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Freedom worthy of July 4



PHOTO/SPCA MONTEREY COUNTY

SPCA Monterey County facilities manager Leslie Lamcke opens the gate of a crate to release a male bald eagle that the animal welfare group nursed back to health.

Rehabbed eagle flies free

By KELLY NIX

WITH THE USA's 250th birthday on the horizon, a bald eagle that came to SPCA Monterey County with critical injuries in late 2025 was released back into the wild after six months of rehabilitation, the animal welfare organization said.

The male bird was found Dec. 21, 2025, sitting in a grassy spot adjacent to an agricultural field in the Salinas area. It had suffered a broken coracoid, one of the bones in its chest, and appeared to have struck a power line and been partially electrocuted. But on Friday, June 19 — after more than 25 weeks in the SPCA's care — the bird of prey was freed.

"The eagle was released at the Santa Lucia Preserve," SPCA spokeswoman Dawn Fenton told The Pine Cone this week.

After a brief pause, the bird caught the wind and soared

See **EAGLE** page 19A

City allocates water while Cal Am tries to get more

In Carmel, commercial water is gone and residential projects are pouring in

By MARY SCHLEY

BUSINESS OWNERS interested in expanding or establishing new enterprises have snapped up the 2 acre-feet of water allocated by the Carmel City Council for commercial use following the city's receipt of 14 acre-feet from the expanded regional wastewater recycling project, while a quarter of the 6 acre-feet dedicated to residential projects has been claimed.

Where it will come from

The only way businesses can get more is if the council decides to take it away from another category, according to Monterey Peninsula Water Management District general manager Dave Stoldt.

The tracker maintained by the city's planning and building department shows where the water could come from. No one has touched the amounts earmarked for low-income housing (3.616 acre-feet) or municipal projects (3.224 acre-feet). Another 1.69 acre-feet is unallocated but must be designated for another use before it can

See **ALLOCATION** page 29A

Cal Am's desal wells get OK, moratorium on new meters may be lifted

By KELLY NIX

A STATE agency approved a long-term agreement this week to allow California American Water to build key components of its long-proposed desalination plant on state-owned land near Marina.

On Tuesday in San Francisco, the California State Lands Commission approved a Cal Am application to lease property near the City of Marina to install four slant wells for its proposed desal plant, which is intended to produce 4.8 million gallons of potable water per day. The wells will be drilled diagonally to draw seawater from beneath the ocean floor. As seawater is pulled into the wells, it will pass through sand and gravel, which will serve as natural filters to reduce impacts to marine life.

Old sand mine

Cal Am's well field is at the old Cemex sand-mining plant on the west side of Highway 1, not far from the southbound offramp to Reservation Road in Marina. The well heads will be on private property, but the state owns

See **WELLS** page 14A

Monterey library offers 'Drag Queen Storytime'

By KELLY NIX

THE CITY of Monterey is hosting a "drag queen storytime" for children and families this weekend. Unlike last year, when a similar reading was held at a local business, Sunday's event will be at the city's public library, which is drawing some pushback over the use of taxpayer resources to host it.

On June 28, a drag queen called "Sister Glitter" will read several books from 11 a.m. to noon in the Monterey Public Library's community room. Through "stories,

songs and rhymes, children and caregivers will explore themes of love, friendship, kindness and community," according to the event website.

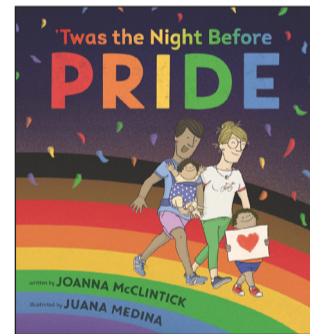
All ages

"This family-friendly program encourages imagination and respect for others while celebrating the many ways people connect and support one another," the city said. "All families are welcome

to enjoy this inclusive and joyful experience together. Bring your friends, your energy and your pride! Seats are limited, so make sure to register for your spot today!"

Presented by Monterey Peninsula Pride and sponsored by the nonprofit Monterey Public Library Friends & Foundation, 32 seats are available for the event.

Monterey library director Brian Edwards said four books are being considered for the reading, including



One of the books the library said could be read during Sunday's "Drag Queen Storytime."

See **STORYTIME** page 19A

New software tax will cost Californians plenty

CALIFORNIA'S PLAN to start charging sales tax on software may seem fairly innocuous to the average person — a levy likely to impact only big tech — until you start thinking about how many layers of software it takes to get a product from conception to you.

The software tax was passed as a trailer bill to last week's budget deal when Sacramento lawmakers met their

at 9.25%.

If you're worried the change will raise your Netflix bill, the answer is, "Not yet." Streaming services for movies, music and games were excluded from the bill, but Newsom indicated the Legislature might come for them later.

'How is that fair?'

Still, the legislation marks a seismic shift in tax policy for California, upending decades of precedent that sales tax only applies to the purchase of tangible goods. Physical software is taxed when sold on a disc or flash drive, and Newsom argues the change merely evens the playing field.

"As someone who lives near a Best Buy, I'm at Best Buy often," the governor told reporters when he introduced the idea. "I'm paying sales tax on a lot of this prewritten software, and then I find out that all my friends that aren't near a Best Buy, they're downloading and they are not paying sales tax. How is that fair?"

Setting aside the questionable authenticity of Newsom's love for CD-ROMs, the move to

See **TAX** page 17A

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

constitutional deadline to approve a spending plan by June 15. Legislators adopted a \$356 billion "compassionate" state budget that largely shuns or postpones the billions in cuts to social services Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed in his May revision. To avoid deeper slashes to things like Medi-Cal, legislators increased spending by \$6 billion more than Newsom suggested.

A first

To balance the books, lawmakers also agreed to several new taxes the governor proposed, including charging sales tax on software that's delivered electronically — a first for technocentric California. Assuming Newsom signs the new bill, the software tax will take effect Jan. 1, 2027, and anybody paying a monthly bill to Adobe, Workday, Salesforce, Google, Microsoft or Intuit will see the price rise by 7.25%, plus whatever cities and counties charge for sales tax. In some Southern California towns, the effective rate is up to 11.25%. Monterey Peninsula cities are all sitting

IT'S STARTING TO LOOK AT LOT LIKE ADDRESS-MAS



With the implementation of street numbers at hand, Mark Teague (above) hand-paints the number he'll be placing outside his home on Santa Rita, while Marianne Baldrice shows off the made-in-Portugal numerals she installed outside her house on Santa Fe. See story on page 12A, and send your pictures to The Pine Cone, too!





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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Soft landing

Nechama is a 13-year-old Cairn terrier. Or maybe a dachshund. Or perhaps a Chihuahua. Most likely, she's a mix. Her name, which translates from Hebrew to mean "comfort" or "consolation," described her relationship with the senior woman who lived alone with her little dog. But after the woman died, Nechama herself was left without comfort or care.

"We knew Nechama because she lived with our neighbor, who would bring her over for a little socializing on the street," said her new owner. "When she came into our house, she always went straight for the dog food. We imagined she knew this was the place with the good stuff."

After the neighbor's death, arrangements were made to move Nechama to Marina, but the people who knew her didn't want her to leave their neighborhood,



so they adopted her.

"We've had Nechama since the end of January," her owner said. "She came to us with an irritable bowel, and we believe it's because she'd been living on the canned food the cats were eating. Once we started giving her better food and taking her on regular walks, she got better."

Nechama's new family got to know her by watching her navigate her new household.

"We started to find snacks in her belongings," her owner said. "She wanted to snack at will, but now she knows that when it's 5 p.m. it's time to eat — and so does her stomach."

Nechama has become the "mayor of the street" in her Carmel Knolls neighborhood, stopping to connect with neighbors during her daily constitutional, her owner said. "But we haven't been to the beach. We like to keep the floors spotless, but we couldn't guarantee that with the sand."

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Planning director is latest to jump ship

Follows public works head's departure

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER A year and a half on the job, planning and building director Anna Ginette tendered her resignation last week, with plans to return to her prior employer, the County of Monterey, acting city administrator Brandon Swanson confirmed Monday. Her departure follows that of public works director Ken Wysocki, who joined the City of Carmel's payroll in May 2025 but left 12 months later to oversee the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County. (See story page 8A.)

Ginette said she was honored to have the job, where she "had the chance to work with smart, fair and responsible staff members, applicants and residents."

"I'm also thankful for the friends I've made along the way," she said. "Resigning was a difficult decision. I take my responsibility and the commitment I made to the city very seriously."

'Loudmouthed mom'

While she wanted to accomplish more, personal events during the last few months "forced me to reevaluate things," she said. "Ultimately, I found that my responsibility to my family and myself outweighed everything else."

As a result, she's opting to return to Monterey County as a senior planner.

"I enjoyed my role as director and hope another opportunity presents itself in the future," she said. "In the meantime, I'll be the loudmouthed mom on the ballfield cheering on her son."

The last hunt for a planning director took a year. Swanson had left that job to

become assistant city administrator, but he ended up filling both roles until Ginette came on board. This time around, he has a plan that will hopefully keep the department running smoothly while recruitment is underway.

"We just recently hired a retired planning director to work with Anna as an executive coach," said Swanson, who explained that the city provides such training for upper management, including him. "So that person is going to be here now, to get up to speed."

Ginette's last day is July 2, and Brad Evanson will become acting planning director July 6, according to Swanson. He'll occupy the position while the city searches for a new director, and Swanson will provide as much support to the department as he can.

"I'm tall and I've got broad shoulders, so I can handle two jobs," he said.

Search firm

The plan is to use a search firm to find suitable candidates to head one of the city's most important departments, "so we cast a nice wide net."

"We will be using all our contacts and resources, too," such as job-posting websites focused on public positions, he said. "But we want to make sure we're reaching as far as we can."

That recruitment should start next week, according to Swanson.

A less far-reaching effort has been made to replace Wysocki as the head of the city's most expensive department, but it generated a strong response.

"Recruitment just closed last week, and we got 28 applications, so this week, Marisa and I are reviewing them, and we hope next week to start doing interviews,"

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Acting city administrator says he has a plan

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Rescue try elicits biting critique

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.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Pacific Grove: Potential battery between mother and her minor daughter at an Arkwright Court residence.

Pacific Grove: Potential elder abuse between mother and son at a Patterson Lane residence.

Big Sur: A civil issue on Highway 1 was documented.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A tote bag was located at Junipero and Ocean and turned in to the police department for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A trespass admon-

ishment was requested following a report of harassment at Junipero and Sixth.

Pacific Grove: A subject damaged a door-frame after arguing with the resident on Laurel Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violation resulting in a citation for smoking in a public park on Esplanade Street.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Laurel and 10th was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a property call on 17 Mile Drive.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to the report of lost or misplaced property on Forest Lake Road.

Carmel area: A female on Camino Real was placed on a mental health evaluation.

Carmel Valley: An assault was reported on Cachagua Road involving a 29-year-old female suspect and a 34-year-old male victim.

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



The gavel falls

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

June 18 — Juan Antonio Garcia Jimenez, 42, of Greenfield, pleaded guilty to the 2009 forcible rape of a Salinas woman in her home, a case that remained unsolved until a DNA match implicated him in 2023. Jimenez admitted a special allegation that he committed the rape during the commission of a first-degree burglary. He will receive a sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

On Dec. 1, 2009, Salinas police officers were dispatched to Jane Doe's residence after she reported someone was inside and she needed help. When officers spoke to Doe, she said she was inside taking out Christmas decorations with her 18-month-old son when Jimenez burst into her living room. Doe had never seen Jimenez before. Jimenez told Doe that if she didn't do what he wanted, he would kill her son. He forced her into a

bedroom and began striking her in the face. He then forced her to orally copulate him. Jimenez began strangling Doe and tried to rape her, but she eventually was able to fight back. Jimenez fled the scene.

Doe participated in a sexual assault examination at the hospital, where DNA samples were taken from various parts of her body. These samples were tested by the Department of Justice and entered into a DNA database used by law enforcement to help identify suspects, solve crimes and link related investigations. In 2023, a hit from this database identified Jimenez as the suspect in this case.

In July 2020, District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni created a cold case task force to investigate, solve and prosecute cold-case

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P.G. awards first cannabis permit

By LILY PATTERSON

IT'S NOT exactly the Mega Millions, but marijuana can be a very lucrative business, and the contest for a license to sell it in Pacific Grove concluded last week with a lottery that awarded the city's only retail permit to Off The Charts. One of the fastest-growing chains in the state, with locations including the dispensary on Lighthouse Avenue in Monterey, the Southern California-based company was, controversially, connected to eight of the 10 applications for the permit. The two other applicants were Nug, a cannabis retailer headquartered in Oakland, and Embarc, based in Sacramento.

According to the city manager's office, Off The Charts "will have 12 months to secure approval of a use permit, in addition to any other land use permits or entitlements that may be required," for its proposed location at 1157 Forest Ave., behind Pizza My Way and across the street from Trader Joe's.

Grand jury

As sales of the drug will have a local impact — in March, Monterey officials reported two dispensaries in that city generate \$20,000 in average monthly sales tax revenue — and because Pacific Grove's permitting process proved controversial, several attendees were visibly unhappy with the outcome of the lottery held Monday, June 15, at city hall.

One resident, David Ericksen, informed The Pine Cone this week that he filed a citizen's complaint with the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury alleging the city's "repeated, documented failures to administer its storefront retail commercial cannabis licensing process in accordance with local and state law," according to the filing.

The only local applicant for the permit, Nico Enea, said he is aware of the complaint but is focused on the next phase of the process, which he believes will afford

his business another shot at securing the license.

"Instead of spending the money to sue the city, we're engaging a civil engineering firm to produce cut-and-dry information that will prevent Off The Charts from getting a conditional use permit for their proposed location," Enea, the co-founder of Nug, told The Pine Cone on Tuesday.

Parking problems, waste

"There are numerous issues with the site proposed by Off The Charts, including parking deficiencies, issues with ingress and egress, and the fact that customers will likely try to park at Trader Joe's and walk across the street," Enea said. The building also shares a fence with six residential units, "a significant concern given the nature of cannabis waste disposal," Enea stressed. (According to state law, dispensaries are required to separate unsold or expired products from their packaging and destroy the cannabis on-site.)

He said Nug hasn't ruled out possible legal action, however, and has retained the same attorney who filed a formal administrative appeal of Pacific Grove's cannabis permitting process earlier this year.

The Jan. 9 complaint argued that Pacific Grove officials not only subverted "the integrity of the lottery process," but also violated municipal and state cannabis regulations by allowing a single company to "stack" multiple applications. The attorney's letter referred to city records, which showed that the owner of Off The Charts, along with several executive staff, had submitted eight applications for the permit. Though they had filed under separate legal entities, they did not represent distinct businesses, the attorney argued.

In a response dated Jan. 15, city manager Matt Mogensen wrote, "The city will not conduct the requested investigation into 'permit stacking,' as what you have alleged

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CUSD board calls for \$250 million bond measure, OKs smartphone ban

By LILY PATTERSON

THE FINAL meeting before the Carmel Unified School District Board of Education goes on summer break is always a defining moment for the next school year, and June 17 was no exception. Two decisions, in particular, could set the tone for the next several decades as board members ordered an election for an unprecedented \$250

million bond to fund major campus renovations and approved a new policy that establishes phone-free classrooms at Carmel High while also formalizing a ban on smartphones at Carmel Middle School.

The board's unanimous vote for the bond measure came as no surprise, following several months of preparatory work by district staff and public polling conducted in late May, which indicated that 64% of likely voters were

in favor of a possible measure.

"We heard some data in the last meeting about how the community is interested in a bond at this level, at this amount. It's a big step for us to take, pushing it to the community and allowing them to weigh in at this point," board member Jake Odello said.

The board hasn't called for a school bond election since 2005, and never before at a sum of \$250 million. But an evaluation of campus facilities, conducted last fall by an architectural firm contracted with the district, and the subsequent development of a master plan, created a new sense of urgency.

"Some schools were built in the 1940s and 1950s, with the oldest dating to 1939. Roofs, plumbing, sewer, gas lines, electrical and HVAC systems are deteriorating. Portable classrooms are past their lifespan, with structural damage, water leaks, mold and dry rot that make them too expensive to keep repairing," according to a report received by board members at their June 3 meeting.

'Best method to rebuild'

Plans for the bond funds — which cannot be used for operational expenses but are restricted to long-term projects involving infrastructure, facilities or technology — also include modernization of existing buildings and utilities, enhanced safety and security features on campus, new classroom technology, and additional teaching, tutoring and "student support" spaces.

The proposed amount would be borrowed over a 20-year period, with taxpayers assessed at a rate of \$36 per \$100,000 of their property's value. As the average assessed value of a home in Carmel hovers around \$2 million, its owner could expect to pay an additional \$720 annually.

Trustee Rita Patel, the most outspoken against a bond election, was absent from the meeting. The attending board members framed the measure as an "opportunity" for the community.

Board member Jason Remyense, who motioned for the vote, said, "I think we owe it to the community to let them choose how they want to invest in the district, and this is the best method to rebuild portions of our district that are in need of it. It's important that we start the process now, and in a year, two years, these projects are even more expensive than they are today," referring to rising costs of construction.

No phones in classrooms

"I've said before that this is a course correction, to give the community the opportunity to step up and do what we need to make CUSD the best place to work and to deliver student outcomes. We are only asking for a fraction of the work we need to do, and the best time to do that is now," board president Matt Glazer said.

Now that the board has called for an election, state education code prohibits the district from funding or managing its own bond campaign. Teachers, board members and district staff, however, are permitted to campaign on their own time or form independent committees. The district must file its resolution with the Monterey County registrar by Aug. 7, before voters see it on Nov. 3.

The impact of that bond won't be apparent for years to

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By KELLY NIX

FEEDING WILD animals such as deer, squirrels and raccoons in Pacific Grove is not only frowned upon, it's illegal. It will also cost you.

On June 15 and 16, Pacific Grove police officers cited five people on Ocean View Boulevard and nearby streets for feeding animals.

"My understanding is that in these five cases, it was squirrels that were being fed," Pacific Grove Police Chief Casey Day told The Pine Cone this week.

Day wasn't sure if those cited were hand-feeding the squirrels or had scattered food for them, or a combination of both. In any event, neither method is permitted. The citations cost \$100 for the first offense, a minimum of \$200 for a second offense and \$500 for a third offense.

