.72 percent last year.

Annual average daily occupancy for the year was 68.54 percent, a 3.38 increase over 2023-2024’s 66.3 percent. While

the last few years have reported small increases, they have yet to reach the 2021-2022 average of 73.86 percent, when many visitors were engaging in “revenge travel” as Covid shutdowns and restrictions were lifted.

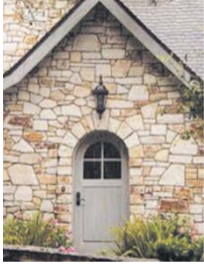
A decade ago, the figure was 71.5 percent, and the average every year from 2014-2015 through 2018-2019 was in the low-70 percent range.

Prices up

Of course, the average daily price per room in the city has steadily risen. In May and June, it was \$386.24, compared with \$259.30 a year earlier, a 7.5 percent jump. The overall average for the year was \$372.07, which was 7.24 percent higher than the 2023-2024 average daily rate of \$346.95. The biggest year-over-year increase was seen in January and February, when the rate was \$321.36, a 10.85 percent climb from the January-February 2024 price of \$289.90. In 2014-2015, the annual average daily rate was \$212.03.

When the reports were released, the city’s finance department also announced that future TOT, occupancy and rate figures will be posted “on the newly reorganized finance website shortly after each reporting close.” Go to ci.carmel.ca.us and click on “finance” in the “departments” tab.

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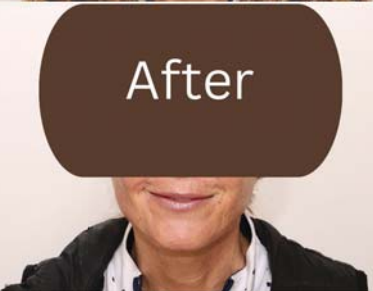
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PHONICS

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practice. Common refrains heard from teachers in videos giving balanced literacy instruction include, “Look at the picture, look at the first letter, think of a word that makes sense.”

Think of a word that makes sense? What happened to, “Sound the word out?” No wonder more than half the kids can’t read.

To disastrous results, the balanced literacy approach has been peddled to districts nationwide for decades by education gurus, including the now-infamous Lucy Calkins. The Columbia University professor was one of three authors who created the Units of Study curriculum that was sold to schools across California and is now widely believed to have made it harder for kids to read.

California’s phonics bill

The balanced literacy approach never became universal in California because school districts are not required to use a uniform curriculum, but it nonetheless became widespread. A 2022 survey from the California Reading Coalition found 80 percent of districts were using a curriculum that was either the balanced literacy approach or did not focus sufficiently on phonics.

California’s new phonics bill, AB 1454, also won’t force a uniform curriculum, but it will require school districts to use evidence-based means for teaching reading. Most importantly, it mandates the curriculum include phonics and fluency starting in 2028.

The bill’s author, West Covina Democratic

Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, said her personal reading journey inspired her to write the legislation.

“As an English learner and a teacher, I have experienced the struggles of learning to read and the challenges that come with teaching literacy,” said Rubio. “Californians are demanding change to literacy instruction in the state, with the recognition that as the 4th largest economy in the world, we have some of the worst reading scores in the country.”

Parent demands

Nationwide, there has been a rallying cry from parents to return to phonics-based instruction. Many of those voices were amplified in education journalist Emily Hanford’s 2022 podcast, “Sold a Story.”

The podcast showed how the pandemic-era school closures provided a wake-up call for parents. Suddenly, mom and dad were in Zoom school alongside their kids, when they saw how reading was being taught, it didn’t make any sense. Parents started showing up to school board meetings and writing their legislators. As a result, New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and Indiana have all returned to phonics-based instruction.

Despite the alarm bells, it has taken California until 2025 to make a change. Rubio introduced a bill almost identical to AB 1454 in 2023, but it failed to receive a single hearing. The legislation faced fierce opposition from the teachers’ union and English-learner advocates. Their argument? Phonics-based instruction isn’t effective with students who are not fluent in English, so it should not be required.

But literacy advocates did not give up.

“We still believed in the opportunity to have California follow suit with other states across the nation in embracing evidenced based literacy materials and training for teachers that is based in science and research,” said Heather Calomese, chief advocacy and policy advisor for Edvoice, a nonprofit advocating for educational policy changes.

Before taking a job with Edvoice, Calomese spent years teaching high school. The educator said she has seen firsthand what happens when kids don’t learn how to read.

“I had high school students, 12th grade, 18 years old, going to graduate, and they would come to me and say, ‘I can’t read,’” related Calomese.

According to the World Literacy Foundation, 28 percent of adults in California struggle with reading, meaning they cannot do more than fill out a basic form or read a short text. For some, English is their second language, but for others it’s because they never learned how to read well in school.

In Hanford’s 2022 podcast, she interviewed a California mother of two children attending public schools in the Berkeley Unified School District. The mom, Kenni Alden, has two boys, ages 12 and 14, and she’s worried because the youngest can’t read.

“He doesn’t look at all the letters in words, he doesn’t look at all the words in sentences and reading is miserable for him,” said Alden in the recording.

Berkeley schools taught reading using Calkins’ Units of Study curriculum for years. According to a 2024 Edsource article, some teachers in the district were still using it in 2023.

Why are some kids literate?

So, how do some children learn how to read using the half-baked ‘balanced literacy’ method, while others did not? For some kids, reading comes more easily than for others. And there are also some teachers who’ve persisted in using phonics to teach reading despite curriculum changes. But the other part of the equation is that many parents of means hired reading tutors or took the time to teach their children to read at home.

“Reading is such a foundational skill, we need to create the best opportunities for all kids to read, not just for those who can afford after-school tutors,” Rubio told CalMatters in April.

Literacy is the basis for lifelong learning and civic engagement, and parents should be able to expect it to be taught in our public schools, to all children, not just some.

The bill is awaiting Gov. Gavin Newsom’s signature, it’s hard to imagine him not signing it, but he has until Oct. 12 to put pen to paper.

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and 12,” Kort said this week.

In the meantime, an entity called Kshire Coastal Holdings LLC — established earlier this year by Rupa Desai and based on Silver Cloud Court in Monterey — purchased the entire property from Santa Rosa Motel Co. (Don Desai), I&P Brothers LLC (not registered with the Secretary of State) and Durrell Pacific Grove LLC (Mohammed Rezai) for \$15 million. Desai, Rezai and Jayesh Desai had also been partners in CRI on Carpenter, Inc., which was dissolved in June 2020, according to the state.

MEDIATION

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Marshall was hitting objects with his crowbar, using a door ripped off its hinges as a sort of barricade, and then advancing toward officers with the crowbar in hand. It also shows Tomasi and the others pleading with him to stop.

But Barrett’s lawsuit says her son “was not verbally or physically threatening any person, including defendants, and decedent never verbally threatened any person, including defendants,” nor was he “attempting, willing or threatening to inflict harm on anyone.”

Unreasonable force?

Nonetheless, officers “unreasonably used force against decedent, including when they repeatedly shot decedent without justification,” according to the lawsuit, which was filed by Woodland Hills lawyer Dale Galipo, who has made a career of suing law-enforcement agencies and claims to have won more than 30 multimillion-dollar verdicts.

Carmel hasn’t offered any response to the suit, but a Monterey County District Attorney’s review released in February cleared the officers of wrongdoing. Neighbors called 911 at 8:40 a.m. to report Marshall pointed an assault-style rifle at them and demanded they remove a security camera he believed was spying on him, according to the report. The victims provided photographs showing him wearing a tactical helmet, a ballistic vest, a backpack and gloves, and holding a black rifle and a yellow crowbar.

After responding to the calls about the alleged gunman, Carmel P.D. asked for the Monterey County Sheriff’s

crisis negotiation team but were told it was unavailable, according to the DA’s report.

Shortly before 9 a.m., Barrett called the police department about her son and phoned again a few minutes later to say, “he wanted to die and had a BB gun on him.” She said he wanted to commit suicide by cop.

On the roof

A neighbor called 911 to report Marshall was on his roof with a rifle, and the alleged gunman also confronted workers at the nearby Golden Bough Playhouse, causing at least one to fear for his life. He also reportedly told a passerby, “There’s gonna be blood in the streets. Blood is gonna be spilled,” and threatened to shoot the passerby in the head, the DA said.

Officers set up a perimeter, told Marshall to drop his weapons, and tried to subdue him with beanbag rounds fired from a shotgun. He dropped what was later determined to be a CO2-powered BB gun.

In the backyard, officers found Marshall using the crowbar to break a glass door in a guesthouse, and he advanced on them despite orders to stop and being hit with more beanbag rounds, bodycam footage shows. After he lunged at Sgt. Gerald Maldonado with a crowbar, officer Rene Guevara fired six shots, one of which hit him.

Police provided first aid until medics arrived and transported Marshall to Natividad Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed a bullet had entered through his right abdomen and right lung to lodge in his back. A drug screen showed Marshall had THC, the psychoactive chemical found in marijuana, and GHB, a

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drug similar to ecstasy, in his system.

In suing, Barrett “seeks by means of this civil rights action to hold accountable those responsible for the serious bodily injury inflicted by the individual defendant and by the city’s ratification, failure to train, and policy of inaction in the face of serious constitutional violations, as well as the unlawful custom and practice with respect to the use of force,” her complaint says.

‘Failed to de-escalate’

Marshall “suffered serious bodily injury, pre-death pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, and loss of life,” and Barrett “suffered the life-long loss of her son as a direct and proximate result” of the officers’ actions.

Her suit says police “used negligent tactics in contacting decedent before, during and after the use of excessive and unreasonable force,” that she heard her son yell, “Help!” before he was shot, and that police failed to give him commands or warn him they would use force and didn’t give him a chance to comply. It also says Marshall “was not moving toward” the officers, who had “distance, space, cover and time available to them.”

Further, it accuses police of delaying or denying him medical care, in part because he was sent to the hospital in Salinas, “nearly 40 minutes away,” rather than to CHOMP.

“The defendants failed to de-escalate the situation, utilize, consider, and/or exhaust several reasonable less-intrusive alternatives available, safe, and feasible to the defendants prior to the use of force,” Barrett’s complaint says, and they exhibited “deliberate indifference and reckless disregard for decedent’s constitutional rights.”

As a result, she “has suffered the loss of decedent’s love, care, comfort, society, companionship, assistance, protection, affection, moral support, financial support, and loss of services,” as well as “severe emotional distress from being present on scene and knowing that defendant officers were shooting her son.”

Rights violations

Their actions violated Marshall’s Fourth Amendment protections from unreasonable search and seizure, Barrett’s 14th Amendment right to “a familial relationship with her son” and Marshall’s rights to “life, liberty or property.”

Barrett also accuses the city of battery, negligence, and failure to adequately train police and says she is entitled to “exemplary and punitive damages from the individual officers,” compensation from taxpayers, and attorney fees and costs.