'Ensure compliance'

The city's municipal code makes it "unlawful for any person to feed, offer food, or in any manner provide food as sustenance or to encourage domesticity, to any non-household animal, including but not limited to raccoons, deer, squirrels,

or birds, on private and public property, including any public way, street, or park."

Squirrels at Lovers Point Park are so accustomed to humans that many of them eat from people's hands.

Day — who began working in Pacific Grove in March 2025 — said the move to ticket wildlife feeders follows his mandate a few months ago to "redeploy" community service officers to the city's coastal area.

"This included education and enforcement of the city's municipal codes," the police chief explained. "Previously, there was little to no presence in the coastal areas, primarily due to the way the community service officers were deployed by previous administrations. During my first year, there was a significant desire for the police to show more presence in the coastal area and to ensure compliance with the municipal code."

The citations were issued since Day said that police officers "have spent significant amounts of time on social media" and in person informing people that feeding animals is against the law.

"We also have an abundance of signage," he said.

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RAISING FUNDS for its programs and events — along with presenting "a lively festival of the senses" — the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts presents its latest Cherry Jam Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

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Longtime LAFCO head retires

■ Carmel official takes helm

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS SHE steps down from her role as executive officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission, Kate McKenna was honored by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

"For 22 years, Kate has run an agency that Monterey County residents count on, even if they have never heard of it," said District 4 Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, who called it "one of the most important agencies we have."

Known as LAFCO, the agency is charged with literally shaping the boundaries you see on a Monterey County map. While the agency rarely makes headlines, it did in 2009 when resident Glenn Robinson and others launched an unsuccessful bid to turn unincorporated Carmel Valley into a town.

Askew said McKenna led the commission with "care, integrity and a backbone of steel," and "cares deeply" about the agency's mission, along with those it serves.

"She's the reason Salinas Valley cities have agricultural permanent edges instead of sprawl creeping into farmland," the supervisor said.

"She oversaw nearly 5,000 acres of annexations of cities while simultaneously protecting thousands of acres of prime farmland in the process."

Askew said McKenna "has mentored colleagues throughout the state. She is deeply respected by all those who work in

the LAFCO community, and she's picked up nearly every honor they give."

Before taking the helm at the commission, McKenna worked as a planner in Cupertino and Sunnyvale. In all, she worked 48 years in the public sector.

At Tuesday's hearing, McKenna gave a shout-out to county official Nick Chiulos for encouraging her to come to Monterey County decades ago — and she thanked everybody in attendance.

"I appreciate each and every one of you," she added. "I hope to see all of you out and on the trails."

Stepping up

Replacing McKenna is Ken Wysocki, who takes over after she officially retires June 30. Most recently, Wysocki worked as public works director for the City of Carmel, where he was engaged in "infrastructure planning, environmental compliance, capital programming and long-term resilience."

Askew said Wysocki's "extensive experience and collaborative approach will ensure a smooth transition" and will help promote "orderly growth while safeguarding agricultural lands and open space."

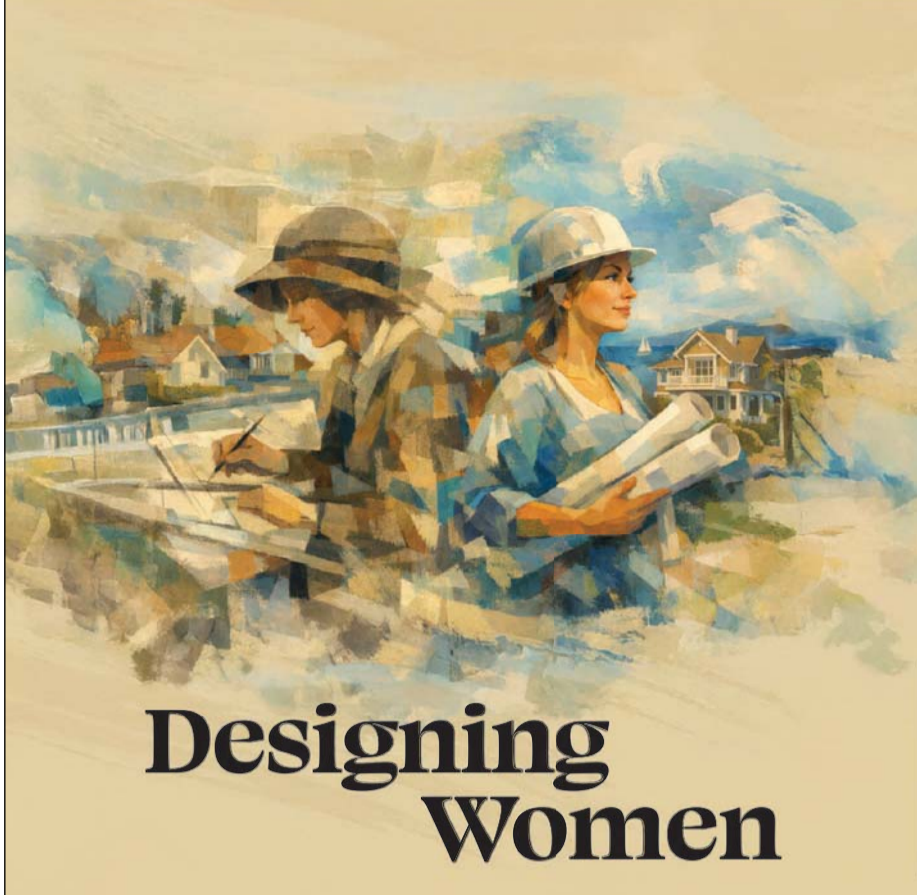
The position will pay between \$175,000 and \$225,000, according to a consulting firm involved in the search to find a new executive director.

The commission was formed in 1963 to "encourage orderly growth of local government agencies, preserve agricultural land, discourage urban sprawl and efficiently provide government services."

Correction

Last week, in an article about the Monterey County Board of Supervisors considering an increase in the county's TOT, we erroneously referred to realtor Tim Allen's position on the proposed increase. Allen has not supported an increase in the TOT.

Instead, in an April 3 commentary, Allen called for "strategic use of transient occupancy tax revenue from vacation rentals to increase revenue for workforce housing without introducing new taxes." The Pine Cone regrets the error.



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C.V. Road repaving to start next week

By CHRIS COUNTS

RESURFACING IS set to begin June 29 on a critical 1.7-mile stretch of Carmel Valley Road between Highway 1 and Via Petra. County officials say they are doing everything possible to minimize traffic delays on the busy commuter route during construction, which is not expected to wrap up until October.

“The purpose of this project is to improve the condition, safety and long-term reliability of the road,” Monterey County spokesperson Nick Pasculli told The Pine Cone. “A smoother driving surface extends the lifespan of the road.”

Officials also announced that work will cease July 3-6 for the busy Independence Day weekend, and Aug. 5-17 for Car Week, when hordes of enthusiasts zip up and down Carmel Valley Road.

The work includes repaving and striping. Taxpayers are funding the \$5 million project through Measure X and State Senate Bill 1.

Unlike the rest of Carmel Valley Road, the western 1.7 miles of the route has four

lanes, making it possible for the contractor, Granite Rock of Watsonville, to close one lane at a time in each direction to keep traffic moving during construction.

While most of the work will happen between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., some will occur at night between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

‘Congestion’

Officials say they hope to minimize delays. County official Enrique Saavedra said the intention is to keep them under 15 minutes.

“There is going to be some congestion,” Saavedra said. “Cars should be able to go through continuously.”

Officials urged motorists to be cautious near workers.

“Motorists are urged to exercise caution in the construction zone and follow all posted signage and flagger instructions for the safety of both workers and the public,” according to the county. “The public is encouraged to use alternate routes whenever possible and plan ahead to allow additional travel time.”

Marina man honored with master’s

By KELLY NIX

A CAL Poly San Luis Obispo graduate student from Marina who died late last year, weeks before his 28th birthday, was honored with a posthumous degree from the university president.

Cortland Silverio Rodriguez, 27, was set to wrap up his third quarter at the school in his quest to obtain a master’s degree in civil and environmental engineering when he unexpectedly passed away of natural causes on Nov. 9, 2025, in Monterey County.

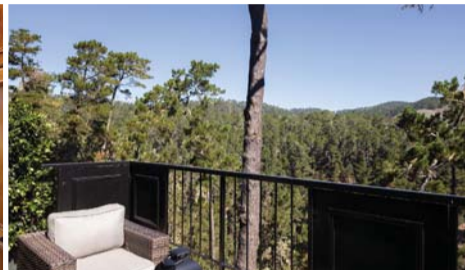
During a June 13 commencement ceremony at Cal Poly’s Alex G. Spanos Stadium, university President Jeffrey

D. Armstrong presented the matted and framed degree to Rodriguez’s father, Leigh Rodriguez, and brother, Ashton Rodriguez, before a crowd of 11,000.

“Although Cortland is no longer with us, his dedication to learning and his contributions to the Cal Poly community continue to leave a lasting impact,” Cal Poly provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, Albert Liddicoat, said before Armstrong presented the degree to the family.

“In addition, about 20 family and friends were also at the ceremony,” Cal Poly said. “Cortland Rodriguez was five weeks from his 28th birthday when he died of natural causes.”

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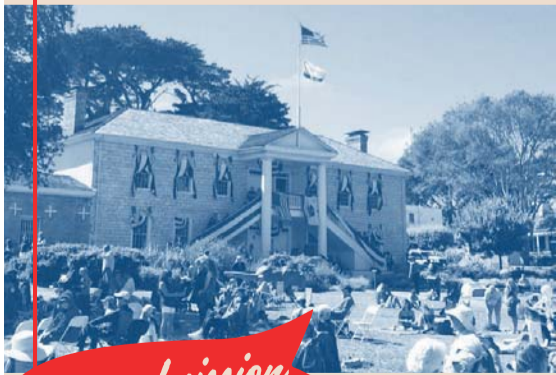
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Pebble Beach caddies join labor union, prepare to negotiate

By MARY SCHLEY

LESS THAN two months after being shifted from independent contractors to hourly employees, caddies at Pebble Beach Resorts courses voted last Thursday to join Unite Here, a union with roughly 300,000 laborers in the United States and Canada in the hotel, food service, laundry, warehouse and casino gaming industries.

The Northern California chapter represents 8,500 hospitality workers, including employees at The Lodge at Pebble Beach, and their monthly dues are \$52 per member.

"Caddies hope to get to the bargaining table soon to begin negotiating a contract," Unite Here representative Allyssa Pollard said Monday.

Unhappy

The drive to unionize stemmed from caddies' dissatisfaction with the company they work for — CaddieMaster Enterprises — after being told in February they would be made hourly employees as of May 1. While the new arrangement includes benefits like healthcare and retirement, and management pays more of their Social Security and other government levies, the caddies have taxes withheld from their paychecks and lost some of the freedoms they enjoyed as independent contractors.

Historically, caddies at Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill, Spanish Bay and Del Monte golf courses took home a

portion of the bag fees charged to golfers and pocketed any tips. They were responsible for reporting their income, paying all their taxes and Social Security, and procuring their own health coverage. They also set their own schedules and would notify CaddieMaster, which Pebble Beach Co. pays to run its caddie program, when repeat customers requested them, as often happens. They decided how many bags they would carry and how many times a day they would do it.

As a group, caddies felt they lost their place at the table when it came to salaries, scheduling, seniority and other elements of their jobs. Tony Malokas, who has worked as a caddie for 26 years and was one of the forces behind the unionization drive, said about 80 percent of the 310 men and women who do the job signed the petition to hold an election to be administered by the National Labor Relations Board June 18.

Before the vote, CaddieMaster CEO Don Costello said the change in their employment status "was driven by a desire to further elevate the standard of service within one of the premier caddie programs in golf," and would provide "greater consistency and alignment in how those services are delivered."

He also said it would improve workplace protections, provide more predictable scheduling and access to compensation and benefits, and bring with it "enhanced training, clearly defined service standards and stronger

operational oversight, all of which support a more consistent and elevated guest experience." Costello said the change is becoming increasingly common across the industry.

Last-ditch plea

The company provided some concessions after meeting with caddies, including giving them more say in their scheduling, loosening the dress code, adding a \$10-per-bag payment, and making them eligible for vendor discounts on clothing and gear.

Costello reported gross pay grew by more than 12% during the initial payroll periods, with 90% of the employees seeing an increase — some as much as 25% — based on hourly rates of \$17.54 to \$24.98. Tips are not included in those rates.

The day before the vote, Costello, who has spent a considerable amount of time at Pebble Beach since the mobilization effort began, posted a last-ditch plea asking for more time. He admitted CaddieMaster erred in some of the ways it handled the transition and asked the group to give the company a year to make improvements and show the program can work.

But the majority remained unpersuaded, voting 182-56 in favor of unionization, one of the caddies told The Pine Cone.

"Despite a persistent anti-union campaign by the employer and the resort, workers voted 76% in favor of unionizing," Unite Here Local 19 reported after the vote. "Caddies are eager to get to the bargaining table. With the ability to collectively bargain, caddies say they will have a chance to preserve the quality of their jobs, allowing new generations of caddies to provide a world-class experience for decades to come."

'Among the finest'

Prior to the vote, Malokas said one of his chief concerns is ensuring newer caddies will have the opportunity to gain seniority like he and his longtime colleagues have. He also expressed frustration with the company for not consulting them about making them hourly employees and for giving them "two months to prepare for something that would upend our lives."

In the Unite Here statement released last Thursday evening, Malokas said he is "proud of my friends and colleagues for standing together to make this program and this job that we love better for ourselves and all future caddies."

Costello promised CaddieMaster "will negotiate in good faith and work together to support the continued success of the Pebble Beach caddie program."

Pebble Beach Co. CEO Dave Stivers said the company respects the outcome of the election.

"The goal of the recent changes was to create a better caddie program," he said. "While Pebble Beach will not be a part of negotiations, it is our hope that the union will work collaboratively with CaddieMaster to ensure this goal is realized, and that the Pebble Beach caddie program stands among the country's finest."

Every shipwreck tells a story in new exhibit

By CHRIS COUNTS

DUE TO the hazards along Monterey County's rugged coastline, many merchant and passenger ships found their graves here during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Exploring this fascinating topic, California State Parks presents an historical display at the Casa Gutierrez Community Art Gallery in Monterey.

Titled "Shipwrecks: Every Broken Piece Tells a Story," the exhibit features highlights from State Parks' collection of shipwreck-related artifacts. It includes never-before-displayed wooden pieces from the Natalia, Monterey's most notable Mexican-era shipwreck, which occurred in 1834. For decades, pieces could be seen from shore at low tide.

Visitors can also learn about other wrecks that happened near the Monterey Peninsula, including the Commodore Rodgers, which ran aground near Monterey in 1837 due to severe damage, and the Roderick Dhu, which ran aground on Asilomar Beach in Pacific Grove in 1909.

"For hundreds of years — during the Spanish, Mexican and early American eras — seafaring vessels have utilized the natural harbor of Monterey to bring goods into the region," according to State Parks. "Due to treacherous hazards, including offshore rocks, unexpected squalls and visibility-smothering fog, many a ship has called Monterey Bay its final resting place."

There are 463 shipwrecks located within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Just a month ago, two fishermen were rescued after their boat capsized about six miles west of Moss Landing on May 15. Their boat later washed up on a local beach.

The exhibit is open Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the summer and will be up until at least the end of 2026. Casa Gutierrez is at 590 Calle Principal in Monterey.

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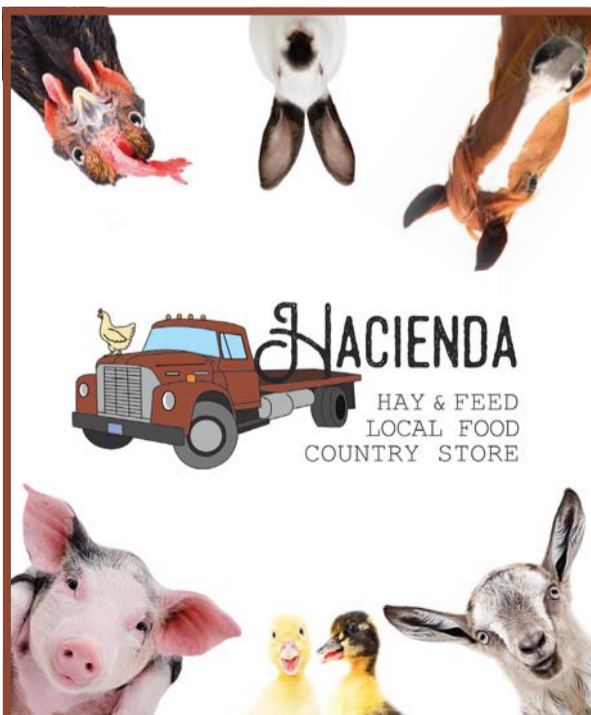
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Motorcycles return to Laguna Seca

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL VALLEY resident and three-time world motorcycle racing champion Wayne Rainey is looking forward to the weekend of July 10-12, when the national championship racing series he helped resurrect returns to Laguna Seca Raceway.

MotoAmerica promises nonstop activity on and off the racetrack as dozens of riders — including several women — compete in five motorcycle-racing classes ranging from entry level to the top.

“Ticket sales are up, and it’s been a great championship so far,” Rainey said Friday, and WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca is always the most popular stop on the series’ 10-race calendar due to its iconic status among the world’s racetracks and the Monterey Peninsula’s draw.

Couple that with the series’ popularity, and the weekend promises to be lively. “Our last race was in Road America, and we had 55,000 people there,” he said. “It was the largest-attended event in the history of motorcycle racing in Wisconsin.”

Fun for all

“I can’t think of a more fan-friendly racing environment than the motorcycle races,” said fellow C.V. resident and life-long motorsports guy Gordon McCall, who sits on the board of the nonprofit that runs the track and the surrounding recreation area, Friends of Laguna Seca.

“I think a lot of that has to do with the age of the riders,” he continued. “The barrier of entry is really, really low, so you have a lot of young racers with their parents out there crewing for them. You don’t see that in the four-wheel-racing world.”

Among the women in the sport, Rainey and McCall mentioned Kayla Yaakov, a Gettysburg, Penn., native who turned 19 Wednesday and has been racing since she was 9. She made history at the 84th Daytona 200 race in March when she became

the first woman in the history of the sport to stand on the podium after taking third place aboard her Rahal team Ducati in the Supersport class. She finished sixth overall in the class last year and is in third place going into the June 26-28 races in Washington.

“At Laguna Seca, she’s got a chance. If she got a win, that would be huge,” Rainey said. “She’s a fan favorite.”

IndyCar racer Graham Rahal, who owns the team, “saw her talent, and she’s just smoking on the Ducati right now,” McCall said. “She’s something else.”

While every rider wants to win, taking the top step on the podium at Laguna is extra special, Rainey said.

“With its elevation changes, blind corners and decreasing radiuses, it’s got everything. As a rider, you work really hard to go fast here,” he said. “Everybody wants to win at Laguna Seca. That’s the trophy they want on their mantel.”

Where to watch

The weekend will see five classes of racing: the top echelon, Superbike, along with Supersport, Super Hooligans (a big-bike class made popular in part by actor Keanu Reeves’ Arch motorcycles), King of the Baggers (featuring Harley-Davidsons and Indians, a longtime American rivalry that only recently made it to the track, thanks to Rainey), and the Talent Cup, which gives riders between the ages of 14 and 18 a chance to make it in professional motorsports.

Off the track, Laguna takes on a carnival atmosphere with all sorts of entertainment, stunts, music, food, vendors, autograph sessions and other activities.

“Camping always sells out, but this time, it sold out so early, I reached out and said, ‘We have a waitlist now with 100 people on it with RVs,’ so Laguna Seca has agreed to make some more space,” Rainey

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COUNTY SETS FRIDAY DEADLINE FOR ADDRESS DATA

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MONTEREY County departments working to incorporate the City of Carmel's new standardized address system into their property records gave themselves a June

26 deadline to complete the work, acting assistant city administrator Marisa Bermudez said this week. Once the county has the data integrated at the assessor's/tax collector's office, elections, IT and emergency services, everyone's new numbers will be handed over to the U.S. Postal

Service Address Management System, online mapping apps and utility companies, marking the end of a century-plus-old era of using directional addresses like "Lincoln 2 SW of Fifth."

"I know the assessor's office had an internal target date of June 26 for their staff to complete their part," she said. "We plan to check in with them on Friday in hopes of getting an update."

Same goes for the other departments, from which the city has heard nothing, she said.

Give it a try

Meanwhile, the new numbers are starting to appear on the county's official maps, with a sprinkling on the commonly used Apple and Google map apps. Entering an assessor's parcel number at maps.co.monterey.ca.us/wab/parcelreportwebapp and zooming in reveals the usual property data like size and assessed value, but it also includes a small dot with a number next to it — the property's newly assigned address.

Residents who are excited about the change are eagerly installing their new numerals, even though the system is not completely up and running.

Santa Rita resident Mark Teague, a member of the woodcarving group at the nonprofit Carmel Foundation, crafted and painted the sign he and wife Stacey are planning to put on their house. Others have made their own or purchased them while traveling, and a local artist, Alyson de Guigné, said she is painting signs with house names — which remain a treasured Carmel tradition — and numbers.

Earlier this month, the city released a 17-page document, complete with photos of dos and don'ts and relevant Carmel Municipal Code sections, detailing the design guidelines for address numbers.

That and more, including the online map showing which numbers have been assigned to which parcels, are available at ci.carmel.ca.us/street-addresses.

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P.G. actor has role in hit Netflix film

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN ACTOR who got his start performing in PacRep Theater plays has a role in Netflix's hottest show.

A lifelong Pacific Grove resident and now 24, Elijah Carnazzo landed a role in "Voicemails for Isabelle," which became the No. 1 movie on Netflix just days after its release June 19. In the movie, Carnazzo plays a nervous and bumbling tour guide named Walter who offers a foil for the film's main characters and helps make it possible for them to save the day.

Carnazzo told The Pine Cone that he discovered live theater when he was 7 or 8, with parts in PacRep productions of "The Wizard of Oz" and "Oliver."

"I got to experience how fun it was to be a part of something bigger than myself," he said.

No TV

Unlike most of the kids he grew up with, Carnazzo didn't have a television in the house. Instead, his parents would take him to local plays and musicals at the Golden Bough Playhouse, Forest Theater and other local stages.

"At the time I was frustrated," he said. "I felt like I was missing out. I couldn't watch 'SpongeBob' with my friends. But looking back, I was fortunate."

Despite enjoying being on stage, Carnazzo spent much of his youth immersed in playing music, particularly the trombone. "I grew up wanting to be a musician," he recalled.

Carnazzo graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 2020 during the peak of the Covid pandemic, which he noted was no easy time to be either a musician or actor. "You can't do the arts over Zoom," he suggested.

By the time he was in high school, Carnazzo realized he could make an impact

on stage. Taking the next step, he attended Shoreline Community College in Washington, noted for its excellent theater program. He also starred in his first film, "Winter Island," a "family-drama horror movie" filmed in Seattle.

Last year, the actor was cast as a co-star



PHOTO/Elijah Carnazzo

Elijah Carnazzo of Pacific Grove has a role in hit Netflix movie, "Voicemails for Isabelle."

in the film "Penelope," about a teenager who feels alienated from civilization and escapes to the wilderness. The film is currently available for streaming on Amazon Prime.

The actor is thrilled by the success of "Voicemails for Isabelle." "It's getting a lot of praise as a rom-com and a nice sibling story," he said.

Carnazzo is headed to Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where

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WELLS

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the land beneath the sea.

During the three-year application review process, Cal Am said that State Lands Commission staff “gathered extensive community input through environmental justice outreach, outreach to the Monterey community and through tribal consultation.”

“We thank the State Lands Commission for its thorough review of the facts and the approval of California American Water’s lease application,” Sarah Leeper, president of Cal Am, said. “This decision is integral to bringing reliable, drought-proof water to the Monterey Peninsula to provide opportunities for sustainable growth while reducing dependence on the Carmel River.”

The California Public Utilities Commission in 2025 said the Peninsula faces a water supply deficit of 815 million gallons per year by 2050, Cal Am noted.

“That projected shortfall underscores the critical nature

of the State Lands Commission’s approval and the need for additional water supplies to meet demands well into the future,” the utility said.

The lease, which will cost Cal Am an initial rent of \$2,282 per year, runs from June 23, 2026, to Jan. 1, 2050.

Desal ‘unnecessary’

At the lands commission hearing, Marina officials, including Mayor Bruce Delgado, urged commissioners to reject the lease. Delgado suggested that a desal plant is no longer needed to provide water to the Peninsula. He pointed to the expansion of Pure Water Monterey — a wastewater reclamation project that produces about 60% of the Peninsula’s water supply — and an overall decline in the need for water.

“Over the last 10 years, Monterey Peninsula’s water demand has dropped significantly while supply has increased dramatically,” the mayor said. “Cal Am has met all district water demands for the last four years because of this, and is now compliant with Carmel River pumping limits.”

The State Water Resources Control Board concluded

that 8% to 10% of the water drawn through the slant wells would come from sources other than seawater, including from within the dune sand and aquifers. The report estimates that approximately 90% to 92% of the water drawn by the slant wells would originate from the ocean.

Marina, which gets its potable water from aquifers, would not use the desal plant water, and Marina City Councilwoman Kathy Biala suggested Marina “is being asked to absorb the environmental and community impacts of a project whose benefits flow elsewhere,” even though the wells will be outside city limits.

“How can a for-profit water company operating outside the Marina Coast Water District be allowed to extract Marina’s groundwater and freshwater resources?” Biala asked.

But a California Environmental Quality Act review and modeling studies by Cal Am “concluded that operation of the slant wells would have relatively limited effects on nearby groundwater resources,” the State Lands Commission said in its report.

However, the commission said Cal Am would not be allowed to start construction on the wells until a 2020 lawsuit Marina filed against Cal Am and other entities over the amount of groundwater the utility can use at the property has been adjudicated.

It’s also possible Marina will file a separate lawsuit to prevent the installation of the slant wells, with Delgado telling commissioners this week that if they did not deny Cal Am’s application, “the can will get kicked again to the courts and subsequent agencies at great cost to our community.”

Water meter moratorium

Meanwhile, the State Water Resources Control Board on June 19 laid out a timeline to consider the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District’s request to lift a moratorium on new water connections on the Peninsula.

Last fall, the water district filed an application with the state water agency to rescind the prohibition on new water meters that’s been in place since 1995. Lifting it would mean that hundreds of vacant lots around the Peninsula could be developed with new housing. On June 19, the state water board laid out a schedule to allow the public to weigh in on the proposal. As part of that process, the agency is asking the public whether the state order that created the moratorium should be modified. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District contends that it should end because the wastewater recycling project Pure Water Monterey, which went online in 2021 and has since been expanded, will provide plenty of new water for the next several decades.

The State Water Resources Control Board set a July 20 deadline for mailed or emailed written testimony and exhibits regarding the moratorium question, and Aug. 18 for written rebuttal to the testimony and exhibits.

It also set aside Sept. 17 for public comment. “This will be conducted as a hybrid hearing with the opportunity to participate in person at the CalEPA Building in Sacramento or online on the Zoom platform,” the board said.

Closing briefs are due Sept. 21. Any party may file a closing brief to address the two questions, but the document should be limited to 10 pages, double-spaced, and written in size 12 font, the board said.

Comments and responses may be submitted via email to Cal-AmProject@waterboards.ca.gov or via post at State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attention: Cal-Am Team, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

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BOND

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come, but the district's new cell phone policy will kick in at the start of the next school year, impacting students at every grade level.

To meet the deadline imposed by Assembly Bill 3216 — better known as the Phone-Free School Act — every district in California is required to adopt policies limiting or prohibiting student smartphone use during the school day to create a better learning environment. The education code, amended in 2024, calls for “significant stakeholder participation of pupils, parents and educators” to create the new rules. The district's technology committee — a group of CUSD staff, faculty and parent volunteers — received more than 1,000 responses to surveys of faculty and parents at schools at all grade levels, and nearly 500 Carmel Middle and High School students.

“The legislation essentially gives the district two pathways. The first is limited use, where phones are allowed outside instructional time but are off and away during class. The second is prohibited use, where phones remain off and stored away during the school day,” Andrew Rodriguez, the district's curriculum instructor and assessment coordinator, told board members, who voted unanimously to approve the committee's recommendation.

Smartphone use is prohibited at all elementary school sites, but upholding the ban outlined in the Carmel Middle School

handbook was more divisive. The committee's recommendation “best reflects the overall feedback and developmental needs of middle school students,” said Rodriguez.

“The most difficult discussion centered on the middle school. Students expressed a desire to have access during lunch and breaks, but parents and staff were supportive of a more restrictive approach,” he explained.

Phone pockets

Similarly, limiting cell phone use at Carmel High will formalize a practice already outlined in the handbook — a pocket system, a plastic wall hanging where students place their phones at the start of each class. Though in use in a majority of classrooms at the high school, the pocket policy has been enforced at the individual discretion of teachers, until now. The survey also sought feedback from teachers already using the system, and most reported it has reduced distraction and improved engagement during class time.

The phone ban extends to personal laptops and tablets. It's likely the middle and high schools will maintain the same consequences enumerated in their handbooks. At both sites, first offenses merit a conversation between the student and their teacher, while second offenses result in confiscation of the device, which is released at the end of the school day. Further violations result in detention or referral and a conversation with parents, and possibly a phone suspension, where a student must check the phone at the assistant principal's office during the school day.

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This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. **To participate via teleconference, use this link:** <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/85075274055?pwd=xjGuf1VHPManTYPLVc94aqlwt24Tld1> **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 850 7527 4055. Passcode: 001916.

All interested people are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing sgorman@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <https://carmelbytheseaca.portal.civicclerk.com/> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

Design Guidelines Update Report

Citywide Receive an update on the workplan for the Residential Design Guidelines.

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the consideration of a Concept Review is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

CDP 26236 (City of Carmel-by-the-Sea)

APNs: 010-233-012-000; 010-233-011-000; 010-233-010-000; 010-233-009-000; 010-233-004-000 & 010-233-008-000

Consideration of a CDP to allow vegetation management for fire fuel reduction within 100 feet of structures, on the four City owned parcels along 2nd Ave, directly above and adjacent to Pescadero Canyon.

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304.i (Minor Alterations to Land) and none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 apply in this case

DS 26081 (P&T 2024 LLC)

Cindi Scarlett, Architect
11th Avenue 2 northeast of Torres Street
Block 102 & 104, Lot 25

APN: 010-331-008-000

Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 26081 (P&T 2024 LLC), for the demolition of an existing single-family residence and detached garage and construction of a new 3,523-square-foot residence inclusive of a 473-square-foot attached garage, located at 11th Avenue 2 northeast of Torres Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay, Beach/Riparian (BR) Overlay, and Park (PO) Overlay. APN: 010-331-008-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 25291 (25988 Ridgewood LLC)

John Moore, Designer
25988 Ridgewood Road
Block 2, Lot 4

APN: 009-352-002-000

Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 25291 (25988 Ridgewood LLC), and Coastal Development Permit for the construction of one-story additions totaling 644-square-feet, the rearrangement of site coverage, new landscaping, and other associated site improvements located at 25988 Ridgewood Road in the Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District and Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 009-352-002-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 25019 (McWhorter)

Eric Miller Architects, Architect
Carmelo Street 2 northeast of Ocean Avenue
Block: GG, Lot: 4 & 6

APN: 010-252-013-000

Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 25019 (McWhorter), and Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing single-family residence and the construction of a 1,555-square-foot two-story residence, inclusive of an attached garage, located at Carmelo Street 2 northeast of Ocean Ave in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-252-013-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 26117 (Louth)

Fransisca Delgado, Agent
Lincoln Street 3 northeast of 12th Avenue
Block: 132 Lot: 10

APN: 010-159-010-000

Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 26117 (Louth), for the demolition of an existing single-family residence with an attached one-car garage, removal existing non-conforming site coverage and retaining walls, and the construction of a new 1,797-square-foot two-story single family dwelling with an attached one-car garage, new conforming site coverage of 555 square-feet, retaining walls, and fences, and a hot tub, located at Lincoln Street 3 northeast of 12th Avenue. APN: 010-159-010-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categori-

cally exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DR 26031 (Pine Inn)

Erik Dyar, Architect
Ocean Avenue between Monte Verde Street and Lincoln Street
Block 73, Lots 1-10

APN: 010-213-003-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Review, DR 26031 (Pine Inn), for fire sprinkler equipment at the historic "Pine Inn" located on Ocean Avenue between Monte Verde Street and Lincoln Street. APN: 010-213-003-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 25234 (Smith)

Buck Blackwell, Agent
Carmelo Street 7 northeast Ocean Avenue
Block GG; Lot 18

APN: 010-252-021-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study referral, DS 25234 (Smith), for the construction of a carport in the front setback located at Carmelo Street 7 northeast Ocean Avenue. APN: 010-252-021-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 26084 (Britannia California)

Samuel Pitnick, Architect
San Antonio Avenue 2 southwest 11th Street
Block A4; Lot 3

APN: 010-291-002-000

Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 25376 (Britannia California), and Coastal Development Permit for substantial alterations to a single-family residence at San Antonio Avenue 2 southwest 11th Street located in the Single Family Residential (R-1) District, Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay, and Park (P) Overlay. APN: 010-291-002-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 25293 (Karapetkov)

Stephan Karapetkov, Owner
3009 Lasuen Drive
Block 10; Lot 13

APN: 009-371-013-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study referral, DS 25293 (Karapetkov), for amendments to a previously approved Track 2 Design Study located at 3009 Lasuen Drive in the Single Family Residential (R-1) District and Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District. APN: 009-371-013-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case

UP 26131 (VIN by the Sea)

Lance Armstrong, Applicant
Dolores Street 2 northwest of 6th Avenue
Block 55, Lots 13 and 15

APN: 010-138-020-000

Consideration of Use Permit Amendment, UP 26131 (VIN by the Sea), for expansion of the existing VIN by the Sea restaurant into a separate unit on the same parcel, with a proposed increase in total number of allowed seats from 26 interior and 13 exterior to 35 interior and 17 exterior, located at Su Vecino Court (Dolores Street 2 northwest of 6th Avenue) in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District. APN: 010-138-020-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15303 (Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DISPENSARY

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occurred does not violate the city's licensing regulations." All applications — each submitted for a nonrefundable fee of \$9,272.48 — had been deemed eligible for the lottery by city staff and a consultant hired to administer the process, according to Mogensen.

No appeal

Subsequent appeals from Enea and his attorney drove city council members to act independently in early March, when they voted to postpone the lottery and directed city staff to further scrutinize applications. The resulting staff report was presented to the council on May 20, accompanied by the city's special counsel, Erica Vega, who assured that proceeding with the lottery would be legally defensible.

"The way the city's current ordinance is set up, the question of familial or business relationships between applicants is somewhat irrelevant, because you haven't set up criteria for there to be no relation between applicants," Vega said, before council members voted 4-1-1 to move forward, absent Mayor Nick Smith.

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S/Joanne Krajieski
Date signed: June 9, 2026
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Registered Owner(s): HENRY EMILIO CORZANTES-ORTIZ, 17510 Ramadero Way, Aromas, CA 95004.
DAISY VERENICE CORZANTES-ORTIZ, 17510 Ramadero Way, Aromas, CA 95004.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 16, 2026.
S/Daisy Verenice Corzantes-Ortiz
Date signed: June 16, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261187
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ARCHITECTURAL GLASS CONSTRUCTION, 1354 Noche Buena St., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): RODERICK ALLEN STANDISH, 1354 Noche Buena St., Seaside, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 4, 2026.
S/Roderick Allen Standish
Date signed: June 4, 2026
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20261308
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Feb. 9, 2024
File No.: 20240303
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. A PLUS MARINA QUALITY WATER 2. UNDER PRESSURE WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY

3. A PLUS POSTAL SERVICE 215 Reservation Rd., Suite O, Marina, CA 93933.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: FLAT WATER BLUES, LLC, CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
S/Kenneth Ray Stratton, Member
Date: June 18, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 22, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026. (PC661)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261259
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PLAZA GRANDE HOMES, 50 E. Market 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.: PLAZA GRANDE HOMES, LLC, 610 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006.
FFAH V PLAZA GRANDE HOMES, LLC, 384 Forest Avenue, Suite 14, Laguna Beach, CA 92651.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 4, 2022.
S/Rao R. Yalamanchili
Date: April 15, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 15, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 662)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261297
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LONGHORN ESTATES, 19315 El Cerro, Aromas, CA 95004.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ADDAM MATTHEW BANUELOS, 19315 El Cerro, 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 June 22, 2026.
S/Addam Matthew Banuelos
Date signed: June 22, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 22, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 664)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261283
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MEYU NAILS AND SPA, 212 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MEYU NAILS AND SPA.
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 June 17, 2026.
S/Tien Huynh
Date: June 17, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 17, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 665)

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TAX

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taxing a cloud-based service — which, by the way, you don't download — will create layer upon layer of taxes, raising the cost of goods and services for all Californians.