In August, attorneys for Barrett and the city submitted

a request to the court to extend the deadline for the city’s response until after the mediation session.

“The parties commenced discussions about participating in early mediation to hopefully reach a resolution of the action,” and mutually agreed to meet with Richard Copeland of Conflict Resolution Services Dec. 5, according to the filing.

“The parties respectfully submit that they are hopeful they can resolve this case at the mediation set in

December,” and agreed to delay the response deadline to Dec. 19, their motion says. “This is in an effort to avoid unnecessary time and expense for both parties and in the interest of judicial economy by sparing the court’s time pending the parties’ participation in early mediation.”

The U.S. District Court judge assigned to the case, Edward Davila, agreed to their request and the new deadline, and scheduled a case management conference for January. It had originally been set for Oct. 9.



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When Independent Living Is No Longer Possible

One of the most difficult transitions older adults and their families face is recognizing when it’s no longer safe to live independently. This change may happen gradually or suddenly, and the reasons can vary—memory loss, mobility challenges, chronic illness, or other declines that put the individual, or those around them, at risk. It is a stage of life that requires honesty, courage, and often outside support, for everyone involved.

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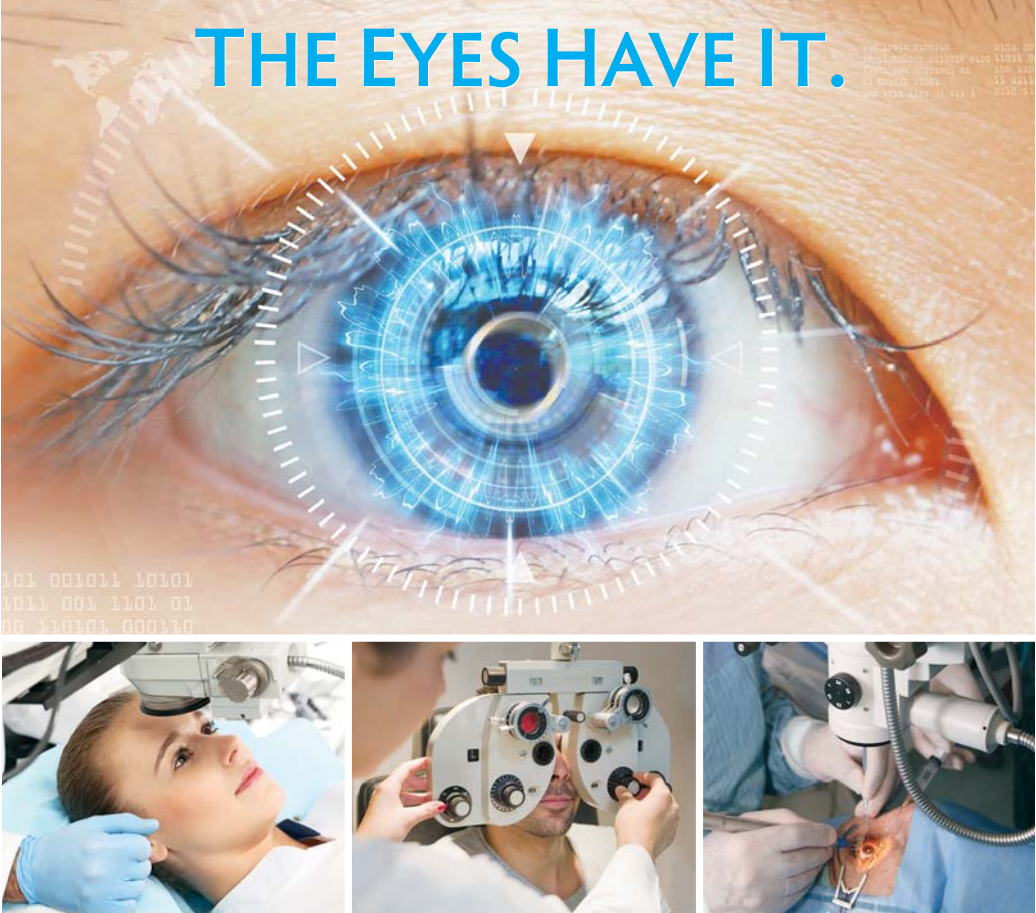
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These are never easy decisions. They can stir up strong emotions—guilt, grief, and fear of change. Yet, making the move at the right time can improve safety and offer peace of mind for everyone involved. We’ll dig more deeply into resources and options in future columns.

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Editorial

Arbitrary enforcement

TWO WEEKS ago, we delved into the “vagueness doctrine,” a principle of constitutional law which holds that “a vague law is no law at all,” as Justice Antonin Scalia put it in the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Johnson v. United States*. That’s because there’s no way anybody can know what a vague law requires them to do.

In other words, before you can be penalized for breaking a particular law, you have to be able to understand what the law says. Sounds obvious, right?

The rule has mostly been applied in criminal cases, because constitutional principles of due process are at their highest level of importance when somebody is at risk of being deprived of a fundamental right — the right to freedom, for example, by being put in jail.

But the enjoyment and use of private property is also a fundamental right, not only as guaranteed in the Fifth and 14th Amendments, but in a series of Supreme Court decisions that have severely limited the zoning and environmental rules that can be imposed on people who want to build on their land. Even land use regulations, the High Court has repeatedly held, must be reasonably related to achieving legitimate public purposes, apply equally to all similarly situated people, can’t require an individual property owner to bear a burden that should be borne by the public as a whole — and have a “rational basis.”

A land-use rule that’s so vague nobody can understand what it requires obviously lacks a rational basis, and no place on Earth has land use rules that are more vague than they are right here, beginning with state laws like the Coastal Act and CEQA, and then a plenitude of local regulations that impose inherently vague standards like “protection of community character” and “impacts on historic resources.” The result is an iron-clad recipe for making permits difficult to get — which is what the rules are intended to do. When California’s multiple Gordian knots of land use rules were being written, vagueness was considered a virtue.

This is not only true because vagueness makes compliance inherently difficult, but because when a permit applicant can’t tell from the written laws what he’s supposed to do, he ends up at the mercy of the officials who enforce those laws.

Which raises another constitutional problem with vague laws: How they’re enforced depends on the whims of the enforcers. Vague laws can be applied selectively based on personal biases, political motivations, or other improper factors, inviting, as Scalia wrote in *Johnson*, “more unpredictability and arbitrariness than the Due Process Clause tolerates.”

Without a specific set of standards to follow, the outcome for a particular permit applicant can depend not only on who happens to sit on the planning commission or city council at any given moment, but how much of a jerk his neighbor happens to be and how much money the neighbor is willing to spend on an aggressive attorney. And since it takes so long to get through the permit process, you can be told to follow one standard for, say, parking or landscaping at the outset, and a completely different one midway through. Sound familiar?

This is not the way zoning, not to mention our entire structure of constitutional law, is supposed to work. We are supposed to have a system of laws, not men, under which everyone in the same circumstances gets the same treatment and can expect the same outcome. “Zoning” is supposed to apply equally to everyone in a zone, not produce different outcomes for different people based on random and irrelevant factors.

BEST of BATES



“Been on vacation?”

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Public vote on addresses

Dear Editor,

Tuesday’s council agenda suggests the intention of the city council to move forward with street addresses, likely in line with the material advanced by the ad hoc committee led by councilman Bob Delves.

Our current system has been referred to by many as charming, unique and timeless. Whether you are for or against moving away from the system that has stood the test of 110 years, we would think all should be concerned that the council has asserted a right to bypass a citywide vote on the subject. This is a dangerous precedent, especially for a council wherein a majority of its members did not voice an opinion on this long-brewing subject when running for office (that excludes councilman Jeff Baron, however, who was forthright in his opinion on the subject).

We also find it interesting that our mayor would lean on the city attorney’s opinion

that a vote by Carmel’s citizens to retain the existing system would be non-binding in asserting the council’s ability to move forward; especially given the spectacle made recently on the subject of the JD Pastor project where another recommendation by the city attorney, the recommendation for the mayor to recuse himself, became a bone of divisive contention making the remaining council’s efforts more difficult and effectively fomenting dissension in our community. We guess if it works for you, embrace it, if you don’t like it, proclaim it unfair.

We’re particularly concerned by the autocracy implied, as we both move away from the charm many cherish of our current address system, and when we read the mayor’s message on regional competitiveness. What next? Parking garages? Multistory hotels? Becoming more like Monterey? This would not be the Carmel we cared to raise our families in or where we dreamed to retire, and we should have a voice in changes of this magnitude.

Jim & Ellen Beck, Carmel

‘Pleasantly surprised’ by Panetta

Dear Editor,

I was pleasantly surprised by Jimmy Panetta’s endorsement of the Charlie Kirk resolution, though I would have called it for what it was, a political assassination. While Panetta showed decency, opponents at a recent county board of supervisors meeting demonstrated the ignorance of

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Things that make a person wonder — and wander

AUTHOR AND journalist Joy Lanzendorfer is so deeply enamored of Carmel that she spends as much time as she can here, taking the opportunity to immerse herself in the sea air and the history of the place, recorded by the early artists and writers who shaped it. In a recent talk at Sunset Center, she shared some of the fruit of her labor, and we'll get to that shortly.

Lanzendorfer's prose often explores the ways places, their histories, and people, interact, and she tries to walk in subjects' footsteps. For example, take author, poet and playwright Mary Austin (1868-1934), an early nature writer of the Southwest who came to Carmel in 1905 after separating from her husband. Lanzendorfer, a Petaluma resident, wrote about Austin at length for a literary journal called *Alta*. First, however, she drove with her familycamped in Owens Valley and visited Lone Pine, where the author had stayed before coming here.

Sense of place

In 2018, Lanzendorfer published "Bohemian Tragedy," an in-depth look into the life of complex poet George Sterling, who also moved to Carmel in 1905. His nickname, "The King of Bohemia," spoke more to his social prominence in town than the acclaim his writing had garnered in San Francisco.

In June, she wrote "Vigilantes at the Door" for *Alta*. It was an expanded article on Communist and Black poet Langston Hughes, who came to Carmel in 1933 to write in a borrowed cabin. He completed a short story collection, "The Ways of White Folks." As she walked around town,

finding the author's cottage and digging into local newspaper archives, she sought to grasp not just a sense of the man, but of the community in which he lived.

Less well known — and quite intriguing to Lanzendorfer — are the triumphs and tragedies of the MacGowan sisters, Alice MacGowan (1858-1947) and Grace MacGowan Cooke (1863-1944). The American authors often collaborated, with their more than 30 novels and some 100 short stories, plus poetry, helping to shape the literary

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

community of Carmel.