From QuickBooks to Shopify, software runs everything these days, with businesses big and small employing it for e-commerce, accounting, payroll, cybersecurity, marketing — the list goes on — and when each step is slapped with a tax, it will be you, the consumer, left holding the bag.

Despite Sacramento politicians preaching affordability for more than a year, Kern County Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains was the sole Democrat to vote against the tax. When it came up for a floor vote, Bains pushed her colleagues to reject the bill, calling it a “regressive app tax” that would “tax the digital tools working people need to survive.”

Bains' attempt at persuasion was unsuccessful. Even her fellow moderates, like Rebecca Bauer-Kahan — who has been commenting “no new taxes” when asked by reporters about revenue all spring — came to heel on the budget deal.

“I think it's critical that we make sure that it doesn't touch affordability and make sure that our constituents are protected,” Bauer-Kahan told Politico the day the tax passed.

The thing is, taxing software is going to touch affordability for everybody, even if it also provides more social services for some.

Consider the role software plays in the food chain alone. Take a head of lettuce, for example: The farmer who grows the romaine uses ADP for payroll, Axon Logistics directs the trucker who delivers the greens to pick up the load, and then the grocer pays Eagle Eye to run its customer loyalty program. Come checkout time, the costs all get added to the price of your Caesar salad.

Impact on big business

The software tax can also be added to the con list when it comes to headquartering a Fortune 500 company in the Golden State.

In Silicon Valley, it's not uncommon for business-to-business service deals to reach the multimillion-dollar level. Come January, a company based in San Jose — where the sales tax rate is 10% — signing a \$1 million software deal can expect to face an additional \$100,000 tax bill. The levy not

only makes the software harder to market for a sales department, it also makes the buyer think about the cost savings it would reap if it left the state.

California has been labeled by some as anti-business in recent years, with U.S. News & World Report ranking it dead last for opportunity and a growing list of major companies choosing to relocate to Texas, Florida or Tennessee. Global commercial real estate services data shows that California's three major business hubs — the San Francisco Bay area, the Los Angeles metropolitan area and San Diego County — lost 276 corporate headquarters between 2018 and 2024.

Other states tax software as a service already, but many have exemptions for business-to-business deals, and few have all the other taxes and regulations California has in place.

The state's legislative analyst forecasts the new tax will bring \$2 billion annually in revenue once fully implemented, but opponents of the tax think that's a low estimate.

“It was rushed through so quickly no one knows what it will really do,” said David Kline with the California Taxpayers Association, speaking on California Politics 360. “We think the cost to taxpayers will be much higher than the state assumes.”

Quick policy change

The Newsom administration came up with the software-as-a-service tax idea in May, which didn't allow much time to vet such a major shift in policy. A little more than a month later, the Taxpayers Association is still crunching the numbers to come up with its own revenue prediction. However, Kline said early estimates are in the \$6 billion to \$12 billion range.

The software-as-a-service tax isn't the only increase Sacramento passed last week. Through the same legislation and two other tax-related trailer bills, lawmakers also added a managed care organization provider tax on health plans and limited all business tax credits to the greater of \$5 million or 70% of a business's tax liability, among other hikes.

The writing was on the wall for tax increases this spring. Newsom may not have wanted to add new levies on his way out the door, but as a lame duck, his power to dissuade other Democrats from doing so was leashed. Keeping social programs going for constituents took precedence for state lawmakers over giving Newsom talking points on the presidential campaign trail.

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STORYTIME

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“’Twas the Night Before Pride,” “Pride Puppy” and “Mary Had a Little Glam.”
 “Monterey Peninsula Pride is excited to host the event for the second year, and community members have consistently been impressed with the wide variety of programs we are offering this year for our summer reading program,” Edwards told The Pine Cone.
 Proponents of drag queen storytimes

say they are a fun way to promote inclusivity and self-expression among young people, while critics argue they can expose children to sexualized material and offer confusing messages about gender.

‘Taxpayers shouldn’t pay’

Addressing Sunday’s event, Greg Fuller, vice chair of the Monterey County Republican Party, said his group opposes the use of taxpayer-funded public facilities to “sponsor politically and culturally controversial programming directed at children.”
 “Story hours at the library are meant for

reading books to children, and the person reading is not supposed to be the center of attention,” Fuller told The Pine Cone. “I’m not sure there are 8-year-olds saying, ‘Oh look, there’s a drag queen story hour, let’s go to it.’ The adults attending are deciding to bring the children of their own accord, not necessarily at the child’s volition.”
 Fuller noted that a similar storytime event promoted by the city in 2025 was held at a Monterey business, not on city property.
 “Last year’s event happened at a private venue,” he said. “This event is costing taxpayers money.”
 Edwards said the library foundation is paying for the drag performer from funds generated through book sales and private donations.
 “Creating flyers, event calendars and staffing the event are all part of employees’

regular work schedule that we do for the dozens of library programs we host every month,” he explained.
 Someone notified a Pine Cone reporter that there was a planned protest of Sunday’s event, but no details were provided, including who is behind it. Fuller said the local GOP would not be protesting drag queen storytime.
 Edwards said he’s received comments from two people who said they believe the event “is inappropriate for their children.”
 “We have a wide variety of events and programs, and people are welcome to choose what is appropriate for their family members,” he said.
 Last year, the city distanced itself from drag queen storytime, stating that Monterey, “acting through its city council, has not considered, sponsored or endorsed the drag queen storytime event.”

EAGLE

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out over the hills, circling above the landscape before continuing his journey, a news release by Fenton said.
 Wildlife technicians with the nonprofit SPCA mended the eagle after it was discovered seriously injured. For several months, it was unclear if the bird would survive.



PHOTO/SPCA MONTEREY COUNTY

“Through many weeks of dedicated care, lifesaving medication and specialized physical therapy, he slowly regained the strength and precision needed to survive in the wild,” the group explained.
 Because the bird is an adult that knows how to hunt, SPCA Wildlife Center employees did not need to teach it.
 “We ensured that he healed properly from his injuries and that he had full mobility to fly and survive in the wild,” Fenton explained.
 The bald eagle — the symbol of the United States and the national bird — is one of more than 2,500 to 3,000 animals that the SPCA’s Wildlife Rescue Center

treats every year.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261103
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
ADAPTHEALTH, 40 CLARK ST, STE. D SALINAS, CA 93901-4713, County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
ADAPTHEALTH WEST LLC, 555 EAST NORTH LANE, STE. 5075 CONSHO-HOCKEN, PA 19428, DE
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ JASON CLEMENS, CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/21/2026 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26/26
CNS-4047644#
CARMEL PINE CONE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261070
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

PARTNERSHIP BEHAVIOR GROUP, 288 Pearl Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
PARTNERSHIP BEHAVIOR GROUP, LLC, 288 Pearl Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 16, 2026.
S/John Yee, COO
Date: May 18, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 18, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261083

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Valor Hospice, 306 Capital St., Ste. 203, Salinas, CA 93901 - 2604
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Home Connect Hospice LLC, 200 Brown Rd., Ste. 106, Fremont, CA 94539
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.
Home Connect Hospice LLC
S/ David Rodriguez, Manager

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/19/2026. 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26/26
CNS-4048009#
CARMEL PINE CONE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261080
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Daniel Perales Audio, 182 Paddon Pl, Apt 9, Marina, CA 93933, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Daniel Joseph Perales, 182 Paddon Pl, Apt 9, Marina, CA 93933
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on not applicable
S/ Daniel Joseph Perales
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261075
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
LA CHISPA DEL SABOR MICHIOACANO, 1431 TETON AVE, SALINAS, CA 93906, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
IRMA CASTRO ZARAGOZA, 1431 TETON AVE, SALINAS, CA 93906
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ IRMA CASTRO ZARAGOZA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/18/2026 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26/26
CNS-4048334#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026. (PC 608)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261085
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
The Staging Studio, 343 Rhine Ct, Salinas, CA 93906, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Las Shopaholics LLC, 343 Rhine Ct, Salinas, CA 93906, California
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed

above on 01/01/2026
S/ Jacquelyne Cervantes, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/19/2026 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26/26
CNS-4048276#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026. (PC 609)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261163
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALEX MARTIN RACING, 16610 Toro Hills Court, Salinas, CA 93908.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ALEX STEPHEN MARTIN, 16610 Toro Hills Court, 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 Jan. 1, 2026.
S/Alex Stephen Martin
Date signed: May 23, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 1, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026 (PC 611)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261114
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PAJARO BEAUTY SALON, 47 Porter Dr., Watsonville, CA 95076.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JUAN ALVARO RUIZ GOMEZ, 191 Hudson Landing Rd., Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Juan Ruiz Gomez
Date signed: May 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 26, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026 (PC 613)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261167
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. AXIOM AGING ADVISORS
2. DAWG WATER
3. FIRE ART PHOTOGRAPHY
10175 Sun Star Rd., Monterey, CA

93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
SUNSTAR COLLECTIVE, LLC, 10175 Sun Star Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2026.
S/Natalie H. Gibson, Manager
Date: June 1, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 1, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026 (PC 615)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO LEVY AND COLLECT ANNUAL CARMEL VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **July 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, the Board of Directors of the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District will hold a Public Hearing to consider levying and ordering the collection of the assessments for the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2026-27. The Board will accept public comments and questions, and consider ordering the maintenance of improvements, confirming diagrams and assessments and the levying and collection of assessments.

This hearing will be held at 29 Ford Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

A Resolution of Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for the above referenced Park Maintenance Assessment District was approved by the Board of Directors of the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District on June 10, 2026, by Resolution No. 2026-02. The Fiscal Year 2026-27 assessments shall be levied and increased by 2.18% over that which was levied in the prior fiscal year.

Information regarding the Engineer's Report for the Park Maintenance Assessment District may be obtained from the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District by Calling (831)659-7275. The Engineer's Report may be viewed on the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District's website at cvrpd.specialdistrict.org.

Any interested person may file a written protest with the Board of Directors prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing, or having previously filed a protest may file a written withdrawal of that protest. Written protests submitted by mail must be received by the Board of Directors no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2026, at P.O. Box 334, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. A written protest shall state all grounds of objection, and a protest by a property owner shall contain a description sufficient to identify the property owned by such property owner. At the Public Hearing all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard.

Published: June 26, 2026
Posted: June 26, 2026
Publication dates: June 29, 2026 (PC657)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID NO. 26-01 The Santa Lucia Preserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District ("District") hereby calls for sealed bid proposals to be received by the Executive Assistant of the District, at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923 on or before **Tuesday, July 7, 2026** at 4:00 pm U.S. Pacific Time Zone, verified at www.time.gov.

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At 4:00 pm July 7, 2026, the Bid Proposals will be taken by the Executive Assistant of the District and opened and publicly read by her or her authorized representative. All bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The bids, together with a report of the bidders and the respective amounts of the bids, will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Please direct any questions to:

Executive Assistant Aimee Dahle
Santa Lucia Community Service District
One Rancho San Carlos Road
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID NO. 26-02 The Santa Lucia Preserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District ("District") invites sealed bids to be received by the Director of Public Works at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923, no later than **4:00 p.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, July 7, 2026**, as verified by www.time.gov.

The Santa Lucia Community Services District is soliciting bids from qualified vendors for the purchase and delivery of one (1) new or qualifying used wheeled excavator/tool carrier and associated attachment package designed to support municipal road maintenance, roadside vegetation management, wildfire fuel reduction, storm response, drainage maintenance, excavation, material handling, and related public works operations.

Equipment Specifications

One (1) Wheeled Excavator / Tool Carrier Package, model year 2022 or newer.

Qualifying used equipment shall:

- Be model year 2022 or newer;
- Have no more than 250 documented operating hours; and
- Be eligible for manufacturer and/or dealer-supported warranty coverage.

Additional specifications and requirements are contained in the Bid Package.

All bids shall include delivery to the District's facility at One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923, together with all applicable taxes, fees, freight, and delivery charges for Monterey County, California.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid received, and make an award in the best interests of the District. If a contract is awarded, it shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid complies with the requirements of the Bid Package.

At **4:00 p.m. on July 7, 2026**, bid proposals will be received by the Director of Public Works and thereafter publicly opened and read aloud by the Director of Public Works or an authorized representative. Any bids received after the stated deadline will be returned unopened.

The bids received, together with a report identifying the bidders and the amounts bid, will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District at its regular meeting on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**.

To obtain a Bid Package or for additional information, please contact:

Aaron Dula
Director of Public Works
Santa Lucia Community Services District
One Rancho San Carlos Road
Carmel, CA 93923
(831) 620-6783
adula@santaluciapreserve.com

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-24-984063-BF Order No.: 240046891-CA-VOO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/10/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): ROSANNE MAYHEW, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: **6/16/2005** as Instrument No. **2005060867** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **MONTEREY** County, California; Date of Sale: **7/14/2026 at 10:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Main Entrance of the Monterey County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$831,995.36** The purported property address is: **109 PINE WAY, CARMEL, CA 93923-9603** Assessor's Parcel No. : **241-123-008-000** All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-24-984063-BF**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **866-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-24-984063-BF** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-24-984063-BF and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 866-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-24-984063-BF IDSPub #0315341 6/19/2026 6/26/2026 7/3/2026**

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261148

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VNTNA SUPPLY CO., 689 Mission Street, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
VASSA LLC, 6525 Brookdale Drive, 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 May 5, 2023.
S/Kevin Dorey, CEO
Date: March 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026 (PC 618)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261162

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FORGET-ME-NOTS, San Carlos 3 SW 5th, Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
SHIRLEY ELLYN JENSEN, P.O. Box 7318, Carmel, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1987.
S/Shirley Jensen
Date signed: June 1, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 1, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026 (PC 619)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261110

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MATTESON'S AUTO REPAIR, 234 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MICHAEL PHILLIP BURGER
SUSAN ADDISON BLUSH
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 2, 2017.
S/Michael Phillip Burger
Date signed: May 22, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 22, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026 (PC 622)

LEGALS DEADLINE:

Tuesday 3:00 pm
legals@carmelpinecone.com
Se Habla Espanol

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261191

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GOLDEN STATE RV RENTAL, 9441 Comunidad Way, Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
GONZALO ORTIZ CAMARENA
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 16, 2026
S/Gonzalo Ortiz Camarena
Date signed: June 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 5, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026 (PC 623)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261193

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
POPPA PONCE'S WOODWORKS, 3038 King Circle, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JOSE SANTANA PONCE RANGEL, 3038 King Circle, Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 5, 2026
S/Jose Santana Ponce Rangel
Date signed: June 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 5, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026 (PC 625)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261112

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LINDSEY TEACHES YOGA, 223 9th St., Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
LINDSEY MARIE WINGATE, 223 9th Street, Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 14, 2026
S/Lindsey Marie Wingate
Date signed: May 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 26, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026 (PC 626)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261180

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WEST COAST TRANSPORTS 1, 16 Huerta Ave., Greenfield, CA 93927.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
WEST COAST TRANSPORTS 1 LLC, 16 Huerta Ave., Greenfield, CA 93927.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited lia-

bility company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2026.
S/Armando Laneros, Manager
Date: June 2, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 2, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026. (PC 631)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 26CV002951

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LILIAM PEREZ DE ARELLANO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name:
LILIAM PEREZ DE ARELLANO
Proposed name:
LILIAM PEREZ
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: July 28, 2026
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: June 1, 2026
Publication Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026. (PC 632)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261217

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. SUSAN AUGUSTITUS
2. Susan Augustitus
3. Susan Gray Augustitus
4. Susan G. Augustitus
5. SUSAN GRAY AUGUSTITUS
240 El Camino Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
SUSAN GRAY AUGUSTITUS
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 10, 1964.
S/Susan Gray Augustitus
Date signed: June 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 9, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026 (PC 633)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261214

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ESTHER'S BODY SCULPTOR & MASSAGE, 1164 Monroe St. #10, Salinas,

CA 93906.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ESTHER SANCHEZ CASTILLO, 1220 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 June 9, 2026
S/Esther Sanchez Castillo
Date signed: June 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 9, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026 (PC 635)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261197

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MIRANDA'S GOLDEN BAKERY, 1103 D Echo Valley Rd., Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MIRANDA RENEE FLORES.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 27, 2026
S/Miranda Flores
Date signed: June 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 5, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026 (PC 636)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261246

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
AZUL SOLUTIONS, 580 Jefferson St., Apt. 3, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
AZUL SOLUTIONS INC., 580 Jefferson St., Apt. 3, Monterey, CA 93940.
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 June 12, 2026.
S/Manuel Lavariega, President
Date: June 12, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 12, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261211

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LESTARZ, 1020 Paloma Road, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
DON L. GRUBER, P.O. Box 190, Monterey, CA 93942.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 8, 2026
S/Don L. Gruber
Date signed: June 8, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 8, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026 (PC 638)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261169

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Central Coast Computer Networks, 12776 Rogge Village Loop, Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Eduardo Silva, 12776 Rogge Village Loop, Salinas, CA 93906
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on not applicable
S/ Eduardo Silva
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/01/2026 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10/26
CNS-4052568#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026. (PC 639)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261241

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ESTRELLITAS DAY CARE, 1108 Cortez St., Unit B, Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
LETICIA CRUZ LUSTRE, 1108 Cortez St., Unit B, Salinas, CA 93905
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2003.
S/Leticia Cruz
Date signed: June 12, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 12, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026 (PC 643)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261226

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
NA HOKU - HAWAII'S FINEST JEWELERS SINCE 1924, 700 Cannery Row, Suite P, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
NA HOKU, INC., 3049 Ualena St., 12th

Floor, Honolulu, HI 96819.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: Hawaii
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 20, 2026.
S/Linda L. Flanagan, President, CFO
Date: June 3, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 10, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026 (PC 644)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261274

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. BAY CAPITAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
2. REMAX PROPERTY EXPERTS
3. BAY CAPITAL MORTGAGE
233 Monterey St., Salinas, CA 93901-3408.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
BAY CAPITAL REAL ESTATE, INC., 233 Monterey St., Salinas, CA 93901-3408.
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 Dec. 20, 2012.
S/Jorge Edeza, President
Date: June 2, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026 (PC 644)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261277

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE CARMEL COMPANY, 850 Archer Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
STEPHEN JOHN POLETTI, 850 Archer Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 17, 2026
S/Stephen John Polletti
Date signed: June 17, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 17, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 650)

BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

Register your phone number at:
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT. 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. Date of Sale: **07/16/2026 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**, duly appointed Trustee under Notice of Delinquent Assessment ("NDA"), and pursuant to Notice of Default and Election to Sell ("NOD"), **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 right, title and interest** now held under said **NDA**, to wit: Multiple Timeshare Estates as shown on **Exhibit "A-1"** (as described in the Declaration recorded on **06/21/2002 as Document No. 2002058802** as amended) located at **120 Highlands Drive, Carmel, CA, 93923** with APN shown herein. The Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address shown herein. All recording references contained herein and on **Schedule "1"** attached hereto are in the County of **Monterey**, California. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, as to title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said NDA, plus accrued interest thereon to the date of sale, estimated fees, charges, as shown in sum due on **Schedule "1"** together with estimated expenses of the Trustee in the amount of **\$475.00**. The claimant, **H.I. Resort Condominium Association, Inc., a nonprofit mutual benefit California corporation**, under NDA delivered to Trustee a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located, and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. **First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation.** APN: 241-351-004-000. Batch ID: **Foreclosure HOA 164374-HVC83-HOA. Schedule "1":** Contract No., Owner(s), Lien Recording Date and Reference, NOD Recording Date and Reference, Sum Due; 800000602, Donald Lee Babbitt and Susan Marie Babbitt, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041603, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,607.11; 800000767, Kenneth Arthur Hurdle and Felma Lois Hurdle, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041604, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,394.29; 800001358, Janet A. Rea, As Trustee of the Janet A. Rea Living Trust, Dated April 14, 2006, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041605, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,394.29; 800002484, David F. Griffin and Frances Lee Griffin, As Trustees of the D.F. Griffin Family Trust Under Trust Agreement Dated 11-20, 2007, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041606, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$5,386.02; 800003148, Frank David Rollo and Linda J. Rollo, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041607, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,062.65; 800004005, Dorothy Rosamond Vallejo and Juan Contreras Vallejo, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041615, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,436.75; 800004167, David P. Maggi and Vicki L. Maggi, Trustees of the David P. Maggi and Vicki L. Maggi Family Trust Dated June 20, 2002, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041608, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,460.52; 800004344, Frank S. Anderson and Lill I. Anderson, Trustees of the Frank S. and Lill I. Anderson Revocable Trust, Under Declaration of the Trust Dated November 29, 1995, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041609, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,533.34; 800005134, Timothy J. Stephenson and Julia A. Stephenson, 05/08/2025 Inst: 2025014780, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,516.59; 800005366, Frank S. Anderson and Lill I. Anderson, As Trustees of the Frank S. and Lill I. Anderson Trust Dated August 27, 2012, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041610, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$5,362.22; 800005430, Francella T. Hall and Kemal Denizkurt, As Co-Trustees of the Hall Survivor's Trust U/A May 21, 1988, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041611, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,480.94; 800005549, Manuela Marani, Trustee of the Manuela Marani Revocable Living Trust, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041612, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,561.20; 800005772, Terrence Paul Mudrock and Jean Patricia Mudrock, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041613, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$6,713.62; 800006022, Irving Cohen and Melinda R. Cohen, Co-Trustees of the Irv and Melinda Cohen Trust, U/A Dated June 20, 2018, 11/06/2025 Inst: 2025041614, 03/04/2026 2026007022, \$3,783.49. **Exhibit "A-1":** Contract No., Undivided Interest, Unit No., Fixed Week No., Frequency; 800000602, 1/51, 72, annual; 800000767, 1/51, 7, 15, annual; 800001358, 1/51, 46, 31, annual; 800002484, 1/51, 86, 3, annual; 800003148, 1/51, 22, 44, annual; 800004005, 1/51, 06, 16, annual; 800004167, 1/51, 15, 24, annual; 800004344, 1/51, 30, 28, annual; 800005134, 1/51, 56, 37, annual; 800005366, 1/51, 86, 4, annual; 800005430, 1/51, 22, 47, annual; 800005549, 1/51, 32, 30, annual; 800005772, 1/51, 71, 35, annual; 800006022, 1/102, 16, 7, odd year.

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T.S. No.: 217-020167E Title Order No. 91238730 APN: 169-361-008-000 Property Address: 25390 TIER-RA GRANDE DRIVE, CARMEL, CA 93923 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/12/2021. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale of the Trustor's interest will be made to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United States, payable at the time of sale in cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: LISA KAY FAULKNER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. Recorded 8/17/2021, as Instrument No. 2021055558, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, Date of Sale: 7/21/2026 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$281,903.60 (estimated as of the first publication date) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 25390 TIERRA GRANDE DRIVE CARMEL, CA 93923 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". 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. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The following statements; NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS and NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER are statutory notices for all one to four single family residences and a courtesy notice for all other types of properties. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 217-020167E. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 217-020167E 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: 6/19/2026 PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Phone: 408-370-4030 5446 Thornwood Drive, Second Floor San Jose, California 95123 Elizabeth A. Godbey, Vice President NPP0490702 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026

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'Young Frankenstein' plays Golden Bough through July 26

By CHRIS COUNTS

SERVING UP more laughs than screams, PacRep's musical version of "Young Frankenstein" continues at the

Golden Bough Playhouse through July 26.

Based on the critically acclaimed and commercially successful 1974 comedy film by Mel Brooks, the production parodies the classic horror films of the

early- and mid-20th century. The story centers on Dr. Frederick Frankenstein, the grandson of the infamous mad scientist created by author Mary Shelley in the early 19th century.

PacRep describes the musical as "a lavish stage spectacle filled with outrageous humor, dazzling production numbers, unforgettable songs and affectionate tributes to vintage horror cinema."

Poelle plays the lead

Best known for his portrayals of Buddy Holly in PacRep's tribute concerts, Travis Poelle plays Dr. Frankenstein.

The cast also includes Donna Federico as Frankenstein's housekeeper, Frau Blücher, Christiana Meeks as Frankenstein's fiancée Elizabeth Benning, Sarah Gaudoin as lab assistant Inga, Ethan McDaniel as Igor, and Nick Mandracchia, who portrays the monster Frankenstein creates. Gary Bolen takes on two roles: Inspector Kemp and the Blind Hermit.

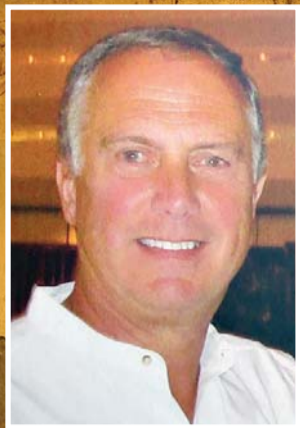
The musical is directed by PacRep founder and executive director Stephen Moorer, with choreography by Joe Niesen and musical direction by Michael Blackburn.

"Young Frankenstein" plays Thursdays through Sunday. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets to the previews are \$8-\$28, while those for other performances are \$11-\$52. Call (831) 622-0100 or visit pacrep.org.

Besides staging a musical version of a Mel Brooks classic, PacRep offers a busy series of summer theater camps for actors of all ages and levels of experience through its Peppy Garner & Darnell Whitt School of Dramatic Arts. The camps offer "quality performing arts training in a safe and nurturing environment," where students "build self-esteem and creative confidence as they learn to express themselves onstage."

For a complete schedule of theater camps, along with details about how to sign up, visit pacrep.org/soda-camp-form.

Donn Trenner's Celebration of Life



5/20/1947 - 4/18/2026



Donn's family would like to honor his life. The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Mission Mortuary Chapel, 450 Camino El Estero in Monterey, CA 93940, followed by lunch at The Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey. Please feel free to donate to Lewy Bodies Dementia Assoc., for research on this terrible disease, 912 Killian Road, S.W., Liburn, GA 30047.

In Donn's memory, the family thanks you.



PHOTO/PACREP THEATRE

PacRep's "Young Frankenstein" is at the Golden Bough Playhouse through July 26.

BLAIR A. HYDE

Carmel resident dies at age 106

Nov. 2, 1919 - June 2, 2026

CARMEL, CA – Blair Allen Hyde passed away in peaceful rest at the Carmel Valley Manor, Carmel, CA June 2, 2026. He touched the lives of many through his kindness and thoughtful manner.

Blair was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and he attended schools in the San Francisco Bay Area. He was a noted middle distance runner on the Stanford track team and held several national records. He was also a Golden Gloves champion lightweight boxer while at Stanford. He met his wife, Marilyn Well, at a party during this time and she described him to her parents as "the one with the beautiful light blue eyes." He graduated in 1941.

As with many of his age, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps as World War II was erupting and participated in the campaigns of Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima, with the 21st Marines, 3rd Marine Division. He served as Regimental Intelligence Officer for the Bougainville and Guam landings and was a Company Commander on Iwo. Blair was awarded a Bronze Star medal for his reconnaissance behind enemy lines on Guam and a second Bronze Star for Iwo Jima. He rarely talked about his service and only very infrequently would he relate any personal anecdotes.

Upon returning to California from the Pacific, he married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Well. They honeymooned at both the Highlands Inn and La Playa Hotel in Carmel. They celebrated 79 years together, raising two sons. He retired from the Marine Corps reserve with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Blair had several jobs after military service until he joined Richfield Oil Company in 1959. He had a career there for the next 26 years, raising sons Greg and Mark in Pasadena, California.

Blair was always a competitive athlete and game player, and was an avid tennis player until the age of 100. He was also always active in his neighborhood church and was a member of the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula in Carmel Valley, where he served on the board of directors.

He is survived by two sons: Greg (Dixie) of Salinas and Mark (Victoria) of Maui; grandchildren: Nathan (Jennifer) of Monterey, Megan (Mike Burton) of Walnut Creek, Blair of San Jose and Spencer of Maui; great-grandchildren: Chloe, Kira and Charlotte, and step great-granddaughter Alexandria.

He would always say, no matter what his circumstances "I'm fine!" When we would come for a visit "What's to report?" would be his first question, as he asked about each member of the family. He was a lifelong learner and overcame the learning curve for computers and cell phones, occasionally asking for help with "a computer problem."

He was an inveterate analyst and upon mentioning any problem or difficult situation, was there with solutions and answers before you could finish explaining. He loved reading and learning and investing in the stock market. He never liked to leave a dinner plate with food on it – "Are you going to finish that?" Especially desserts.

He was a devoted and loyal partner, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather to the very end. He was much loved and admired by his family, friends and all his caregivers, whose names he would list, to be able to greet them each by name. He was that kind of guy.



ROBERT ANDREW JENSEN

Jan. 18, 1943 • April 18, 2026

Robert Andrew Jensen ("Bobby" or "Bob" to his friends) was a beloved brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

He was born on Jan. 18, 1943. He grew up in Monterey where he enjoyed surfing, fishing and playing basketball at Monterey High. After high school, he played basketball for Seattle University and then transferred to Fresno State (1965-1966) where he met his wife, Jane Watson. Together they built a life in Three Rivers, California where they raised, their four children and made wonderful memories with their friends and family.

Robert was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved the outdoors and made a mean pomegranate jelly. He was a familiar face about town and loved to stop and chat.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary (Selbicky) Jensen and Robert Warren Jensen. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jane Jensen; his brother, Michael Jensen; sisters, Susan Perkins and Maryann Hamilton; children, Lesley (husband Charles Fry), Spencer (wife Cristy Jensen), Stacy Fay and Randi Gray. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Rylie Jensen, Lyndin Jensen, Ben Jensen, Hayden Fay, Dawson Fay, Katie Hanson, Alexandra Fox, Mattie Fry, Wyatt Gray and Reagan Gray, along with great-grandchildren, Asher Fox and Hayes Hanson.

Want to foster a dog or cat?

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CARING FOR an astonishing 130 rescued puppies and kittens, SPCA Monterey County said it could use some help fostering the fuzzy friends until they find their forever homes.

With more dogs and cats arriving at the SPCA's facilities off Highway 68 every day, the nonprofit said, "we need your help: join our foster team." The SPCA provides

everything foster families need, including pet food, litter, bedding, medical supplies, veterinary care, and training on how to foster animals.

"Fostering isn't a lifelong commitment, it's a lifesaving one," the SPCA said. "Whether you have a spare bathroom, a guest room, or just a little extra space in your heart, you can help."

Go to spcamc.org/foster for information on how to become a foster friend.

JERRY MURRY FIELDER

1945 – 2026

There are few true gentlemen in our world — defined in the modern sense as polite, considerate, dignified and respectful of others ... people of integrity, humility, intelligence and culture.

These words aptly describe Jerry Fielder.

On Sunday, June 7, we lost a dear friend and a genuinely unique gentleman. Jerry passed away peacefully at his home in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. Jerry had a richly layered and rewarding life, one filled with adventure, travel, music, art and love.

He was born and raised in Dixon, California in a farming family. (His father later became the California Secretary of Agriculture under Gov. Ronald Reagan).

Jerry received a well-rounded high school education as a boarder at Stevenson School in Pebble Beach.

Those formative years established deep roots on the Monterey Peninsula — including youthful adventures sneaking into Carmel on foot with his classmates — and inspired lifelong support for the school.

He next worked at NBC in Los Angeles, first as a page and then as director of the Promotion Department. He returned to the Monterey Peninsula (a recurring theme throughout his life) to live in Pacific Grove and study among a vibrant community of creative artists — many of whom remained lifelong friends.

He left in 1977 to study at Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, following his photographic path, but soon received an unexpected life-changing invitation. Celebrated international portrait photographer Canadian/Armenian Yousuf Karsh selected his assistants from Brooks and, in 1979, selected Jerry for the coveted role. Jerry had other paths in mind, but being the polite gentleman that he was, he flew to Karsh's Ottawa studio to decline in person. The rest is history, as the charismatic Karsh convinced Jerry to stay. And stay he did for 40 years, not only as Karsh's assistant, but also as a travel companion and friend. He soon was calling Mr. Karsh "Papa" (at Yousuf's request) and learned quickly (as he would later recount) to bring Karsh "not what Karsh asked for, but what he needed."

Jerry travelled extensively with Karsh, photographing the leaders and cultural luminaries who shaped the late 20th century — royalty and presidents, writers, artists, actors and visionaries. He never once name dropped with pretension, but often told great stories about how Karsh elicited the soul of each subject in his images.

After Karsh closed the studio in 1992, Jerry continued working to ensure that Karsh's legacy would not be forgotten, orchestrating exhibits and books celebrating his work. That admiration and dedication continued after Karsh's death in 2002, when Jerry was appointed curator and director of the Karsh Estate.

Jerry made friends wherever he went because of his innate curiosity about people and his insightful sense of humor. From his early times in Los Angeles, Ottawa and Monterey to his later times in Paris, Amsterdam and Boston, he created homes that provided quiet charm and that were surrounded with good friends (including his longtime home in Monterey that was the former studio of artist James Fitzgerald, one of the circle of Steinbeck friends — a wooded refuge with a massive north facing window, surrounded by lush gardens and a koi pond that tempted (yet befuddled) the neighboring raccoons).

Paris and Amsterdam provided especially rewarding times, with museums, music and relaxing train journeys to towns easily visited in a day.

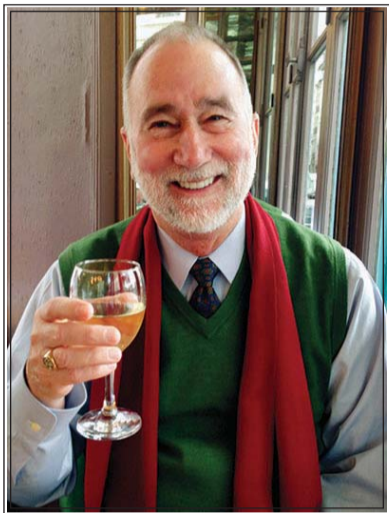
As hospice care was guiding Jerry to a peaceful and pain-free passing, he spent his last weeks not thinking of himself, but checking in with friends, just as he had done on a regular basis throughout his life. Thoughtful, caring, loyal and endlessly gracious, he remained focused on others until the very end.

We are fortunate to have known him and grateful to have called him our friend.

Jerry is survived by his husband, Daniel; sister-in-law, Patti Campbell and her husband, Peter Caton; nieces, Kasey Spengler and her husband, Alan Spengler; Kelly Eby and her husband, Doug Eby; Dana Durkee; nephew, Thomas Fielder Durkee, and great-nephews, Robert and Ryan Durkee.

He was interred at the Silveyville Cemetery in Dixon, California in a private ceremony of family and friends.

Gifts may be given in memory/honor of Jerry Fielder, directed to The Photography Department, Stevenson School, 3152 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.



DIANE MARIE KREMER

March 1, 1944 ❖ June 17, 2026

Diane Marie Kremer passed away peacefully on June 17, 2026, at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula after a courageous four-year journey with breast cancer. She was 82 years old.

Diane was born on March 1, 1944, in Southern California to Robert Hendricks and Yasura Ortiz Hendricks. Her childhood was marked by adventure and discovery as her father's vocation took the family to Hawaii, Bolivia and various communities throughout the United States. She also enjoyed the love and



companionship of her mother's large extended family, which helped shape the strong family values that remained central throughout her life.

Diane graduated from Mangum High School in Mangum, Oklahoma, and went on to earn degrees in business and interior design. Throughout her life, she combined intelligence, creativity, leadership and determination to build an exceptional professional career.

Her career began at IBM in Southern California as a temporary secretary. Her abilities quickly distinguished her. Diane advanced through a series of increasingly responsible positions including an assignment at IBM's corporate headquarters in Armonk, New York, where she developed an innovative compensation system that improved compensation management

throughout the corporation. This achievement earned her one of IBM's most prestigious honors, the IBM President's Award.