In 1914, an attempt was made on Alice MacGowan's life — strychnine had been added to leftovers at her home, and a tin of fresh marshmallows of unknown origin found there also contained the poison. MacGowan had a helper around the house by the name of Aki, who tried one of the marshmallows and nearly died. It was implied by at least one member of the artist community that this was not the only attempt on MacGowan's life.

The crime made the front page of the May 10, 1914, *New York Times*, under the headline, "Poison for Alice McGowan" — complete with the misspelled last name.

The mystery remains unsolved.

Add a dog

Last month, Lanzendorfer shared, "In Their Own Words: The MacGowan Sisters' Literary Legacy in Carmel" at Sunset Center, as part of the Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series.

In advance of her lecture, Carmelites suggested that if she really wanted to engage her audience, she should start with a story about a dog, but she demurred.

"I was honored to speak to a Carmel audience," she said. "I wrote about the MacGowan sisters in 2023, and I really do feel, among all the poets and writers renowned for their influence on Carmel, the sisters were forgotten, kind of written off, which was strange because they were prolific — actually way more prolific than the male writers."

The eras just before, during, and in the aftermath of the Great Depression fascinate Lanzendorfer — particularly, she said, "how they affected our nation's ideas of success, failure, and the pursuit of happiness." In 2021, that inspired

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Beckoned by many possibilities

WHEN SHE bobs on her surfboard, staring at the infinite horizon, Eva Boynton invariably feels beckoned by its possibilities.

"I love seeing that huge line, feeling that grand space. I feel really at peace,"

Monterey business called EuroPed, leading biking/hiking tours in France and Switzerland, some of which included his daughter.

"My first one — my intro into traveling in that way — was in Switzerland," she said. "I was 7 years old, and I remember really not liking cycling very much after that. It took a while before I came back to it on my own."

Her mother, Normi Burke, who raised Eva and brother Burke Boynton as

a single mom, was also a free spirit and world traveler.

As a student at Stevenson School, Eva played softball, volleyball and basketball, but traded that last sport as a junior and senior to help lead fellow students on the school's yearly 10-day wilderness expedition.

"Carrying a backpack with a 10-day supply of food through the Ventana Wilderness, leading quite a few kids who had never backpacked before, was very impactful for me," Boynton remembered. "It was gorgeous, of course, but also pretty brutal. I came out thinking, 'I can't believe we did that, but let's keep doing it.'"

A family thing

Wanderlust and art are family traits.

Normi Burke sowed some wild oats of her own, trekking alone through Afghanistan and India in the 1970s. Later, she served for more than a decade as a senior adjunct faculty member in CSU Monterey Bay's visual and public art department — inspiration for her kids.

"We always had art supplies and a creative environment around the house, which was a very creative environment for Burke and me," said Boynton, whose brother has a company that designs and shapes surfboards. "And Mom has always been an ocean lover, and she's the one who introduced that into our lives."

After attending grade school and middle school in Pacific Grove, Boynton graduated with Stevenson's Class of 2007, then enrolled at the University of San Francisco, a choice that also enabled her to spend a year at California College of the Arts.

Resilient

"In college, I also got to study abroad in Dharamasala, India, where the Tibetans are in exile, which taught me a lot about how others see our world," she said. "They were such generous people with wonderful hearts. And so resilient — still smiling after finding their way over those mountains. As a small-town girl from Pacific Grove, they

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

sighed the artist, poet, wanderer, adventurer, dreamer.

"I've never been to Africa, and I'd love to see the savanna," she said. "There's the evolutionary aspect, of course ... and, as an artist, the opportunity to sketch those huge, wild animals in such a vast, open space would be wonderful and amazing."

Open studios tour

The multit talented Boynton creates charcoal and graphite sketches, colorful pastel paintings and graphic arts at Open Ground Studio at 1230 Fremont Blvd., Seaside, a stop on the first weekend (Oct. 11-12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) of the annual Open Studios Art Tour sponsored by the Arts Council for Monterey County.

The second weekend of that exhibition will follow on Oct. 18-19.

Boynton, 34, has already seen much more than most people: She explored an Amazon rain forest, hiked the Himalayas, cycled 3,000 miles from Monterey to Guatemala, and hitchhiked through New Zealand, enthusiastically toiling as a laborer with World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms.

Her dad, Peter Boynton, once owned a



PHOTO/COURTESY EVA BOYNTON

Peninsula artist and international adventurer Eva Boynton will show her works at Seaside's Open Ground Studios Oct. 11-12, the first weekend of the Open Studios Tour.



PHOTO/COURTESY JOY LANZENDORFER

Novelist and essayist Joy Lanzendorfer recently gave a talk at Sunset Center about her research into Carmel's MacGowan sisters.

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LETTERS

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so many on the far left. To “Mr. Rosen” who accused Kirk of racism, among other things, I ask: Show me the proof. Kirk wrote six books and appeared on TV many times (though probably not on the channels Mr. Rosen watches) and spoke publicly on college campuses around the country for more than 10 years. Provide evidence that he was anything but a patriotic American who feared God and cared for the youth of our nation — be they left or right.

Yes, he had opinions (for example, he believed in a merit-based, color-blind system), and maybe Mr. Rosen doesn’t agree, but Kirk was entitled to his opinion. And to those, like the unidentified woman, who fear we won’t overcome “the fascism that

has taken hold of our nation,” I ask what right (to bear arms, free speech, etc.) you have lost since the November 2024 election? (A core tenant of fascism is the loss of individual rights.)

Joe Tarantino, Carmel

Pricing out families

Dear Editor,

Carmel is well on its way to becoming a pure “55-plus community” as housing prices combined with legacy Prop 13 advantages have successfully priced out young families or basically anyone under 55 for good. Similar to Pebble Beach, a significant portion of homes are vacant for most of the year, but perhaps even worse are those properties being used for short-term rentals. The end game of the current real estate pricing and residential rental policies? An epic generational squeeze. Fewer and fewer families with children

will live in Carmel until the “resort community” is completely saturated with second/third/fourth homeowners, short-term rentals and legacy residents with a holding ability of at least 20-plus years. At this rate, there might not be a future need for Carmel public schools. Think of the property tax break Carmel real estate owners could then gain with no children to educate!

Tom Rapko, Pebble Beach

‘Abysmal ignorance’

Dear Editor,

I never am surprised when your editorial shows an abysmal ignorance and lack of empathy. Yesterday was a prime example.

An adequate food supply does not lead to obesity in children or otherwise. Famine and starvation have been with mankind forever. They are as rampant and deadly today in areas of extreme climate change and inadequate infrastructure. And every community I know is gearing up for food insufficiency here in the United States Food pantries are being strengthened to include baby formula, diapers and baby food as mothers are working and maternity leave is short. Agribusiness has steered this country to an over-production of soybeans and corn, and we have lost our foreign buyers. I would rather see a fat child than a starving child any day of the week. And that study about overweight children — iffy. In every town, every playing field is filled with kids playing baseball, soccer, football, hour after afternoon hour. The swimming pools have swim teams early in the morning before school, the ice rinks have junior hockey and school hockey teams in the early morning hours before school. The playgrounds have kids running around like crazy. They are not zombies glued to their phones scarfing down potato chips.

Joan Grabe, Carmel Valley

Prop 50 ‘an embarrassment’

Dear Editor,

Proposition 50 is an embarrassment to the voters of California. The Democratic-controlled Senate and Assembly and our “governor” have the gall to present a politically motivated constitutional amendment to nullify an existing amendment. The proposed amendment:

- is based on what other states are doing;
- advocates countering election rigging by further rigging an already tilted

representation — California Republicans garnered 40 percent of the vote but have only 17 percent of House representatives and 25 percent of the State Senate and Assembly memberships;

■ calls on other states to redraw their voting maps to counter alleged partiality but ignores the recommendations of California’s own committee designed to do exactly that — “do as I say not as I do;”

■ overrides the bipartisan Independent Redistricting Commission for at least three cycles and has the lines determined by political consultants, with no public input;

■ leaves sole interpretation to a partisan attorney general;

■ will cost every county a great deal of money just to hold the special election — Monterey County officials estimate that it will cost an extra \$3 million; and

■ provides no benefit to the voters of California.

Rather than charging Trump and the Republicans for causing an emergency, the Democrats should look in the mirror. Constitutional amendments are fundamental, not short-term political ploys. Note also that there are huge sums of money from external sources trying to convince the voters to accept this fiasco.

This kind of duplicity deserves retribution in the voting booth.

Michael Addison, Carmel

Superfund campground

Dear Editor,

Fort Ord is a National Priorities List Superfund site. “Unique environment” for a vacation, indeed. The current day use area and future campground are at the superfund site’s former beach firing ranges and are contaminated with decades of lead dust, munitions, herbicides and other toxic chemicals. However, no warning signs are posted about the contamination because California exempts itself from Prop 65 requirements. Lead is very toxic, particularly to children. The wind blows lead dust around and into the lungs and the picnic and barbecue food. Children play in that sand and eat that sand, not knowing their exposure. And now the state builds a campground. Have the workers even been warned or issued protective clothing? Local officials are silent while California State Parks endangers the public.

Nina Beety, Monterey

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ARTIST

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blew my mind.”

Boynton’s next stop was The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., where she played on the men’s rugby team while earning bachelor’s degrees in visual art and environmental anthropology.

A study-abroad program took her to Peru, where she studied wildlife in the Amazon jungle.

“The humidity, the bugs — waking up with howler monkeys making their noise every morning — everything in that jungle was alive and moving all the time,” she said.

“I also was inspired by the interconnectedness of the people there and how they interacted with their environment — the caretaking and the stewardship — as we were studying the impacts of ecotourism.”

An epic cycling adventure

In 2014, two years after graduating from Evergreen, she found herself staring wistfully at the horizon again.

“I saw a blog about surfers who rode their bikes to Baja, pulling their surfboards on trailers,” Boynton said. “And I decided, ‘Hey, I could do that. Why not?’”

Through a cycling website she contacted a British woman, a complete stranger with the same aspiration.

“She was living in Africa, so she shipped all of her stuff to my mom’s house in Pacific Grove,” Boynton recalled. “We met up three days before we left, then just packed up and went.”

Eva and her travel partner were on a first-name basis. “Her name was Caroline, and we got along well, but I can’t remember her last name,” she laughed.

Pulling surfboards and backpacks behind their bikes, the women cycled down the coast, pitching tents and riding the waves in Big Sur, San Simeon, Morro Bay and Pismo Beach. They found some welcome indoor accommodations with friends during a four-night stay in Santa Barbara.

Through much of the rest of their journey, a travel website called Warm Showers helped them locate cycling-friendly people willing to let budget-conscious travelers flop on their sofas, floors or spare beds.

They surfed in Malibu and San Diego, then crossed the Mexican border, made their way to Baja, then rode to Mexico City.

The sketchbooks/travel journals Boynton meticulously kept along the way are valued keepsakes that chronicle their journey through words and etchings. Her mom took

care to assemble those memoirs inside hardcovers.

In Mexico City, with money growing thin, Boynton opted to fly back to Monterey to reunite with family and friends, and she returned to the workforce to replenish her funds.

On to Guatemala

Eight months later, she was ready to resume the journey. “I bought another bike on craigslist, flew back to Mexico City, and met up with five new people I had found through a cycling co-op down there,” said Boynton, who continued south into Guatemala before accepting her mom’s offer to fly her home for Christmas.

While riding back toward Cancun, she met Samuel Anaya Alvarez, a Mexican ecotourism guide who married her in 2017.

They moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where Alvarez, an outdoor educator, works as a coordinator for CSUMB’s habitat stewardship project and sometimes

leads backpacking trips for the Ventana Wilderness Alliance.

Since 2022, Boynton and Burke have been on staff at the Big Sur Land Trust.

He also runs Boynton Surfboards, his own company, and she does freelance contract work in graphic design, scientific illustration, book illustration, conceptual design, visual content creation and fine-art portraits.

“I find that connecting my body, mind and spirit through sport and time in nature impact my artwork,” Boynton wrote on her website. “Sketching feels like home,” she said. “It’s where questions are free to express themselves, and a vulnerable mark-making takes place.”

See images of her art at evaboyntonart.com or view her work on display at Open Ground Studios during the Open Studio Tour.

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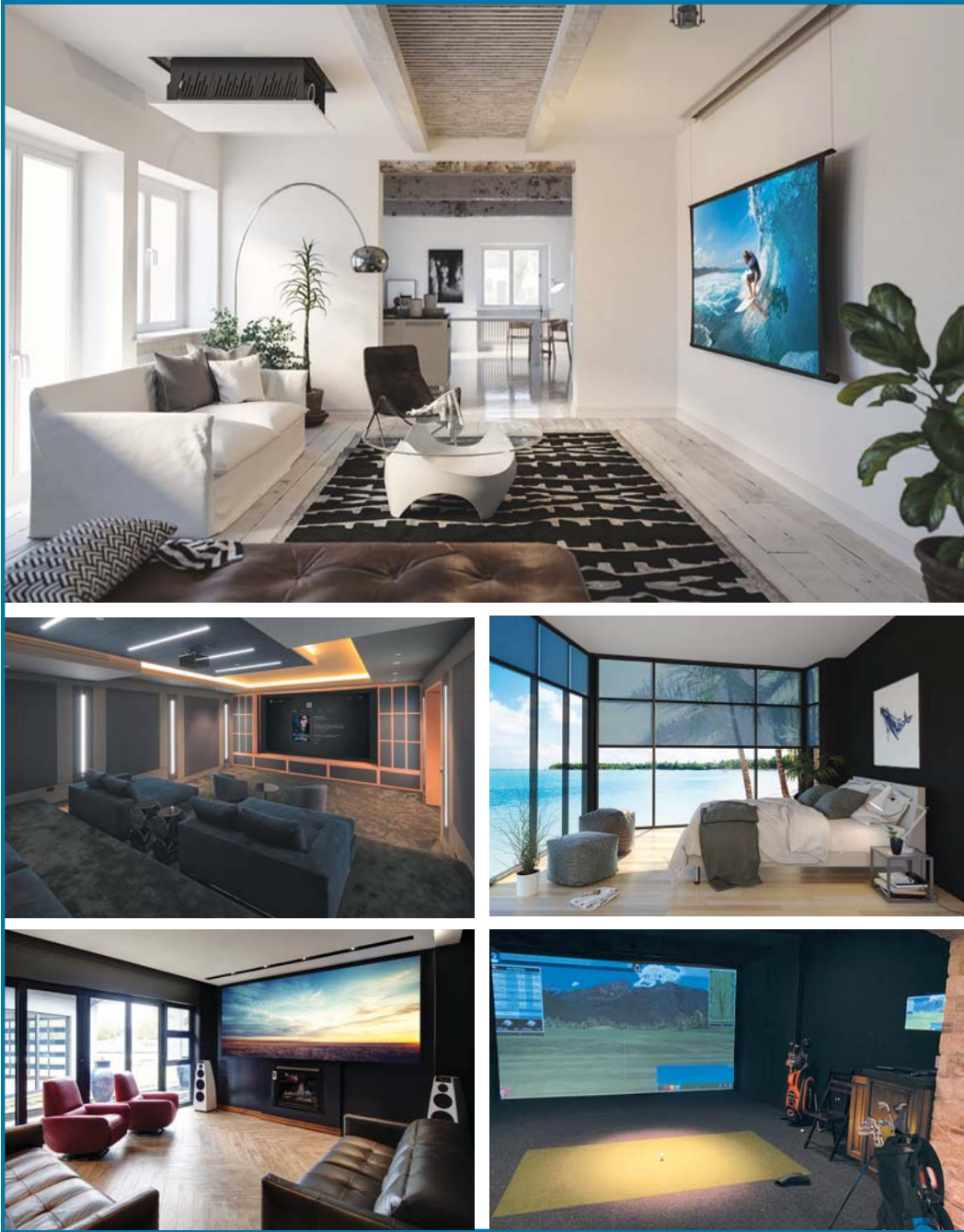


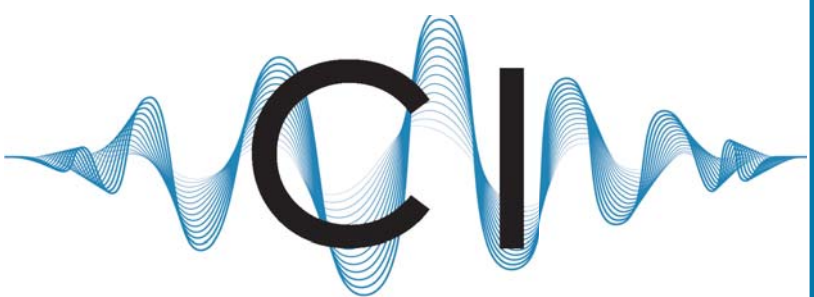
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Artist finds the sweet spot between painting and printmaking

MIXED MEDIA artist Evelyn Klein explores the common ground between painting and printmaking in her show, “Breaking Boundaries,” which opens with a reception Saturday, 3 p.m., at Venture Gallery in Monterey.

According to the gallery’s Edi Matsumoto, Klein brings “a lifelong commitment to bridging boundaries between varied printmaking techniques and painting processes.”

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

“Working with these two disciplines, she creates stunning images, marrying these two artistic approaches,” Matsumoto explained. “The result is a rich, deep and nuanced mixed media body of work.”

Besides pursuing her art, Klein has taught printmaking and mixed media at Monterey Peninsula College for two decades. The show will be on display through the end of the month. The gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St. or visit venturegallery.com for more information.

■ Gallery marks Day of the Dead

It’s First Friday in Pacific Grove Oct. 3, with downtown shops and galleries staying open late and live music echoing through its streets. One of those shops, Artisana Gallery, is hosting its 17th annual Day of the Dead Altar and Show, “to honor beloved departed family, friends and pets.”

“Messages, plus offerings of flowers, photos and small mementos, are welcome,” the gallery said.

The show continues through Nov. 2, when there will be a closing ceremony at Asilomar State Beach. The gallery is located at 612 Lighthouse Ave.

■ The drama of high contrast

A group of fine art photographers that formed nearly three decades ago, the ImageMakers explore a creative technique that dates to the Renaissance in their latest show on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center through the end of October.

More than 50 artists “pay homage” to chiaroscuro, a technique that “contrasts light and dark in an image to create mood, depth and drama.” It was invented in the 16th century and made famous by Italian artists.

A reception set for Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. will honor the ImageMakers. The exhibit is curated by Corey Madden,



Painter Richard Tette’s “The Farm House” is included in a show that opens Wednesday at the Carmel Art Association.

executive director of the Monterey Museum of Art. The art center is at 568 Lighthouse Ave., or go to pgart-center.org to learn more.

BREW PUB

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Some questioned whether property owners near Hops & Fog had been notified of the plan and the loss of a parking space, while others noted that the city doesn’t yet have rules regulating the situation.

“My problem is that we do not yet have a city policy for this kind of encroachment variance, which public works director Dan Gho admitted is ‘significant,’ because it does encroach on public property,” Inge Daumer said.

The city requires permits when construction projects creep into public property, such as sidewalks and streets. Gho said the Hops & Fog bulb-out is a “deviation” from standard encroachment permits because it goes “slightly into the roadway,” but otherwise “meets the parameters” of such permits.

City hall is working on developing a policy for expansive sidewalks and bulb-outs and expects to present the ideas to the council for review.

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people who receive scam emails like this one to report them to the Federal Trade Commission at reportfraud.ftc.gov and mark the sender as spam via their email services.

Ginette said the attempted fraud doesn't appear to be widespread, but she wants people to keep an eye out.

"We are not aware of a proliferation of other fraudulent invoices, but public awareness is important, so we're spreading the word," she said.

Anyone who has questions about a bill can contact the planning department at (831) 620-2010.

\$14K bill

In March, county officials received reports of three similarly fraudulent bills that had been sent to permit applicants, including a private school in Carmel Valley. In those cases, the recipients had

projects that had been heard or were set to be heard by the Monterey County Planning Commission, and the fake bills demanded payments in excess of \$14,000.

A letter accompanying the bill received by All Saints Day School attributed the total to various stages of project approval, including application review, site inspections and assessments of the impacts on infrastructure, and directed the school to confirm payment via email, "claiming that all inquiries must be handled digitally for auditing purposes." The associated email address mimicked official county formatting and language but was illegitimate.

All Saints nearly paid it.

At the time, county administrative officer Sonia De La Rosa warned people to verify invoices before paying them by validating the source or contacting the county directly.

She also said they should report any questionable activity and not reply to suspicious emails. The county's housing and community development department accepts payment in person or online through accela.com.

EX-DEPUTY

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On May 29, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler sentenced DiMaggio, 45, to five years in state prison and gave him credit for 913 days served and good/work credits of 912 days — effectively meaning he'd already done his time. She also ordered him to pay restitution to two unnamed women.

DiMaggio was released on parole that will run for two years, while a criminal protective order bars him from contacting his victims until May 28, 2035.

A technicality

On Sept. 15, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation requested a review of the sentence, but Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney

Berkley Brannon said it would have no impact on DiMaggio's punishment.

"This case resulted in what is called 'a paper commitment' to prison, which means by the time he was sentenced, he had already served the term imposed," he explained, and generally, convicted felons receive a day of credit for every day served, cutting their sentences in half.

"Although it was a paper commitment and although DiMaggio was never actually transported to prison, CDCR noticed what it believes is an error in the way the sentence was calculated," he said, so the state sent a letter to the court.