After retiring from IBM in 1989, Diane began a successful second career. In 1990 she founded Kremer Design Group and became an award-winning interior designer whose work was admired throughout San Jose, Carmel, Pebble Beach and surrounding California communities. Her creativity, eye for beauty, attention to detail, and ability to understand her clients' visions earned her widespread respect and recognition within the design profession.

Diane generously shared her knowledge and experience as a guest instructor at colleges and the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, inspiring and mentoring future professionals in both business and design.

On May 2, 1981, Diane married Donald Kremer in Half Moon Bay, California. Together they built a loving partnership grounded in friendship, mutual respect and unwavering support. Diane's warmth, humor and adventurous spirit made their years together especially rich and memorable. Following retirement, they returned to the Carmel area, where they enjoyed the beauty of California's Central Coast, traveled extensively and enjoyed the companionship of many friends.

Although Diane achieved considerable professional success, her greatest joy came from her family. She cherished every opportunity to spend time with her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She celebrated their accomplishments, supported them through life's challenges and created treasured memories through family gatherings and shared experiences. Her love, encouragement and devotion enriched the lives of those closest to her.

Outside of her professional accomplishments, Diane enjoyed traveling and crocheting. She loved exploring new places and cultures and creating lasting memories through her travels. Her creativity extended beyond interior design to her crocheting, where she crafted beautiful handmade gifts and keepsakes for family and friends that reflected her patience, skill and thoughtfulness.

Diane's Catholic faith was an important source of strength, guidance and comfort throughout her life. Her faith shaped the kindness, compassion and generosity she extended to others and sustained her through both life's joys and challenges.

Diane will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, creativity, determination and unwavering compassion. Friends and colleagues admired her exceptional organizational skills, leadership abilities and talent for managing both people and projects. Those who knew her best will remember her warm personality, outgoing spirit, quiet strength and genuine concern for others. She had a gift for making people feel welcomed, valued and loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Yasura Hendricks, and by her sister, Roberta Hendricks.

Diane is survived by her devoted husband of 45 years, Donald Kremer; her children, Kimberly Ugay (Alvin) and Michael Kremer; her grandchildren, Jason Fischer, Aaron Ugay, Zachary Ugay, Emi Kremer and Yumi Kremer; her daughter-in-law, Nami; and her great-grandchildren, Zayn Ugay and Kora Ugay. She also leaves behind many extended family members, dear friends, former colleagues, students and clients whose lives were enriched by knowing her.

Diane's legacy lives on through the love she shared, the lives she touched, the beauty she created and the example she set through a life of achievement, faith, courage and service. While her professional accomplishments were many, she would most want to be remembered as a devoted wife and loving family member whose greatest happiness came from seeing those she loved thrive.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on July 8, 2026, at the Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to a favorite charity or organization in Diane's memory.

Trosky's been piling up headlines and awards — and MLB noticed

FORMER CARMEL High shortstop Jabin Trosky has been told by multiple teams that he might be selected next month in the Major League Baseball draft — a move that comes after Trosky enjoyed a breakout season this past spring at San Diego State University.

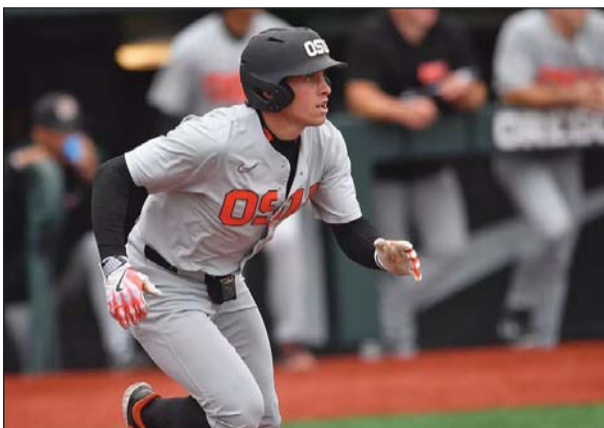
If his name is called July 11-13 during the annual lottery

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

of the best college and high school players in the nation, Trosky said he's likely to sign a contract and launch his long-awaited professional career this summer, forgoing his final year of NCAA eligibility with the Aztecs.

In an interview with The Pine Cone, Trosky sounds grounded, clear-eyed and quietly confident — caught in



PHOTO/OREGON STATE ATHLETICS

Trosky, a switch-hitter during his first two years at Oregon State, batted only right-handed this season at SDSU, where he was the Aztecs' second-leading hitter.

that peculiar space between college certainty and professional possibility.

"There's a chance," he said of the MLB draft. "Probably in a late round, if it happens, but I've talked to multiple teams — about 15 have put me on their boards. So now it's just a waiting game."

"If I get an opportunity, and the money is right, I plan to take it," said Trosky, who raised his stock this spring by

contributing mightily to San Diego State's dash to the Mountain West Conference championship — a season that ended with a loss to Washington State in the finals of the conference's postseason tournament. Just one more victory would've qualified the Aztecs for the NCAA Super Regionals, the last stop before the College World Series.

Injuries at Oregon State

Trosky has been widely regarded as one of the best defensive infielders in college baseball since 2021, when he graduated from Carmel High and accepted a full-ride scholarship to play for tradition-rich Oregon State. That's where he spent his first three collegiate years — two of which were cut short by frustrating injuries requiring surgery.

At the end of his 2025 season, he and five Oregon State teammates entered the NCAA's transfer portal and moved to San Diego State to play for first-year head coach Kevin Vance, previously an assistant for the nationally ranked Arizona Wildcats.

Together, they transformed the Aztecs' struggling program into a conference champion, which earned Vance the Mountain West Coach of the Year honor.

Trosky played shortstop in all 60 games, including 58 as a starter, and emerged as one of the team's best offensive players.

In his redshirt junior season, he led the team in at-bats (238), ranked second among regulars in batting average (.324), hits (77) and triples (3), and was among the team leaders in runs (52), doubles (13), on-base percentage (.385) and stolen bases (10 in 10 attempts).

All-conference honors

Those numbers, along with his stellar defensive play, earned Trosky first-team All-Mountain West honors in 2026.

Some of that improvement might be attributable to his decision two seasons ago to stop switch-hitting and focus on batting right-handed.

"I feel like I can always go back to switch-hitting, but I think it paid off for me to concentrate on batting right-handed," he said. "When you're switch-hitting, you've got



PHOTO/SAN DIEGO STATE ATHLETICS

Jabin Trosky, 12, is swarmed by jubilant San Diego State teammates after slugging a game-changing three-run homer against Air Force in this year's Mountain West tournament semis.

to take an equal number of swings from both sides of the plate during batting practice. I think simplifying probably had an impact on my success."

Remarkably, Trosky — who typically batted at the top or bottom of the order — found himself batting fourth in the lineup during the conference tournament. The slot is usually reserved for the team's most powerful hitter.

In the sixth inning of their semifinal game against the Air Force Academy, with the Aztecs trailing 8-1 and facing the end of their season, Trosky, never known as a power hitter, hammered a three-run homer to ignite an epic comeback and an 11-8 San Diego State victory.

"I wasn't trying to do too much — my only plan was to get the head of the bat out there and make solid contact," said Trosky, who was mobbed by jubilant teammates as he stepped on home plate. "That home run was big for us — a momentum-changer, for sure."

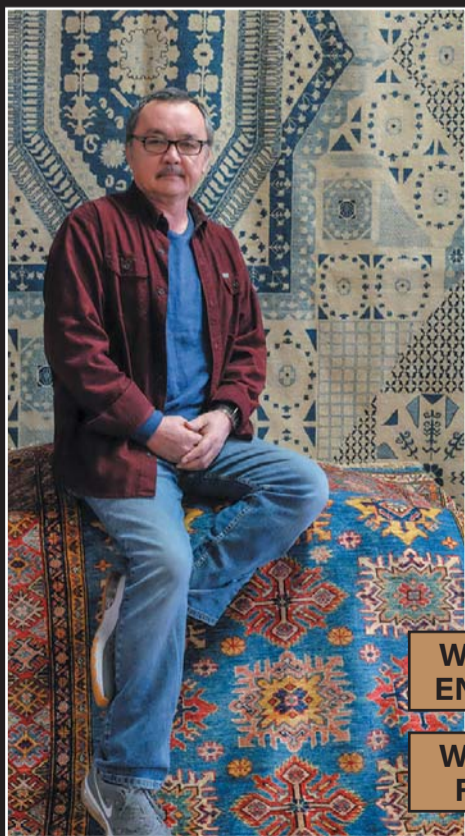
The last time he hit a dramatic home run in a big game while batting cleanup?

"That probably happened at Larson Field when I was 9, 10, maybe 11 years old," he said with a laugh, referring to Carmel's youth ballpark adjacent to the Carmel Mission.

His vaunted defensive skills — Trosky was included on

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SPORTS

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this year's prestigious Brooks Wallace Watch List as one of the nation's best shortstops — moved to another level this year, as he committed just four errors in 221 chances for a .982 fielding percentage.

A likely factor was that Trosky was allowed to focus on one position at SDSU. At Oregon State, he was a utility infielder, moving from second base to shortstop to third base — wherever he was needed — on any given day.

Signing a pro contract would be the culmination of a

RESIGN

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Swanson said, referring to human resources manager/acting assistant city administrator Marisa Bermudez. "So, I guess conceivably by the end of July, we could have someone back in the chair."

In the meantime, new project manager Shari Carlett is serving as acting public works director.

"Shari stepped in and has been doing an excellent job," Swanson said. "She has a solid background in project management and capital improvement projects."

He said the staff changes should not be seen as unsettling.

"Even though outwardly it feels like there's a lot going on, I feel like we have a really solid plan for all these vacancies," he said. "Change is hard, but it's also exciting, and I am excited for that reason."

What's not quite as solid is the plan for replacing former city administrator Chip Rerig, who retired at the end of last year. Swanson has been filling in for Rerig and was offered the permanent post but declined, opting instead to return to his role as assistant city administrator after a new head is hired.

Avoid a repeat

At a special meeting June 12, the Carmel City Council took its first crack at deciding what that process should entail, starting with how to select a search firm. Members eventually settled on having Bermudez seek proposals and then choose the best six, including two national companies. The council will take over from there, winnowing the list to the best three during closed session and then selecting the top choice at an open meeting.

Once a firm is selected, councilmembers will go through the process of outlining what they and community members want to see in their next city administrator, along with defining how candidates should be culled and the finalists selected.

The last time the city used a headhunter to fill the post, Jason Stilwell ended up in the role in 2011. He left in October 2014 following a controversial three years, during which he hired former colleagues, fired longtime city employees, and entered lucrative contracts with former cronies, including farming out requests for public records to a Santa Barbara law firm. Following a public protest and his subsequent resignation, which included an additional \$150,000 to \$160,000 in pay and severance, the city reached settlements with three of the fired workers, who were offered new jobs and given cash payouts and back pay.

Another employee, IT manager Steve McInchak, who was suspended from his job in June 2013 during an ultimately groundless criminal investigation, died of a heart attack in October 2014 while still on paid leave. He had sued the city in June 2014 for discrimination, breach of contract and other charges, and his widow, Karen, continued the fight after his death and was paid a \$275,000 settlement in June 2015.

lifelong goal, but leaving a year of NCAA eligibility on the table would be emotional.

"This past season was the most fun I've ever had playing baseball," he said. "I was surrounded by great guys and great teammates. Kevin Vance is a really good person and an outstanding coach who knows how to manage a game, knows how to teach the game, and emphasizes the process over the result."

Faster, stronger

If he needs to delay professional baseball for another year, the San Diego State option is waiting for him as a redshirt senior. With a majority of their key players returning, and talented replacements coming to SDSU through the transfer portal, the Aztecs fully expect to make another run at a College World Series berth in 2027.

The best news for Trosky is that his 5-foot-10, 182-pound frame is 100 percent healthy this summer, during which he'll focus on "getting bigger, faster, stronger ... that's always my emphasis," he said.

"I won't be playing summer ball," said Trosky, who has spent previous offseasons competing in wooden-bat leagues frequented by big-league scouts. "I'm just resting and training, kind of getting back into the swing of things right now."

On Tuesday, Trosky, who earned a 3.92 grade-point average) achieved third-team Academic All-America honors from College Sports Communicators — only the fourth San Diego State baseball player, and the first since 2004, to receive that status.

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Conversations with the past can be like talking to a brick wall

DIRRICK WILLIAMS is a minister, inspirational speaker and leadership trainer who was born and raised in Pacific Grove. There, at First Baptist Church, he said that

died in separate accidents — Williams needed a break. As a minister, he delivered eulogies for them and others. The experiences left him in desperate need of some self-care.

Great Lives

By **ELAINE HESSER**

though he was often in trouble, the “church mothers” were certain that God was going to use him someday.

His life and career have since run on parallel tracks — high-powered jobs in operations and sales in Silicon Valley and a calling from God that led him into ministry and speaking — that have, at age 68, merged into his present path.

Self-care

Williams once considered a career in law enforcement, which he tried out during an enlistment in the Air Force. Upon re-entering the civilian world — after the service told him that reenlistment would keep him in North Dakota — he decided he wasn’t suited for that type of work.

Instead, he went north, where he found success as a Silicon Valley executive and graduated from Advantage College, a Bible college in Modesto.

After a series of deaths in his family — including two nephews, one in his late 20s and the other, his brother, not yet a teen, who

He had a cousin living in Memphis and stayed there for about three years before returning to the West Coast, where he found a job in San Diego and connected with a church. That contact set off a series of events that culminated in his receiving an offer to attend Morehouse College, a historically Black college in Atlanta, to earn

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COURTESY/DIRRICK WILLIAMS

Dirrick Williams’ life has been an often-arduous journey. His new book distills what he’s learned into a challenging parable.

From the mayor’s desk —

Don’t wait until you’re ready

By **DALE BYRNE**

TWO YEARS ago this week, I attended a meeting with two associates to discuss who should run for mayor. By the end of the meeting, the conversation had turned toward me. There was just one problem: I had never run for office. Like most people facing something new, my first thought was, “Now what?” Fortunately, there is plenty of help available online, at city hall, and from former councilmembers.

I was thinking about that meeting this week because the nomination period for Carmel’s November election opens July 13. In less than a month, we’ll know who is stepping forward to run for mayor and city council.

Before going any further, let me be clear about what this column is not. It is not a comment on any particular candidate. Anyone willing to put their name on a ballot deserves respect. Those already in office understand the responsibility and scrutiny that come with public service. This column is about something larger.

Time to step forward?

Over the years, I’ve noticed something curious. The people most qualified to help are often the ones who spend the most time convincing themselves they aren’t ready. They don’t have enough experience. They don’t know enough about city government.

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PAINTINGS INSPIRED BY PARENTS, A TEACHER, AND A POCKETFUL OF ROCKS

THE FIRST mark on every canvas is a large, thick, bright-orange circle — Kathryn Ann Myers’ reminder to herself that everyone and everything is interconnected.

The next are two straight lines — one vertical, the other horizontal — that divide the circle top to bottom and left to right. To the artist, the crisscrossing marks symbolize a stitching and healing of our world.

The ritual soon will be submerged beneath multiple layers of brilliant acrylic

her own artistic interpretations.

“I call this my ‘listening work,’” Myers said. “Once I have an idea of the story the landscape is trying to tell me, I join the conversation myself, first through a series of drawings — my way of attuning to that place.”

As she paints, she assumes the role of a translator, hoping to help others understand the life of the venue.

Myers’ most recent renderings capture the majesty of Asilomar, Point Pinos, Point Lobos and other venues she has discovered since relocating to the Monterey Peninsula two years ago with her husband and young son.

Carmel’s Artists

By **DENNIS TAYLOR**

paint, spread with a palette knife and thick brushes, that will evolve into the stunning impressionist/expressionist-style landscapes and seascapes Myers creates after studying the geographic and geological history of each specific venue.

Claustrophobic

“My landscapes embody the joy and hope I see in these places. My work brings attention to the present battle to protect and preserve our national treasures,” explained the artist and professional educator.

“The first step is to build a relationship with them by slowing down and looking at them more closely,” she said, “Painting is the way I like to journey into life’s question: What is that interdependent relationship between history, landscape and identity? All of my work circles around that question.”

Every painting represents a specific place at a particular moment, drawn from geological evidence, historical context and

Other pieces depict the spectacular scenery of the Oregon Coast Trail, the entirety of which she hiked during the Covid pandemic, when she could no longer bear another claustrophobic moment inside the walls of her apartment in downtown Portland.

“By the time I was 3 or 4, I knew I wanted to be an artist,” said the daughter of two professional dancers — both mathematicians — who also happen to be artists. Her dad creates large ceramic pieces, stone carvings, drawings and paintings. Her mom is a fiber artist.

Mrs. Hahn

Myers’ early years were also shaped by a childhood spent in New Mexico’s Rio Grande Valley near Santa Fe — a paradise for artists.

“I was surrounded by the arts. I’d go to galleries and artist demonstrations with my parents all the time, and we constantly talked about art as a family,” she said.

“I also had an amazing public-school experience with the same art teacher, Mrs. Thelma Hahn, from kindergarten through sixth grade,” Myers said of her original mentor, who taught from 1970-1996 in the Los Alamos Public School District and still gives lessons at age 74 at the historic Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos. “I’d actually go to her house after school for more classes, and then she started an after-school art enrichment program.”

The beauty of New Mexico also inspired a love for the outdoors and an early fascination with geology for Myers, who would return from hikes with pockets filled with rocks, which she would look up and study at home in a small personal library.



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Kathryn Ann Myers is a prolific artist who studies the geology and history of every venue she paints.

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LETTERS

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measures to prevent a deadly accident due to current dangerous conditions on Highway 1. What also is needed is a way to spread out visitation, reducing demand on peak days and times, and introduction of modest fees for walk-ins to discourage on-street parking and incentivize use of offsite parking and a shuttle.

Back in 2018, ParkIt, a consortium of State Parks and four local organizations, designed a reservation and fee system for Point Lobos based on a system used successfully by the National Park Service at Muir Woods. ParkIt officials evaluated potential vendors in the fall of 2018, and the State Parks Monterey District superintendent met with potential vendors (including the Muir Woods vendor) in February 2019. It appeared at the time that State Parks would issue a request for proposals shortly. Vendors kept calling for the next couple of years, inquiring when the RFP would be issued. Eventually, they stopped calling.