"This is purely technical, and the court does not have to respond or re-calculate the sentence, and I doubt in this case the court will," he said. "But given that DiMaggio has served all the time he will serve on this case, even if the court corrects the technical error, it won't affect convictions or how long he actually served."

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her to pen and publish "Right Back Where We Started From," a novel about a California culture of ambition during the Gold Rush and the spiral that followed.

"We have a really rich literary history in California," said Lanzendorfer, who feels as if that's been largely ignored by the Hollywood spotlights.

"California gets pushed to the side compared to the East Coast, yet we have had a significant cultural impact, dating to the turn of the 20th century."

Knowing the village

In particular, Carmel drew such compelling figures surely because it's so beautiful, she said, but also because there is something extra that attracted artists

and writers like Robert Louis Stevenson, Henry Miller, Jack Kerouac, Langston Hughes — and the McGowans.

And yet, she conceded, those who write about Carmel must lean into the history and culture enough to do it well. There was a lot of darkness in the early colony, Lanzendorfer said, referring to some murders, suicides and dashed hopes and expectations.

She warned against focusing too much on the lurid, however. "All that's too salacious to focus on because we should be turning our attention to an incredibly beautiful place where people were writing and making art — and still do. Admittedly, I think it's fascinating that so much happened in this beautiful place under what seemed like idyllic circumstances. Carmel history has a complicated dynamic, and it requires sensitivity to interpret. It's not so black and white. It's nuanced and complicated."



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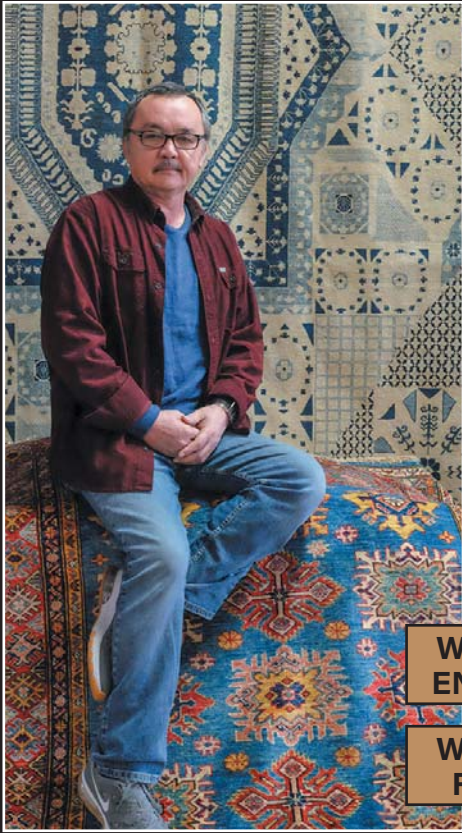
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3Q 2025 | Market Update

Slow and Steady



Pebble Beach and Carmel continued to weather the storm this quarter despite broader economic uncertainty. Many buyers who had been waiting on the sidelines re-entered the market, contributing to strong results across both communities in Q3 2025. Altogether, 77 deals closed in Pebble Beach, Carmel, the Carmel Highlands, Preserve, Quail Lodge/Meadows, Tehama, and Monterra, totaling \$291M. This volume matches Q3 2024’s deal flow, though down from the \$326M invested a year ago. The decline stems primarily from fewer Valley transactions, which tend to feel economic shifts earlier than Pebble Beach or downtown Carmel. However, we currently have two deals in escrow in the Preserve and have seen an uptick in interest in Tehama and Monterra, so we anticipate this trend shifting through the end of the year.

Carmel led the region with 45 closings totaling \$141M, slightly outpacing Pebble Beach—typical for this time of year. Pebble, however, delivered an especially strong quarter with 25 closings for \$122M, up 22% from last quarter and 11% higher year-over-year. After several years of constrained inventory, more options are giving buyers a clearer view of values. Demand is strengthening as well: average days on market fell 20% from last quarter, down to 38 days. While pricing still plays a major role, this is an encouraging sign moving forward.

The Carmel Highlands slowed notably, with just three sales totaling \$9.7M and averaging 213 days on market. Given the area’s sensitivity to pricing and economic conditions,

such swings are not unusual. The Preserve saw two sales for \$10.5M—more than double last quarter’s total but just a third of activity seen this time last year. Quail Lodge/Meadows posted two transactions totaling \$7.75M, including our \$5.75M sale in Quail Meadows that moved quickly. Tehama and Monterra recorded no closings, but buyer interest and showings have risen sharply, suggesting stronger activity ahead.

Market strength is most visible in the price spectrum. The \$4–6M bracket surged to 15 sales this quarter, up from nine a year ago. At the same time, the lower end contracted: just eight sales fell below \$1.5M, compared to 13 last year. Together, these shifts pushed the median sales price from \$3.19M in Q3 2024 to \$3.97M this quarter. Sellers have also adjusted expectations, pricing closer to market value. As a result, the average discount off original list dropped to 3%. While this market has traditionally negotiated off list, well-priced homes are still attracting multiple offers and closing above asking.

One area of concern is rising escrow fallout. Eleven transactions fell out this quarter alone, continuing a year-long trend as negotiations between buyers and sellers grow more complex.

Overall, the market is showing steady deal flow and resilience. Total sales volume for 2025 will likely match 2024’s \$1.15B, though far from the record \$1.8B set in 2021.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

CHS, Stevenson and Catalina strive for stellar seasons on the links

THE JOURNEY from tee to green is long and arduous for many, but it feels like a golden retriever playing ball at the beach to girls on the varsity golf teams at Stevenson, Santa Catalina, and Carmel, where a nine-hole score of fewer than 40 strokes is the norm.

If that news is triggering to hackers who can only dream of such a round, consider that the majority of the

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

players aren’t yet old enough to drive. A car, that is. Drop a Titleist on the turf and watch the magic.

Of the top 15 players at those three schools (five per team), 10 are underclassmen, including two freshmen, five sophomores, and three juniors.

The goal this year for Stevenson’s girls — perfectly reasonable — is to win every postseason tournament in their path: The Pacific Coast Athletic League on Oct. 21 at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, the Central Coast Section, Nov. 4 at Laguna Seca, the NorCal regional, Nov. 10 at Berkeley Country Club in El Cerrito, and the California state championship on Nov. 19 at Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach.

They would be the first girls golf team in school history to win the state crown — Stevenson’s boys did it last spring — but they felt like they were in the hunt in 2024.

Fourth at state didn’t satisfy

“I’ll be the first to admit that our fourth-place finish at state last year was a bit of a disappointment,” said Chris Mills, who took over as head coach this season. He said he thinks his squad is “feeling pretty good right now about how they’re playing and how they’re coming together as a team.”

Santa Catalina and Carmel could be strong enough, on a good day, to make some noise of their own at CCS and



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Junior Lucinda Wu (above), Stevenson’s top player, almost always shoots sub-par rounds. In August, she was 7 under over nine holes during an AJGA tournament in Paso Robles. Santa Catalina’s Candy Liu (left) earned first-team All-Gabilan recognition a year ago as a freshman. As the Cougars’ No. 1 player, she has scored in the 30s in all but one nine-hole match this season.

possibly qualify some golfers for NorCals.

Stevenson’s top five players are CCS, NorCal and state veterans, and each is capable of producing an eye-popping scorecard.

No. 1 on the ladder, Lucinda Wu, is a junior who recently scored 29 — 7 under par in nine holes — in an American Junior Golf Association tournament at Hunter Ranch in Paso Robles.

On Sept. 22, Wu was co-medalist in the 18-hole Cowboy Invitational at Crazy Horse Golf Club in Salinas, shooting 4 under.

“A good day for Lucinda over nine holes is 2 to 4 under par — that’s basically where she lives,” Mills said.

“She also doesn’t get rattled and doesn’t even flinch if she gets into a little bit of trouble. She deals with it and moves on.”

Wu scored 68 at CCS last year, tying St. Ignatius’ Ste-

vie Umali for the low score of the day. Umali won a play-off to take medalist honors. Stevenson placed second to Valley Christian in the team competition.

‘An intimidating golfer’

No. 2, senior Ashley Gettleman, a boarding student from Scotts Valley, scored 5 under in a nine-hole round at Pacific Grove Golf Links on Sept. 4.

“She’s an intimidating golfer who will pretty much out-drive anybody in the field,” Mills said of Gettleman, who will play next year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. “She puts pressure on her opponents, and if you try to play her game, she’ll own you.”

No. 3, sophomore Isabella Sun, placed second by one stroke on Sept. 16 at this year’s Helen Lengfeld Memo-

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rial, a 134-player event at The Villages in San Jose, with an 18-hole score of 68 — 4 under par.

Sun's score led Stevenson to a first-place finish in a 27-team field, beating CCS powerhouse Granite Bay by two strokes.

The six-plus-hour round, played in 87-degree heat, was an eye-opener for the coach.

"We outlasted the field and finally took the lead for good on the very last hole, where four of our girls scored four birdies in a row," Mills said. "I learned that day that our kids have what it takes to win it all this year. They're tough, patient and committed to each other. It's hard to believe that we're talking about girls who are 15 to 17 years old."

Sun was Stevenson's best player at state last year, tying for eighth.

No. 4 is senior captain Coco He, a fourth-year varsity player who shot 4 under

par over nine holes at P.G., a round that included a double-bogey on the 7th Hole.

No. 5, sophomore lefty Allison Chan, scored 1 under at P.G. in the season opener and shot 76 at Crazy Horse in the Cowboy Invitational.

"She's actually one of the best golfers I've ever met — capable of going under par on any given day," the coach said.

The No. 6 spot in the Pirates' lineup is a seven-player feeding frenzy that includes senior Amaya Chadha, junior Olivia Huang, sophomores Sharice Thain, Emma Mao, Samantha Mills, and freshmen Gabriela Jackson and Melinda Ma.

Catalina's best day vs. Carmel

Santa Catalina's six-stroke dual-meet victory Sept. 24 over Carmel at Old Del Monte, the Cougars' home course, created a second-place tie in the Gabilan standings. The Cougars shot a season-best 222 as a team that day. (Carmel beat the Cougars by a stroke earlier in the year at Quail Lodge).

Stevenson, unbeaten in league matches, played Carmel for the first time this season on Thursday at Spyglass Hill and faces the Padres again Wednesday at Quail Lodge.

The Pirates beat Santa Catalina head-to-head in at Del Monte in September and will face the Cougars again Monday at Spyglass.

The league tournament will determine which of those teams becomes the No. 2 team qualifier at CCS. A third PCAL team could apply for an at-large berth at CCS.

Catalina's top two players are sophomores Candy Liu, a first-team All-Gabilan choice as a ninth-grader, and Anika Manami, and the No. 3 and 4 players are freshmen.

"Candy is incredibly consistent, poised, and mature," said second-year head coach Bill Bodenstein. "She's just a great ball-striker who drives the ball well, and she's also a good putter."



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Megan Ikemiya is a fourth-year varsity player at Carmel, where she is the team's top golfer. She'll play next season at Hawaii Pacific University.

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Paponi is San Francisco Symphony’s associate principal flutist. A prize winner at the 2020 National Flute Association’s Young Artist Competition, she will be accompanied by Djokic, who plays cello, along with violinist **Jason Issokson** and violist **Leonid Plashinov Johnson**.

Tickets are free for those under 18 and start at \$25 for

others. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. sand-boxsandcity.com.

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“It’s all about Seaside,” organizers said on Facebook, promising “a day filled with awesome tunes, delicious food and multiple vendors.”

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

symphony-goers, Deadheads and everyone in between,” Sunset Center said.

The quartet, which includes pianist **Joey Calderazzo**, bassist **Eric Revis**, and drummer **Justin Faulkner**, has a new record, “Belonging,” which is an interpretation of pianist Keith Jarrett’s 1974 record of the same name.

Tickets start at \$55. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

Also at Sunset Center is **The Real Blue**, a project by Carmel Valley musician **Brendan Browne**. He plays a free outside concert Friday at 6 p.m. The show is the latest in Sunset’s Terrace Hour music series. You can bring in food, but drinks must be bought on site.

“As a DJ, guitarist and lifelong fan of diverse genres, the Real Blue draws inspiration from Portishead, Little Dragon, Frank Ocean, boom-bap hip-hop and trip-hop,” Sunset Center said. “Blending raw emotion with a touch of nostalgia, his tracks inspire profound personal reflection.”

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FOOD & WINE

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BETWEEN FUNDRAISERS and the start of pumpkin season, we’re up to our eyeballs in all sorts of foodie news this week. It seems best to just jump in — and you might want to get out your calendar.

Soup to Nuts

Let’s start with Coastal Kids Home Care, a pediatric home health agency, which celebrates its 20th anniversary at Rustiqué Winery in Salinas on Oct. 18.

Founded in 2005, a Coastal Kids Home Care representative says the nonprofit has helped more than 11,000 children with more than 100,000 home visits in four counties, including Monterey.

The event, set for 6 to 10 p.m. at 1010 River Road, will feature a strolling dinner catered by chef Ginger Aguilar, with fried chicken and waffle bites, cheesy olive bread and sausage skewers, along with wood-fired pizzas, tri-tip, and pulled pork sliders, and a “grazing table” of cheeses,



The Perfect Crumb recently moved from Lighthouse Avenue in Monterey to the former Fournier’s bakery location in Pacific Grove. It’s open for business with cases chock-full of offerings to satisfy sweet — and savory — cravings.

meats, fruits and vegetables.

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The event will include a “Fill the Bookshelf” giving station, a raffle, and a silent dessert auction featuring confections from local bakers. Live music will add to the festivities.

Attire for the evening is “rustic elegance” or “cowboy chic.” Tickets are \$120 per person or \$220 per couple. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit givebutter.com/CKHC20th.

■ Meet the Makers

Marketing group Visit Carmel and the Carmel Art Walk will host the 6th Annual Meet the Makers art and wine event Saturday, Oct. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m., for \$50 per person.

The self-guided strolling tour of artist-owned galleries and local wineries begins at Devendorf Park, where guests pick up their wineglasses and wristbands before embarking on their downtown journey. Participants simply keep an eye out for the blue lanterns indicating which galleries are participating, pop in to take in their creations, and enjoy tastes of local wines and small bites while they do so.

Participating artists and galleries include Bea’s Studio, Carmel Art Association, Carmel Modern, Carmel Vibes, Delia Bradford, Edi Matsumoto Art & Design, Jennifer Perlmutter, Joaquin Turner, Kathy Sharpe, Lilli-Anne Price Contemporary Fine Art, Lisa Bryan, Meuse, Nicole Cromwell and Patricia Qualls.

Wineries signed on to take part are Albatross Ridge, Chalone Vineyard, Dawn’s Dream Winery, De Tierra Vineyards, Folktale Winery, Galante Vineyards, Lady Somm, Scheid Vineyards, Silvestri Vineyards, Talbott Winery, Tira Nanza Wines and Windy Oaks Estate.

Their tastings will be complemented by offerings from Lula’s Chocolates, The Nut Hut, Flaherty’s and Il Fornaio, while Afterglow and the Dave Holodiloff trio will liven up the event with some tunes.

For tickets and other information, visit exploretock.com/visit-carmel.



Coastal Kids Home Care helps families when kids are confined at home by illness or injury. The nonprofit is planning a fundraiser for Oct. 18 at Rustique Winery on River Road near Salinas.

■ Well-dressed dogs

Carmel Mission Inn’s general manager, Bob Lambert, said the inn is looking forward to the opportunity to “celebrate our four-legged friends, have a lot of fun and raise money for a terrific nonprofit.”

Just in time for Halloween, costumed dogs and their owners will take over the Inn’s weekly Dog Bar event for a “Great PUP-kin Contest” on Oct. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Animal Friends Rescue Project.

Costumed canines will compete for free hotel stays,

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including breakfast for two at the inn’s Shearwater Tavern. Classes will be determined by size for judging, with small dogs (tiny to 25 pounds), medium pups (26-50 pounds), and anything 51 pounds or more designated as “large.” Owner-dog duos, however, will be judged higgledy-piggledy, regardless of size.

Guests can also buy raffle tickets with prizes from Diggidy Dog, Carmel Dog Shop, DOGMA and others on the line.

Categories will be limited to 15 contestants each with a \$25 entry fee, and winners will be decided by audience applause. To register, please visit events.humanitix.com/the-great-pup-kin-contest.

The Dog Bar is a weekly canine-



Whenever Luna the mini-Schnauzer wants a puppuccino (steamed milk), she asks her mom, Lisa Clark (left), who owns the Bean Brigade mobile coffee vendor, with her husband Jeff. Gracie (right) is a barista.

friendly gathering with happy hour specials, live music and the menu from Shearwater Tavern.

“I’m thrilled to support such a worthy cause as AFRP,” said Peters. “I can’t wait to see what our creative residents come up with for costumes.”

Coffee on wheels

If you wanted to open a coffee business, where would you start? Locals Lisa and Jeff Clark went to the Texas Coffee School, which offers three-day courses for entrepreneurs, managers and baristas, and “home enthusiasts who want better coffee.” Then, once Lisa’s brother built them

a custom mobile coffee rig, The Bean Brigade was born.

Lisa, an event coordinator, said she got the idea while working with BuzzPR’s Marci Bracco, one of the busiest public relations/marketing mavens around.

She explained that she’d had difficulty finding a mobile coffee vendor for her events — and Marci’s — closer than the San Francisco Bay area. Since opening the Bean Brigade about a year ago, the Clarks have supplied hot and cold coffee and espresso drinks as well as iced teas to a number of local events.

You may have seen them at the Walker Cup golf tournament, Relay for Life, or Concorso Italiano in Seaside and other Car Week events. They also provide java for Alisal and Salinas High School football games and will help fuel this year’s Air Show in Salinas. They’re available for corporate and private events. The business is veteran-owned — Jeff served in the Air Force, and his son is on active duty. To learn more, visit the website at beanbrigade831.com, email barista@beanbrigade831.com or call Jeff at (831) 970-5268.

Chili cookoff with Monterey Rotary

The Monterey Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club will host its 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the YMCA of the Monterey Peninsula, 600 Camino El Estero at Webster Street.

The popular fundraiser will feature local chef teams competing for prizes and bragging rights. Attendees can expect live and silent auctions, a raffle, wine tasting, games, prizes and live entertainment. Proceeds will support the Monterey Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and this year a portion of the funds will go to Toys for Tots of Monterey County to help distribute new toys to local children in need during the holiday season.

Said Allen Robinson, event chair, “Every ticket sold and every bowl of chili enjoyed helps us continue projects that change lives here on the Monterey Peninsula and across the globe.”

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$350 for a table of eight. More information and ticket sales are available at WorldsGreatestRotaryClub.org.

Perfect Crumb opens

The Perfect Crumb has settled in to the former Fournier’s bakery at 301

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Cibo restaurant in Monterey — now owned by the family that has Pangaea on Ocean Avenue and Sur in the Barnyard — announced it’s offering breakfast, with French toast, eggs and a choice of adult beverages.



Woody’s!

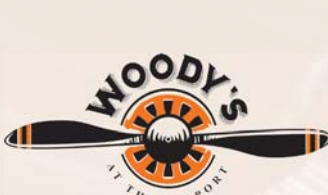


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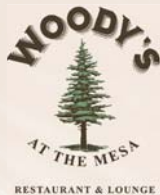
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FOOD

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Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove, and new owner Susan Carter has brought her own recipes to the facility run by Kevin Fournier until his sudden death at age 60 earlier this year.

Locals first learned about Carter’s baking finesse through farmers markets, then at her former shop in New Monterey.

During a brief recent visit to the P.G. spot, service was cheerful and efficient, the space was bright and spotless, and a few items were sold out or in dwindling supply by lunchtime.

Fortunately, there were still plenty of cookies. At \$2 apiece, the CD-sized chocolate-chip and oatmeal-raisin treats were a relative bargain, considering that they can run \$3.50 to \$4 elsewhere. The soft, chewy oatmeal gets high marks for its texture and plump, juicy raisins, and the chocolate chip cookie garnered praise for balanced sweetness and generous amount of chips. “It didn’t hurt that they were still gooey,” remarked one taster.

The breakfast menu lists a two-egg sandwich with cheddar cheese, and hash-browns on a house-made biscuit, a burrito with two eggs, cheddar, roasted peppers, Spanish house rice, and beans, and yogurt gussied up with house-made granola and berries. Each item is \$9.50.

We’ll definitely be back to try some of the other goodies, like chocolate-coconut bread pudding, cheese and cherry danishes, chocolate croissants and temptingly soft-and-goopy-looking cinnamon rolls.

■ Cibo open for breakfast

The family behind Pangaea on Ocean Avenue and Sur at the Barnyard has taken over Monterey Italian eatery Cibo, at 301 Alvarado St. across from Portola Hotel. In addition to launching a new website at cibomonterey.com, the new owners of the longtime Italian eatery have added breakfast service, starting daily at 8:30 a.m.

Launch the meal with something from the international collection of bloody Marys, including an Italian version with olives, mozzarella balls, cherry tomatoes

and prosciutto. Fizzy options — that is, assorted mimosas — run from yuzu lavender, to guava, to peach bellini.

For a different buzz, espresso drinks are available along with a collection of matcha (Japanese green tea) lattes, and more.