While it has made some progress toward approval of an offsite parking location, for whatever reason, State Parks headquarters in Sacramento has been unwilling to proceed with a reservation system and walk-in fees. Their caution is understandable. Public outcry forced rapid cancellation of walk-in fees introduced in the 1990s. The California Coastal Commission staff historically has opposed any limitations on Point Lobos visitorship. Still, the danger now is so great and bureaucratic delay so evident that, were a catastrophe to occur, state agencies rightly could be accused of negligence. The time for action is now.

Sandy Hale, Carmel

Pay to play

Dear Editor,

There's no question that the Point Lobos parking situation has been out of control for far too long. What is equally mind-boggling is the fact that we are not charging a minimal "walk-in" fee. Sure, there's a discreet donation box on the walk-in trail, "donation" being the key word. A number of cars parked outside the park do so to avoid the entrance fee. It's easy to calculate the estimated revenue lost by counting the cars parked on Highway 1 and multiplying by just two to four occupants at \$1 per person. Walk-ins benefit from and have an impact on the wear of all the facilities. They use the trails, restrooms, picnic sites

and contribute to the recycling and garbage that has to be dealt with. Developing a parking lot and building a tunnel over or under Highway 1 takes funding, but every dollar counts when you're serious about solving the problem.

Linda B. Mullally, Hacienda Carmel

Dinner hour

Dear Editor,

I do not have a solution to Carmel's major parking problem. However, there are some relatively simple things that can be done to especially help one group: town residents.

The dinner hour (6 to 9 p.m.) is a particular time when parking is sparse. However, there are numerous parking spaces "reserved" at municipal offices (library, city hall, Sunset Center) when these organizations are not open. Add banks, real estate offices and other businesses that are closed in the evening. And the entire block of Junipero where tour buses park during the day could accommodate numerous cars.

These parking spaces could be marked, "Parking only 6-9 p.m. Resident sticker required."

Yes, there will be pushback from tenants and landlords, but let them show some civic spirit and cooperate in the effort.

Walter Adams, Carmel

Drag queen story time

Dear Editor,

As a taxpayer, I oppose the City of Monterey's decision to sponsor drag queen-themed children's programming at the Monterey Public Library. Government neutrality requires public institutions to serve the entire community without appearing to endorse highly contested social or cultural viewpoints.

Last year, this event was held at a private business. Private organizations are free to promote whatever messages they choose. This year, however, it has been moved into our public library, transforming a private activity into one carrying the appearance of government endorsement. The library is no longer merely providing space; it is using public resources, public staff and the authority of a public institution to promote a particular message. Taxpayers are entitled to ask what standards are being applied when the library decides which viewpoints receive official sponsorship.

Drag queen performances typically involve men dressing as women and adopting female clothing, makeup, speech patterns and mannerisms, often in an exaggerated fashion for effect. Many residents view such performances as adult-themed and inappropriate for children.

The issue is especially significant because the intended audience is children. Public libraries exist to promote literacy, education and a lifelong love of reading. At a time when many students continue to struggle with reading proficiency, library resources should be focused on programs that directly support those goals. Residents have a right to ask how this event advances literacy, learning or educational outcomes for children.

Good government requires more than legal authority; it requires sound judgment. Public institutions belong to every taxpayer, regardless of political belief, faith or cultural viewpoint. When a public library moves from

providing access to providing sponsorship, questions of government neutrality become both legitimate and necessary. Residents deserve an open and respectful conversation about how taxpayer-funded institutions can best serve children and families.

Rosemarie Barnard, Prunedale

Fan mail

Dear Editor,

After reading your paper's June 19 editorial, I can't help but believe that not all Americans share such uninteresting and ignorant views about people. At least I don't. When the writer states that, "we may be open-minded in the United States ...," first of all, you do not speak for the collective "we." You speak as a single arrogant, disgusting, privileged white man or woman who I am sure is extremely boring at parties. The comment about "poaching" cats and dogs shows just how "ugly" some Americans can be — you, for instance.

Also, you are delusional if you think Americans live by the "foundations of individual liberty and equality before the law and consent of the governed." In case you have had your head where the sun doesn't shine in the last year-and-a-half, we do not have government actors acting within the law, individual liberties are being lost every day and most Americans do not consent to what is happening.

You are a perfect example of what is wrong in America. Is it possible that people who share your views are why this country is seen in the world as weak, laughable and inept? Maybe eating dirt may help you "stomach" the demise of our country.

Debbie Baker, Pacific Grove

GAVEL

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homicides and other violent crimes in Monterey County. Investigators with the task force assisted with the renewed investigation.

In January 2022, the district attorney's office cold case task force received a \$535,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant, titled "FY 2021 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA," provides funding to support forensic testing and investigative activities in the prosecution of cold cases where DNA from a suspect has been identified. Funding from the grant enabled the cold case task force to seek justice in this case.

Judge Jennifer J. O'Keefe will sentence Jimenez on July 16, 2026. In addition to the prison term of 25 years to life, Jimenez will be subject to lifetime sex offender registration.

ROLE

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he plans to "finish up" his bachelor's degree and find a Southern California-based talent agency to represent him.

But before he heads off to college again, Carnazzo has a role in the New Canon Theatre Company's "Romeo and Juliet" at Forest Theater through June 28. For more details, visit newcanontheatreco.com.

While the actor now finds himself in the glare of Hollywood's bright lights, he has no plans to let go of his local ties.

"Looking back, it's so clear to me that my early arts education here on the Monterey Peninsula heavily influenced my current art," he added. "It's really gratifying to represent the local community in a project that is reaching audiences around the world — this place will always be home to me."

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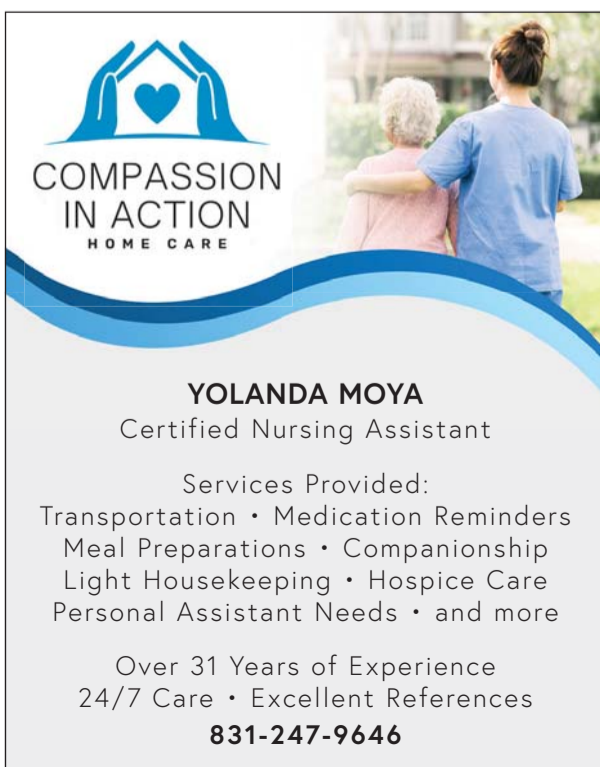
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ALLOCATIONS

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be distributed.

In November 2025, the council voted to designate intended uses for all 14 acre-feet of new water coming from the Pure Water Monterey wastewater recycling plant. Councilmembers followed the planning commission's recommendations to earmark 3 acre-feet for low-income and very-low-income housing, 6 acre-feet for new single-family and multifamily projects, 2 acre-feet for commercial uses, and the remaining 3 acre-feet for municipal projects. The allocation boosted the city's share of water to 16.661 acre-feet, or 5.4 million gallons, per year.

Since then, commercial water has been the hottest commodity, with projects snapping up all but 0.001 of an acre-foot. The first people to apply were Anthony and Alissa Carnazzo, who plan to open another restaurant and a deli on Dolores Street in a complex formerly used for offices. The couple, who own Stationaery restaurant on San Carlos, submitted their request for 0.1622 acre-feet — a little more than 52,853 gallons per year — on Nov. 12, 2025, and the Carmel Planning Commission approved the allocation when it approved their permits for the deli, Mama's Boy, and the restaurant, Mammone, Feb. 11. Restaurants' water permits are based on seating capacity, and the allocation will allow them to have 44 seats inside and 22 outside.

On Nov. 21, 2025, the nonprofit Carl Cherry Center for the Arts requested a small amount, 0.02905 acre-feet (9,466 gallons per year) to add two sinks, and the following month, the family that owns the Junipero Street building formerly occupied by La Balena applied for 0.539 acre-feet, which translates to 175,634 gallons per year, to add seats for a new restaurant. The amount required for each restaurant seat is 0.02 acre-feet.

The largest request came from Scandia Lopez LP, the Pebble Beach developer that's converting a former Dolores Street storefront into three apartments. The project has been proceeding slowly since it was approved in July 2022, and on Dec. 3, 2025, the developer applied for 0.992 acre-feet of commercial water, which amounts to about 323,245 gallons per year, to convert the retail space on the property into a restaurant.

Ice cream, restaurant

In January, the owners of Haifa Coffeehouse, the small Dolores Street shop that was repeatedly reprimanded by the building official last year for operating without the required permits or a business license, applied for 0.078 acre-feet of water, or 25,416 gallons per year.

After a three-month lull in applications, Danny Hala, who owns a gelato shop on San Carlos and a clothing store on Ocean, requested 0.052 acre-feet, or 16,944

gallons, for an ice cream parlor he plans to open on Lincoln south of Ocean. He applied April 10, and the planning commission approved the permits for his business earlier this month.

Four days later, Char Steakhouse — formerly Cantinetta Luca — asked for 0.058 acre-feet (18,899 gallons) in order to expand. The new steakhouse will join Bashar Alsneeh's culinary empire, which includes Dametra, Catch, PortaBella and BashBar, which is slated to take over the former Sade's spot on Lincoln Street.

The last business to ask for more water was Vin Bar, the new Dolores Street restaurant that opened in a former art gallery. The owners requested 0.089 acre-feet, or 29,000 gallons, to add seats.

No water permits have been issued for those projects, many of which are early in the planning stages, and their requests won't be considered filled until their building permits are finalized, according to the planning department.

Nevertheless, with so little left in the commercial category, other business owners who would like to expand or change are out of luck. The only way more can

be freed up for commercial use is by the council voting to take it from other categories — not by asking the district for an additional allocation — because the city created those specific buckets, not the district, Stoldt said.

House projects

The tracker also lists 29 applications for various residential projects, such as adding fixtures like sinks and showers, installing appliances, expanding bathrooms, converting storage rooms and closets to restrooms, demolishing and rebuilding expanded single-family homes, legalizing unpermitted fixtures, and constructing accessory dwelling units.

Those requests run from 0.01 acre-feet (3,258 gallons per year) for upgrades to a historic property located on Mission northeast of 11th, to 0.152 acre-feet, or around 49,529 gallons, for a remodel on Monte Verde northwest of 12th that includes an addition, a garage and an ADU. The most recent application was submitted June 10 and requests 0.043 acre-feet for the conversion of a garage at Casanova and Ocean into an ADU.

While 18 have received permits from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District because they secured their building permits, none of those transactions are complete.

RACING

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said. "They make it a party, and it's a great way to watch."

The camping area above Turn 9 — which is named Rainey Curve in his honor — is one of the best spots to take in the action.

Other locations Rainey enjoys include the track's legendary Corkscrew, a quick left-right that descends steeply into Turn 9, as well as the fast righthand Turn 3, the

grandstands at turn 4, and outside of Turn 2, where riders crest the hill at the end of the front straight, some hitting 190 mph, and head into the Andretti Hairpin.

But truly, Laguna Seca is one of the most spectator-friendly tracks in the world, with the tarmac visible from almost everywhere.

"If you've never attended a motorcycle event and you want to see America's best racers, make the journey," Rainey said. "Come check it out."

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Providence Ann Randazzo Calabrese Belleci

Providence Ann Randazzo Calabrese Belleci was born in Monterey on Flag Day, June 14, 1929, and passed away peacefully on June 15, 2026, surrounded by her beloved children and grandson at the age of 97.

Pansy was preceded in death by Peter Calabrese, her loving husband of 26 years; her precious son, Peter Calabrese Jr. in 1996; and Vincent Belleci, her cherished husband of 39 years in 2015. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Frances and Cosimo Randazzo, and her sisters, Rose Tarantino and Eva Flores.

Pansy was the heart of our big Italian family. Always the first to encourage family picnics in the park on the spur of the moment, trips to Calistoga, camping in Big Sur and summers at Konocti Harbor resort on Clear Lake.

She brought warmth, laughter and joy to every gathering and her many nieces and nephews couldn't wait for her to come up with a new idea. When Auntie Pansy said, "let's go," we all piled into the car and followed. Nobody wanted to miss the fun.

A proud and devoted member of the Italian community, Pansy belonged to the Italian Catholic Federation, The Festa Italia Santa Rosalia and The Italian Heritage Foundation. She also dedicated more than 30 years of service to the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, where she was admired for her hard work and commitment.

Her deep faith in God, love of family and devotion to country sustained her through life's greatest challenges, but Pansy's vibrant personality and love for her children, Antonia (J.J) Ruccello, Michael Calabrese; her treasured grandson, John (Gabriella) Ruccello; her surviving sister, Christine Tringali and a large extended family of nieces and nephews was the centerpiece of her life and her proudest legacy. The family extends their sincere thanks to Nisa who cared for their mother with patience and kindness.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at San Carlos Cathedral, Monterey, California.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOAN HUTTON
AUG. 28, 1931- JUNE 9, 2026

Joan Hutton, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord on June 9, 2026, at the age of 94.

Born on Aug. 28, 1931, Joan lived a life marked by faith, compassion and service.

Joan shared a devoted marriage with her husband, Ray Hutton (1930-2019). Together they raised a family in the San Francisco Bay Area before settling in the Carmel area in 1973.

As an active member of the Carmel Mission Basilica, Joan served as a Eucharistic Minister and contributed generously to parish life.

She brought joy to many through her volunteer work in local senior care homes as "Poke-the Clown," often accompanied by her beloved dog Snowy. She also supported the Alzheimer's Association, a cause that held special significance for her.

Joan is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Rob and Pam Hutton and Rick and Peggy Hutton; three grandchildren, Casey Hutton, Whitney Bunker (Daniel Bunker) and Nathan Hutton; and five great-grandchildren.

Though she will be greatly missed, her family finds comfort in Jesus Christ, the foundation of her faith that guided her so well for so many years. Joan's kindness, steadfast joy, and loving spirit will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A Mass celebrating Joan's life will begin at 10 a.m. on July 28, 2026, at the Carmel Mission Basilica.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Carmel Mission, or a charity of your choice.

ARTIST

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“It was really easy and fun to come back from a hike with different marine fossils — they were all around me in New Mexico,” she said. “Anything related to dinosaurs was really fascinating to me as a child.”

From 2000 to 2006, Myers studied at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, earning separate bachelor’s degrees in fine art and communications in 2004, and master’s degrees in elementary education and teaching in 2006.

“I originally went there for biology because I love being outside, love nature, love connecting with the natural world,” she said. “But I didn’t enjoy spending most of my time in a lab, looking at algae under a microscope and learning how to write grants.”

What she did enjoy as a 24-year resident of Oregon’s Willamette Valley was plein air painting, a passion that

grew in 2020 as she hiked and painted the Oregon Coast Trail.

“Art was a healing tool for me during the Covid pandemic,” said Myers, who, by then, was teaching at an elementary school, which closed, and developing curriculum with an educational research team that lost its funding and shut down.

Playful inquiry

In 2021, after she and her husband visited the Monterey Peninsula, they resolved to find a way to move here.

“We had never been to the area and absolutely loved it,” said Myers, whose dream came to fruition in 2024 when she found work with Turnaround Arts California, teaching teachers how to integrate art into their classrooms — a job she still adores.

She’s also a resident artist with the Center for Playful Inquiry, creating monthly videos encouraging teachers to implement art as a thinking tool.

“It’s a way for students to use art to process what

they’re learning from their teachers,” she said.

The objective, said Myers, isn’t about the art as a finished product.

“It’s about using art as a form of communication — a thinking and processing tool,” she said.

Both are part-time endeavors for Myers, a full-time artist who creates her paintings on site, outdoors, and also in her space at Open Ground Studios in Seaside.

Myers recently brought art and teaching — two passions — full-circle (that circle, again) when she reunited with her elementary-school mentor, Mrs. Hahn, in Santa Fe.

“We had lunch together and had a wonderful peer conversation about art and paintings,” she said. “She told me she was proud of me, which, to me, felt like a badge of validation.”

She also got to paint alongside her father during the visit.

“We’ll be going to an art workshop together in August, and I’m really looking forward to that,” she said.

For contact information and to view images of her work, visit kathrynnmyers.com.

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LIVES

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his master’s degree — and it would all be paid for.

Before that could happen, however, he was invited to preach at his old church in Pacific Grove. Williams said he would accept if it could be a surprise to his mother. With no small amount of joy, he recalled the look on her face when she saw him in the pulpit, and he said he received the first standing ovation in the church’s history. Leaving behind the opportunity to complete his graduate work, he moved home to help the church and his aging mom, an opportunity he said he was grateful for.

He stayed for seven months at First Baptist as pulpit director, coordinating speakers and working with the worship services before deciding to step away.

That didn’t end his community involvement, however, as he served on the board of The Village Project Inc., a mental health nonprofit in Seaside, and was the founder and executive director of the Black Leaders and Allies Collaborative, a group designed to foster “connection, dialogue and cooperation among Black leaders, anti-racist allies, change-making organizations and concerned individuals in Monterey County.”

Fitting or fearful?

In 2006, Williams founded his own business helping others with empowerment, personal development and relationship enhancement in one-on-one and group training sessions. His 2010 book, “Principle Living,” set out what he called a practical and biblically based philosophy intended to enhance people’s lives, produce “a heightened sense of purpose,” and deliver “a road map to lifelong happiness, peace and joy.”

It received some strong positive reviews and helped set the stage for everything that came after, including his recent work, “Don’t Be Just Another Brick in the Wall: A Conversational Journey with Truth and Self Becoming.”