Oh, and there’s food, too — steak and eggs, a couple of Benedicts, omelets to suit meat lovers and vegetarians, and a plate of huevos rancheros with black beans, corn, avocado and salsa. A French toast combo includes eggs and bacon, and the Cibo Breakfast offers eggs with a choice of three sides — country potatoes, sausage, bacon or fresh fruit.

Not a bad way to start a morning, and you could continue the joy with a little stroll along the bay, too.

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

MUSIC

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The lineup also includes shows by **The Rjae Haas Band** (rock and blues at 1:30 p.m.), **Ladies of Blues** (3:15 p.m.) and singer and harmonica player **Aki Kumar** (“Chicago blues meets Bollywood”) at 5 p.m.

■ Bluegrass in the boonies

Back for its third year, the Jamesburg Community Schoolhouse Bluegrass Festival will take place October 4, beginning at noon. The music lineup features **Brianna Colliard & The Desert Marigolds**, **The Courthouse Ramblers**, **Eric Burman & The Brookdale Bluegrass Band** and others.

Tickets are \$12, and kids 12 and under get in for free. Proceeds benefit the James-

burg Community Schoolhouse. The site is located at 40379 Tassajara Rd.

Live music Oct. 3-9

■ Big Sur

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

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (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 — **Scarlet** (pop and rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), 3665 Rio Road.

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This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PURE WATER BOTTLING COMPANY, 11265 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA 65012.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
PENINSULA PURE WATER, INC, P.O. Box 1090, Salinas, CA 93902.
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This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 23, 2025.
S/John Wheeler, President
Date: Sept. 23, 2025
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S/Kirsten J. Moreno, Managing Member
Date: Sept. 25, 2025
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File No. 20251691
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA SIRENITA TREE SERVICE, 3251 Vista El Camino Circle, Marina, CA 93933.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
FELIPE DE JESUS OLVERA.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1, 2025.
S/Felipe de Jesus Olvera
Date signed: Sept. 12, 2025
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S/Cristal I. Martinez
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File No. 20251680
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Registrant(s):
Constance Anne Dudley Hudson Laub, 117 9th St., Pacific Grove, CA 93955
This business is conducted by an Individual
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S/ Constance Anne Dudley Hudson, Laub, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/12/2025. 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24/25
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOCKSMITH MONTEREY, 111 Shubrick Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
HALIS RAHAMIM, 111 Shubrick Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.
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S/Rahamim Halis
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MEMORY COVE PHOTO SOLUTIONS, 1017 Highlander Drive, Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
BRENDA ANN HAGOOD, 56B 5th Street, Lot 1, #5516, Carmel, CA 93921.
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S/Brenda A. Hagood
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Registered Owner(s):
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SKY SPAN MARKETING, 3050 Madera Way, Marina, CA 93933.**
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Registered Owner(s):
JORGE GARCIA, 3050 Madera Way, Marina, CA 93933.
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S/Jorge Garcia
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WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 31

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Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, r&b and dance music, Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, r&b and dance music, Friday at 6:30 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.), **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

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

Links Club — **Sixth Street Alternative** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Rod Wilson Band** (rock, Saturday at 7 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

Baja Cantina — singer and guitarist **Matt Masih** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur Vineyards Tasting Room — singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place.

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

Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Daniel Cortes** (folk and Mexican, Saturday at 5 p.m.), **The Peter Barnes Martin Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Flock of Dimes** (pop and folk, Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Tuesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Tim Brady** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.), **Burnout** (Americana, Thursday at 5 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist **Frank Weck-erle** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

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A Taste of Monterey — **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and pop, Friday at 4:45 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Thursday at 4:45 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

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

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

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

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, classical and jazz, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Jack’s Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (Friday at 6 p.m.). At Portola Hotel, 2 Portola Plaza.

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Peter B’s — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). At Portola Hotel, 2 Portola Plaza.

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

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

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

Lucy’s on Lighthouse — singer and guitarist **Vick Silva** (rock and blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Next Blues Band** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Monday at 6

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PG’s Meetinghouse — The New Wave (pop and rock, Friday at 6:30 p.m.). **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — **The Andy Weis Trio** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

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Along with five other music acts, Brianna Colliard and the Desert Marigolds play Saturday at the Jamesburg Community Schoolhouse Bluegrass Festival.

CALENDAR

Oct. 3-5 – Tor House Fall Festival: 5-7 p.m. Fri. **sunset celebration** at Tor House. Music, poetry reading, wine and cheese. \$35. 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Sat. **talks, panel discussion, poetry reading** at Carmel Woman’s Club. Free admission. 5 to 8 p.m. Sat. **reception and banquet** at Monterey Conference Center. Speakers: **Sam Farr and Aengus Jeffers**. \$80. 2 to 5 p.m. Sun. **Tour of Point Sur Lighthouse with poetry**. \$25. Reservations: www.torhouse.org/events. Info: (831) 624-1813.

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.

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Oct. 5 – Join us at our annual **Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cooper Molera Adobe garden. Succulents, roses, plants from Cooper garden stock, and more. Sponsored by the Historic Garden League, 506 Munras Ave., Monterey.

Oct. 5 - **Blessing of the Animals**, 2 to 4 p.m. at Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road (one mile west of Highway 1). Songs, readings and personal blessings. If pet unable to attend bring an item that represents them. Drive or ride up blessings available. (831) 624-8595.

Oct. 5 – **Community screening of Rescued Hearts documentary and conversation with the filmmakers**. Experience a powerful film uncovering the miracles and science of healing with horses, 5 p.m. at the Golden State Theatre, Monterey. Tickets are \$35 to benefit Sea Star Horse Sanctuary. Visit GoldenStateTheatre.com

Oct. 6 – “An introduction to the **Ohana Program at Montage**,” **Susan Swick, MD MPH, executive director of Ohana**, a center for child and adolescent behavioral health, will speak about its programs and partnerships with community institutions. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman’s Club, San Carlos and Ninth. Open to the public, \$10 guests/members free.

Oct. 8 – **Carmel Public Library Foundation presents the Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series, “The Poet in a Democracy: Robinson Jeffers and His Relevance Today,” with Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts**, president, Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation. 7 p.m. at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center. Register on our website: carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Questions: (831) 624-2811

Oct. 11 – **Benefit for Monterey Bay Power Over Parkinson’s**, 5:30 p.m. reception, silent auction, hosted wine/beer; 7 p.m. Ronstadt Revival, live auction, sweet bites. Setting is Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley. \$150 per person. events@poweroverparkinsons.org or (831) 920-1806.

Oct. 12 – **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas in concert** at 3 p.m. at St. Mary’s by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove. Scottish fiddle and cello magic! Tickets: www.celticsociety.org.

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Oct. 16 – **Choral Evensong at St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church**, 4p.m. The community is invited to step away from life’s busyness with a contemplative, meditative service of choral music and prayer to celebrate day’s end. A reception with afternoon tea, wine and cheese follows. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley. (831) 624-6646

Oct. 18 – **Monterey Firefighters Charity Ball comes to The Inn at Spanish Bay**. Black-tie elegance meets community spirit! Enjoy gourmet dining, thrilling auctions, and a lively dance floor – all to benefit local causes and outreach programs led by the Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation. Tickets \$250: www.montereyfirefighterfoundation.org

Oct. 19 – **The Pacific Brass Band performs at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley**, 3:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Our 30 member English style brass band is a volunteer organization under the direction of Jim O’Briant. Our repertoire consists of original works, orchestral transcriptions, marches, medleys and hymn tunes all arranged in a unique brass band style.

Oct. 22 – **The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB)** will present a luncheon lecture at the Monterey Marriott. Presenter is former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (2006-2009) William Taylor, distinguished fellow at the Atlantic Council, whose topic is “**Ukraine Endgame.**” Visit <http://www.wacmb.org> for event registration and information.

Oct. 22 – **Join the MRY Metamorphosis Open House** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at **Monterey Regional Airport**. Learn about safety updates, meet experts, and tour the construction site. RSVP by Oct. 17 at montereyairport.com/event/open-house. Location: 200 Fred Kane Drive, Monterey.

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GOLF

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Liu has scored in the 30s in all but one league match this year.

“Anika (second-team All-Gabilan) is finding her swing now,” he said of Minami, who had sub-40 rounds in her last three matches and shot 79 at the Cowboy Invitational.

The freshmen are Helen Xiao, a board-

ing student from Beijing, and Alison Darmawan, both consistently in the 40s.

The lone senior, Suhana Dail, is No. 5, and junior Sammie Chun, compete with sophomore Eva Xu for the No. 6 spot.

“Because this team is so young, I’m not sure they grasp how high their potential is,” Bodenstein said.

Ikemiya, Ozel pace Padres

Carmel’s No. 1, senior captain Megan Ikemiya, shot a 34 this year on the front nine at Quail Lodge and has carded a couple of 36s and a 37 this fall. Ikemiya, who

has committed to play next year at Hawaii Pacific University, also recorded a 74 at The Villages in this year’s Helen Langfeld Memorial.

“She’s added some distance off the tee this year, and gained accuracy in all parts of her game,” Carmel coach Ross Kroeker said.

Ikemiya and the Padres’ No. 2 player, Sydney Ozel, also a senior, were Carmel’s best scorers at CCS in 2024. Both played multiple tournaments and practiced frequently to improve their games during the offseason, Kroeker noted.

Ozel’s best scores this season include a 38 at Quail and a 39 at Old Del Monte.

No. 3, junior Ellie Williams, has a 39 at Pacific Grove on her resume and has the potential to shoot lower, Kroeker said.

Carmel’s No. 4, senior Bailey Norman, is multitasking this season, training to run the Big Sur International Marathon, the coach said.

Another senior, Juliet Norman, plays in the No. 5 position, with sophomore Addison Mendoza and junior Chloe Peelman competing for the No. 6 spot for the postseason.

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Registered Owner(s): THOMAS STEVEN SOUZA, 575 Carpenteria Rd., Aromas, CA 95004.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 28, 2025.
S/Thomas Souza
Date signed: Aug. 28, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 28, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025 (PC 927)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251612
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOVE + LAVENDER FARM, 388A Corral de Tierra Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): GABRIELA SANDOVAL PAROLA, 388A Corral de Tierra Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 25, 2025.
S/Gabriela Parola
Date signed: Sept. 3, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 3, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025 (PC 928)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251571
Filing type: RENEWAL FILING - filed with in 40 days of the expiration date and no CHANGE(S) from the previous filing
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PROGRESSIVE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, 2872 Forest Lodge Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): JEFFERY ALLEN DAVIES.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 25, 2025.
S/Jeffery A. Davies
Date signed: Aug. 25, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 28, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025 (PC 929)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251570
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VALLEY ARMORY & GUN-SMITHING, 28 Quail Run Circle, STE. F, Salinas, CA 93907.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): RAYMOND MARTIN PARGA, 28 Quail Run Circle, STE. F, Salinas, CA 93907.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on Aug. 28, 2025.
S/Raymond Parga
Date signed: Aug. 28, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 28, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025 (PC 930)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251582
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **1. POP ITS, 2. POP ITS INTERNATIONAL-AL, 10838 OCEAN MIST PARKWAY, CASTROVILLE, CA 95012, County of MONTEREY**
Registered Owner(s): MASTRONARDI PRODUCE WEST, L.L.C. STATE OF INC./ORG./REG. DELAWARE
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/ DAVID EINSTANDIG, SECRETARY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/28/2025 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10/25
CNS-3966408#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 931)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251621
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BROS AUTO GROUP, 1935 Princeton Ct., Salinas, CA 93906.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BROS AUTO GROUP LLC, 1935 Princeton ct., Salinas, CA 93906.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 4, 2025.
S/Alfredo Soto, CEO
Date: Sept. 4, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 4, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025. (PC 932)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251636
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INDUS, 110 General Stilwell, Suite 1104, Marina, CA 93933.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: OCEAN SPICE LLC, 3690 The Barnyard, Carmel, CA 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 8, 2025.
S/BD Singh, Member
Date: Sept. 8, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 8, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025. (PC 933)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV004602
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LETICIA RUIZ-RODRIGUEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: LETICIA RUIZ-RODRIGUEZ
aka LETICIA RUIZ RODRIGUEZ
aka LETICIA AYALA RUIZ
Proposed name: LETICIA RUIZ PULIDO
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Oct. 21, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: Aug. 11, 2025
(s) Hon. Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date: Sept. 10, 2025
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 942)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251561
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PEACEFUL PLANET PROGRAMS, 24544 Camino Del Monte, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PEACEFUL PLANET PROGRAMS.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2009.
S/Elizabeth Hills, President
Date: July 15, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 26, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 939)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251410
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SNAP STUDIO 360, 15015 Charter Oak Blvd., Salinas, CA 93907.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): FAVIOLA CHAVEZ SANDY PAULINA CHAVEZ
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 26, 2025.
S/Faviola Chavez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 5, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025 (PC 940)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251649
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PORCH PERFECTED, 655 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ENGELMAX LLC, 655 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 9, 2025.
S/Bryan Maxson, Member
Date: Sept. 9, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 9, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 941)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV004035
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, KEVIN PATRICK BERRY, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: SOPHIA VIRGINIA BERRY
Proposed name: SOPHIA VIRGINIA GAUTIER
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Oct. 21, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: Aug. 11, 2025
(s) Hon. Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 942)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251601
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FRANKENFRAU, 254 MODERN LN, MARINA, CA 93933,** County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): WALKER PACIFIC INDUSTRIES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 254 MODERN LANE, MARINA, CA 93933, CALIFORNIA
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/ CAMI WALKER, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
STEPHEN DALY COVELL
CASE NO. 25PR000434

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **STEPHEN DALY COVELL.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LAURA COVELL ZORE in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that **LAURA COVELL ZORE** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

Date: Oct. 29, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections

with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
Albert J. Nicora
NICORA LAW OFFICES, LLP
26385 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 100, Carmel, CA 93923
(831) 622-2000

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Sept. 18, 2025.

Publication dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC951)

Clerk of Monterey County on 09/02/2025 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10/25
CNS-3962185#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 945)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251670
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. RAT-RACE 2. RAT RACE SPRAY 255 Watson 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.: RAT RACE SPRAY LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 18, 2025.
S/Nathaniel Martin, Managing Member
Date: Sept. 3, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 11, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 946)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251679
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PACIFIC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, 170 Hayes Rd., Royal Oaks, CA 95076.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): BARBARA TERESE BROWN
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/Barbara Brown
Date signed: Sept. 12, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 12, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025 (PC 947)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251654
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CENTRAL COAST RUSH LUBE, 1301 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ALEXANDER RAMIREZ, 1301 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.
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/Alexander Ramirez
Date signed: Sept. 10, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 10, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025 (PC 948)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251695
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GREEN VALLEY FARM SUPPLY, 11280 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, California 95012.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: GROW GLOBE, LLC, 11280 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, California 95012.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

bility company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2023.
S/Michael James, Treasurer
Date: Sept. 15, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 16, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 949)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251716
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SALINAS VALLEY NOTARY SERVICES, 1011 Zinfandel Drive, Gonzales, CA 93926.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): NAOAMI ELIZABETH DALIDA, 1011 Zinfandel Drive, 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/Naomi E. Dalida
Date signed: Sept. 19, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 19, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025 (PC 954)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251708
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARTIN MEDINA PHOTOGRAPHY, 10901 Pomber St., Castroville, CA 95012.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): MARTIN GERARDO MEDINA,V 10901 Pomber St., Castroville, CA 95012.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 17, 2025.
S/Martin Medina
Date signed: Sept. 17, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 17, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025 (PC 955)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251685
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COASTAL ROOFING AND WATER-PROOFING, 865 Abbott St., Salinas, CA 93901.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SEL ROOFING AND WATERPROOFING INC., 865 Abbott St., Salinas, CA 93901.
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 Sept. 15, 2025.
S/Christopher Del Hoyt, Vice President
Date: Sept. 15, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 15, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 956)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251650
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARATHON PETRO, 1222 Del La Torre, Salinas, CA 93905.**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
ANN P. CLEARY
CASE NO. 25PR000457

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHARLES M. CLEARY in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that CHARLES M. CLEARY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

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

Date: Oct. 1, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
Michael Kennedy
5886 Wyadotte St. E. Windsor, Ontario, Canada N8S 1M8
(519) 252-3888

The petition was filed with the Superior Court of California County of Monterey on August 26th, 2025..

Publication dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025. (PC923)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251759

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

LEGACY CHURCH, 1035 Rogge Road, Salinas, California 93906.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: NEW HARVEST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF SALINAS, 1734 New Haven Way, Salinas, California 93906.

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. 5, 2020.

S/Ignacio Torres, President

Date: Sept. 23, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 23, 2025.

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 961)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251727

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

CANNDESCENT, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAL GROW, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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

S/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO

Date: Sept. 22, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 964)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251730

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

3BROS, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: KC DBW D1, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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

S/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO

Date: Sept. 22, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 967)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251731

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

AWESOME DOPE, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: KC DBW D1, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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

S/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO

Date: Sept. 22, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 968)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251728

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

BLOOM, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAL GROW, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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

S/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO

Date: Sept. 22, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 965)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251729

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

COOKIES, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAL GROW, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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

S/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO

Date: Sept. 22, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 966)

TS No: CA07000660-25-1 APN: 007-593-006-000 TO No: 250358809-CA-VOI

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

(The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED March 4, 2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on April 19, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021028004, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by CAROL W BARTON AND BYRAM D BARTON, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for OPEN MORTGAGE, LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold “as is”. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1033 BENITO AVENUE, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee’s Sale is estimated to be \$633,061.85 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary’s bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee’s Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.nationwideposting.com or call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee’s Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000660-25-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000660-25-1 to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: September 25, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000660-25-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0479281 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 10/03/2025, 10/10/2025, 10/17/2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251732

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

CANNDESCENT, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: KC DBW D1, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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

S/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO

Date: Sept. 22, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251733

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

BLOOM, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: KC DBW D1, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251734

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

COOKIES, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: KC DBW M1, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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S/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251737

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

CAL GROW, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: KC DBW M1, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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

S/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO

Date: Sept. 22, 2025

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Application packets and additional information regarding the grant funds and application process are available on the County website at: <https://bit.ly/46hR8y7>. Alternatively, you may contact the County of Monterey Parks and Lakes Division to request an application packet at (831) 755-4895.

The County Board of Supervisors has charged the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission with reviewing all grant applications and making a funding award recommendation to the Board for approval.

Publication dates: Sept. 19 - Oct. 31, 2025 (PC950)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT OF YOUR OBLIGATION UNDER YOUR DEED OF TRUST. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Date of Sale: 10/17/2025 at 9:00 AM. Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. NOTICE is hereby given that First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation, 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA in care of: 400 S. Rampart Blvd, #290 Las Vegas, NV 89145 – Phone: (702) 304-7509 as the duly appointed Trustee, Successor Trustee, or Substituted Trustee of Deed(s) of Trust executed by Trustor(s) and recorded among the Official Records of Monterey County, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default (“NOD”) thereunder recorded, all as shown on Schedule “1” which is attached hereto and a part hereof, will sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, (a cashier’s check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a state or federal credit union, or a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank as specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all that right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State to wit: Those certain Timeshare Interval as shown on Exhibit “A-1”, within the timeshare project H.I. Resort, a Leasehold Condominium located at 120 Highlands Drive, Carmel, CA, 93923. The legal descriptions as set forth on the recorded Deed(s) of Trust shown on Schedule “1” are incorporated by this reference. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed(s) of Trust, as shown as Note Balance on Schedule “1”, plus accrued interest thereon, the estimated costs, expenses and advances if any at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale, together with estimated expenses of the Trustee in the amount of \$475.00. Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation. APN: 241-351-004-000. Batch ID: Foreclosure DOT 154743-HVC79-DOT. Schedule “1”: NOD Recording Date and Reference: 06/20/2025; 2025019984; Contract No. and Loan No., Trustor, DOT Dated, DOT Recording Date and Reference, Note Balance; 0080006433, Edward Walter Leska Jr. and Patricia Mae Leska, 11/24/2014, 05/19/2015 Inst: 2015026179, \$9,261.02; 0080006437, Harry-Todd Astrov and Lydia Marcellina Lopez-Astrov, 11/26/2014, 07/14/2015 Inst: 2015038257, \$44,192.75; 0080006550, Noemi A. Tungpalan and Aurelio Echinue Tungpalan, 03/04/2015, 09/03/2015 Inst: 2015049858, \$6,522.79; 0080007010, Frank Cardarelli and Charlene Cardarelli, 03/11/2016, 05/13/2016 Inst: 2016025918, \$11,800.22; 0080007011, Frank Cardarelli and Charlene Cardarelli, 03/11/2016, 06/22/2016 Inst: 2016034170, \$16,014.12; 0080007450, Marcela Toledo, 03/10/2017, 06/29/2017 Inst: 2017034610, \$12,327.96; 0080007513, James Francis Dietz and Cheryl Lynn White, 04/15/2017, 06/30/2017 Inst: 2017034707, \$25,014.70. Exhibit “A-1”: Contract No., Undivided Interest, Unit No., Fixed Week No., Frequency; 0080006433, 1/102, 03, 45, odd year; 0080006437, 1/102, 71, 48, even year; 0080006550, 1/102, 36, 27, even year; 0080007010, 1/51, 42, 35, annual; 0080007011, 1/51, 42, 36, annual; 0080007450, 1/102, 30, 50, odd year; 0080007513, 1/51, 41, 24, annual.

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