This slim (less than 100 pages) volume posits that, “At some point, most of us realize we are living a life that doesn’t quite feel like our own.” From the time we come into the world, Williams writes, we are formed — by family, communities, social structures and culture — not into who we were created to be, but into who it’s safe to be, who we’re expected to be.

If you’ve read books like Blaise Pascal’s “Pensées” or even Richard Bach’s “Jonathan Livingston Seagull,” you’ll have some sense of what “Don’t Be Another Brick” is like — simple yet pithy sentences and vivid imagery that nevertheless defy rapid reading. That’s because they’re intended to invite the reader into self-reflection.

Tough road

The book’s fictional first-person narrator observes an interaction between a father and daughter, and it leads him to find and talk to a literal brick wall. Unlike other walls one encounters, however, this one talks back in a Socratic question-and-answer dialogue that leads the narrator into self-exploration and discovery. There’s also a nice dash of humor, as well as wry observations on humanity.

It’s a work of remarkable vulnerability and honesty laced with hope, and it concludes with the narrator arriving at the conclusion that he is not the “brick” he became to fit in and belong.

The winding road from Pacific Grove to North Dakota, Memphis, San Diego and home — or from childhood to his place now as a guide for others — was fraught with challenges.

Although he shared some of those, he preferred to focus on the present and how he can share his breakthrough with others. “Beyond the Wall” is a program based on his book. It’s designed to help people live “more authentically” while embracing core values of love, compassion, forgiveness and hope.

To learn more, visit dirrickwilliams.com or call (831) 383-2205.

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MAYOR

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Someone else would be better. Maybe in a few years.

The truth is most people don't feel ready when they first step forward. I knew I had a vast amount of business experience and had attended hundreds of public meetings, but still didn't feel truly ready. When I decided to run for mayor, I wasn't a former mayor, councilmember, commissioner or political insider. At the time, I was a volunteer wearing the same safety vest I'd worn while planting flowers, building pathway barriers, hauling trash, picking up cigarette butts, and delivering meals during Covid. Like most people who take on something new, I learned by doing.

Timing is key

The lesson is simple: Most worthwhile things begin before you feel completely prepared. Carmel itself is proof. The artists, architects, business owners and dreamers who shaped this village were not waiting for permission. They saw something worth creating and got to work. They did not know how things would turn out. They started anyway.

That spirit still exists. You see it in volunteers who care for our pathways and beaches. You see it in

nonprofit leaders, commissioners and neighbors who quietly improve this community every day. You saw it when this council implemented street addresses on a tight timeline, even though none of us had ever done anything like it before. Working with staff, the county and other partners, we figured it out.

I've written before about how complicated local government has become. Housing mandates, infrastructure needs, financial sustainability, public safety, water constraints and environmental regulations are real challenges. But complexity is not a reason to stay away. It's a reason we need thoughtful people willing to engage.

In fact, the timing could hardly be more important. By year's end, Carmel will likely have a new planning director, public works director, and city administrator. Few councils get the opportunity to help shape an entirely new leadership team at once. Whoever is elected this November will help influence Carmel's direction for years to come.

Carmel's future will not be shaped by people waiting until they feel perfectly qualified. It will be shaped by people willing to step forward despite their doubts.

Nomination papers are due from July 13 to Aug. 7. If you've been waiting for a sign, this is it. An email to City-Clerk@cbts.us will answer any questions.

Dale Byrne is mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. His email is dbyrne@cbts.us. To hear a podcast of this column, go to cli.re/noperfecttime.

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HEALTHY

Lifestyles

High-tech view of the brain makes stroke recovery easier

By ELAINE HESSER

IN THE early 20th century, scientists developed the technology that allows doctors to see blood vessels by injecting them with a dye visible on X-rays. Later improvements made it possible to see the vessels in real time and opened doors to treatments once unimaginable.

Doctors can reach and repair problems deep inside the body by using major blood vessels to deliver medical care without making large incisions. This approach, called endovascular surgery, shortens procedure times and dramatically speeds recovery.

One powerful application is mechanical thrombectomy for certain ischemic strokes. Here's what that means: According to the Cleveland Clinic, a stroke occurs "when a blood clot or broken vessel prevents blood from getting to your brain." The ischemic type — caused by a clot, also called a thrombus — accounts for nearly 90 percent of all strokes.

In a mechanical thrombectomy, neurosurgeons remove the clot blocking a major artery in the brain rather than trying to dissolve it with medication. Because removing the blockage is faster, this procedure can significantly increase the likelihood of recovery from a stroke.

Team effort

Dr. Tyler Cole is a neurosurgeon who directs the University of California San Francisco cerebrovascular surgery and interventional and endovascular stroke services

at Montage Health. He helps people with conditions of the brain and spine as well as surgeries to treat epilepsy and conditions involving the skull base, spine and blood vessels in the head and neck — including strokes.

According to his bio with Montage, "Cole has been at the forefront of research and innovation in neurosurgery." The partnership with UCSF was established in 2024, and Cole brought the mechanical thrombectomy — developed in the early 2010s — to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula in April 2025.

Previously, patients had to be moved to the San Francisco Bay area for the procedure. Since time is of the essence in dealing with a stroke, having this treatment available locally can greatly improve people's outcomes.

Cole was introduced to it as a resident eight or nine years ago and said he's been performing it consistently for about four years. He credits his colleagues on the team at Montage with helping to make all of this work possible. "You can't do it alone," he said.

Under an hour

Montage's description of the mechanical thrombectomy reads, "Specially trained neurosurgeons insert a catheter (a flexible tube) into an artery through a small incision and guide it to the brain." The doctor uses real-time imaging to guide the catheter to the clot.

A specially designed wire is then inserted through the catheter to retrieve the clot, and a vacuum pump is used to suck it out, restoring normal blood flow. If everything goes well, Cole said, the whole procedure takes 20-25 minutes, longer if there's a lot of plaque (hardened deposits that can narrow vessels) or the blood vessels are particularly winding. He said that in general, it's usually less than an hour.



Being able to see and access blood vessels in the brain allows doctors to treat strokes in a new way.

Not everyone is a good candidate, but while age can be a factor, the thrombectomy has been done on people in their 90s, Cole said.

The procedure is available from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, a schedule selected based on when the bulk of patients come in. However, someone who arrives outside of those hours may still be able to get the procedure done at CHOMP, or

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Why wouldn't you taste something you're going to feed your pet?

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

ONE OF life's ironies is that creatures which seem to exist to please us while asking so little in return — a warm bed, a full belly, a dish of water and a pat on the head — remain with us for such a brief period of time.

Dogs teach us to live in the moment, love unconditionally and find joy in simple things, like naps. In return, we need to appreciate them, care for them and give them what they need — including high-quality food that will help them stay healthy, so they live longer, active lives.

As a veterinary technician, Vicki LoRusso has seen a lot of sickness among pets, including skin issues, gut-health problems and cancer. And she has seen some of the illnesses go away.

"Part of the problem is that, as much as we love our dogs, we don't always keep them on the healthiest diet," she said. "We give them low-cost, low-quality kibble. We feed them scraps from the table. We teach them tricks by rewarding them with sugary treats. Part of the solution, I realized, lies in giving dogs quality food, including treats, that will benefit them."

That inspired LoRusso to develop "Double Bark," a plant-based bakery dedicated to making healthy dog treats that foster gut health and overall wellness.

"I have been making food for my dogs for a long time," LoRusso said. "Having spent years in the veterinary field, I know what's good for my dogs and what isn't. They are not strictly carnivores. They benefit from fruits and vegetables to introduce the fiber they need. I started Double Bark because there aren't many plant-based treats available."

Double Bark is named after LoRusso's late border collie, Sammi, who always barked twice. "People say they have a

heart-and-soul dog," she said. "Sammi was mine."

Talking about the products sold under her old friend's name, she said, "I bake with plant-based, organic products, including coconut or rice flour, peanut butter and fruits and vegetables, like beets, apples, spinach and wild blueberries. And I roast my own pumpkin and puree it."

LoRusso tastes every batch before she bakes to make sure ingredient levels are right. Then she cuts the treats in cute shapes with vivid colors to make them visually appealing to dog owners. A fair number of customers admit they have sampled the goodies. LoRusso's official taste-testers are Ricki, a Staffordshire-German shepherd mix, and Bailey, her German shepherd-Catahoula mix — along with the rest of her family's dogs.

For more information, visit doublebark-treats.com or the local farmers markets in Hollister on Wednesdays, Salinas on Saturdays and Carmel Valley on Sundays.

Something for everyone

Franc Gutierrez makes his primary living as a hairdresser, but his life is made complete by his dogs, a sheepadoodle named Gracie and a Bernedoodle called Rocco. When not in the salon, Gutierrez customizes gourmet charcuterie boards for the wineries in his North County communities, serving everyone, he realized, but their pets. So, he took a baking class, opened a commercial kitchen in Morgan Hill and started baking dog treats.

"Where there's a winery, there is a dog," Gutierrez said. "My businesses go hand in hand. I started to focus on what our fur babies need, which is the same fresh, high-quality food we serve people."

For his ingredients, he discovered Full



Brad's Barkery dog treats grew out of a community service project.

Circle Farm, a regenerative ag operation in Gilroy that works to restore the land while growing foods, striving to leave the soil healthier than they found it. Gracie & Rocco's Quality Treats — named for his pups — are sold in pet stores and farmers markets including Carmel's Thursday event.

Flavors include kale and apple, plus carrot cake, peanut butter and zucchini bread. "We dehydrate the ingredients for 10 hours and use gluten-free wheat and oats," he said. "When the warm carrot cake treats come out of the oven, I snack on them myself."

Apparently, he's not alone. Gutierrez said his baking staff sample the products as they bake, as do many of his farmers market customers.

"Why wouldn't you try something

you're going to feed your pet? At the markets, women typically try our treats first, and then the men are willing to give it a try. Dogs are always ready and willing."

It's a dog's life

During high school, Natalie Powell needed to complete community service hours. One project involved making treats for horses at rescue organizations, which inspired Powell to start baking them for dogs — mostly her own.

She said, "When Covid came, I gave my dog treats to friends, asking for their input, which led to a small business I ran off a website, taking small orders and dropping them off. Then I reached out to rescue

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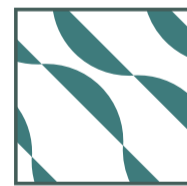
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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Who can I call about that?

By ELAINE HESSER

THE MONTEREY Peninsula has long been a dream retirement destination. From those who were assigned to Fort Ord and longed to return without the demands of military duty, to folks who used it as a weekend getaway from the relentless pace of work in the big city, it sometimes feels like everyone wants to spend their “golden years” here.

As a result, this region has become home to a large contingent of smart and active seniors and a remarkable array of senior services. Local governments, non-profits and specialized providers offer assistance that includes meal delivery, care for vision loss, tax help, and all sorts of

social opportunities.

But if you don’t know the services are there, you can’t use them — so here’s a handy reference list of commonly needed resources.

Monterey County Aging and Adult Services provides information, referrals, in-home supportive services and help with benefits. Although it is taxpayer-funded, the agency also accepts private donations. The main office is in Salinas, with a senior helpline at (831) 755-4466.

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T H E K I T C H E N

Garbanzo bean salad

Courtesy of Sarah Boyle, host, 'Sundays with Sarah'

THIS MONTH'S recipe comes to us from Sarah Boyle, an interior designer whose online cooking show, "Sundays with Sarah," allows her to indulge her passion while also showing off the features of a thoughtfully planned kitchen.

If you saw the half-cup of mayo and wondered how this salad could be "healthy," Boyle pointed out that when the dish is divided into 20-ish portions, each person is only getting about 1/2 tablespoon of the stuff. Still, she said, you can sub in low-fat Greek yogurt, stirring it first with the lemon juice to make sure it's thoroughly combined. (In our experience, yogurt-based dressings can break if left to sit, giving them a watery appearance, but you can usually just stir before serving if that happens.)

If you're watching your sodium, get the low- or no-sodium-added version of the garbanzos, and while it's completely unnecessary — not to mention tedious — some people like to remove the papery outer shells before using them to make a nicer-looking presentation.

Speaking of presentation, you can make this ahead of time to let all the flavors blend, but it might be best to add the cilantro shortly before serving.

When chopping the vegetables, go for bite-sized pieces. Feel free to vary the recipe slightly by trading some of the crunch of the raw red bell pepper for the deeper, sweeter flavor of roasted pepper strips. The celery will still add plenty of texture.

To prep a bell pepper like a pro, don't cut around the stem like it's a pumpkin or

slice down the middle and remove the core by hand. Instead, lop off the top and take a thin slice off the bottom. Set it on end and make one vertical cut, then unroll the skin like a paper towel and remove the core and ribs. Elle Simone of "America's Test Kitchen" demonstrates in this short video: tinyurl.com/ujvsrpxx.

This salad would go great with a Middle Eastern-themed meal or a nice piece of fish, and the ingredients are easy to find year-round.

INGREDIENTS (Serves 21)

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise (see notes)
- 5 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 4 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 15- to 16-ounce cans garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed (see notes)
- 1 chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 bunch green onions, cleaned and chopped
- 1 to 1 1/2 bunches fresh cilantro, chopped

Stir together the mayonnaise, lemon juice, cumin, cayenne, salt, sesame oil and minced garlic. Place the garbanzo beans in a bowl with the red bell pepper, celery, chopped onions and cilantro and mix gently with the dressing until everything is combined. One serving is about 1/2 cup of salad.



Chef Bio

SARAH BOYLE launched her "Sundays with Sarah" cooking show on Facebook to bring together her day job as a designer and her passion for all things culinary. It's filmed in her own kitchen, where she prepares meals for herself, her husband, Shawn, and their two sons.

Coming of age in the then-small East Bay city of Alamo, Boyle said she felt lucky to have her parents at home all the time, and that was something she wanted to pass on when she became a mother.

"They didn't have office jobs," she said. "They managed their investments." She explained that her folks "started young," putting their money into real estate, and she recalled tagging along as her dad repaired tiles, repainted — "little things when you move tenants in or out," she said.

"I wanted to be just like them."

She said she wants to help people make homemade food part of their lives. She learned to cook with her

mom, who appears in one of the episodes. Boyle not only prepared meals from scratch, but canned her own foods.

"We'd do things like go pick the cucumbers and then make pickles," she reminisced. Mother and daughter watched Julia Child together, too. Her dad appeared in a special Father's Day episode where they made jerky.

Her organizational tips are straightforward and logical — group items where you'll use them, and tape cards with frequently used recipes to the inside of cabinet doors where the necessary items are kept, for example.

"If you love your kitchen, delicious things will come out of it," Boyle observed.



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The nonprofit **Alliance on Aging** stands out as a great resource across Monterey County. It offers Medicare counseling, peer counseling, ombudsman services for long-term care, transportation assistance and benefits checkups. Offices are in Monterey at 280 Dickman Ave. and Salinas at 247 Main St. Contact by calling (831) 758-4011 or (831) 655-1334. Website: allianceonaging.org.

In Carmel at Eighth Avenue and Lincoln Street, the 76-year-old **Carmel Foundation** provides an active community gathering place with services for those 55 or older. Members pay an annual fee of \$60 and can access dozens of low- or no-fee weekly classes, on-site and home-delivered meals, support services and affordable housing options. Call (831) 624-1588 or visit carmelfoundation.org.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula delivers nutritious meals, offers community dining and conducts wellness checks. Its Pacific Grove center near Lovers Point also hosts other activities. Check out mowmp.org to learn more.

For vision challenges, the **Blind & Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County** at 225 Laurel Ave. in Pacific Grove delivers orientation and mobility training, assistive technology, low-vision clinics and peer support. Visit blindandlowvision.org or call (831) 649-3505.

Hearing loss resources include the **Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center's** outreach in Salinas. Call (559) 225-3323 or visit dhsc.org.

The **Alzheimer's Association Monterey Bay Region** provides 24/7 helpline support at (800) 272-3900, caregiver and early-stage dementia groups, education and health care navigation. Learn more at alz.org/norcal.

The **Monterey Parkinson's Support Group** meets monthly at 3 p.m. at POP Studio and Gym, 2555 Garden Road in Monterey. It offers education, peer support and resources. Read more at montereyparkinsons.org. **Power Over Parkinson's** also provides exercise programs tailored to the disease.

Tax and legal assistance

The **Alliance on Aging's tax counseling program** has IRS-certified volunteers who provide free assistance to adults 60 and older or those with disabilities. Services run primarily February to mid-April at multiple sites, including the Carmel Foundation, Meals on Wheels in Pacific Grove and Alliance offices. Off-season help is available starting in June in Salinas and Pacific Grove. Schedule online at allianceonaging.org or call (831) 655-1334.

United Way Monterey County will also help with tax preparation through the IRS-sponsored VITA, or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and online through MyFreeTaxes. These free services are generally available to individuals and working families earning below a certain income threshold.

Legal Services for Seniors in Monterey offers free assistance on a number of issues at (831) 899-0492. According to its website, “As a nonprofit serving Monterey County, we provide trusted legal assistance and representation to individuals age 60 and older — at no cost. Our team helps seniors navigate critical issues such as housing, estate planning, and protection from elder abuse.”

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organizations like Animal Friends Rescue Project, so every newly adopted-dog family got a treat goodie bag. This caused a bonanza of online orders, which made me think it was time for an in-person store.”

Powell and her father, Robert Powell, baked together. After researching recipes, they learned how to incorporate other flavors into their products and expand their offerings.

“Our most popular treat-bone flavor probably has been bison/blueberry,” Natalie said. “We also make a lot of creative shapes, but the bones and the cannoli are really the most popular, even though the dogs don’t care or notice.”

The company is named Brad’s Barkery after the first taste-tester, a Pomeranian

from AFRP Natalie had fallen in love with. While Brad has since passed, Natalie now has three Pomeranians, Angelina, Abbie and Duke.

As adopters began to ask where they could get more of Powell’s homemade treats, the family decided to open a storefront in Carmel.

Located at Court of the Fountains on Mission Street, the two-story enterprise also offers beds and bandannas, collars, leashes, apparel, and full grooming.

“At Brad’s Barkery, we believe every dog deserves to be celebrated,” said Natalie’s mom, Virginia Maxwell. “Whether it’s a warm bath and gentle brushing in our grooming spa, a custom treat or cake for their birthday, or a cozy new bed from our boutique, our mission is to provide experiences that make tails wag and hearts full.”



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they may be transferred up north, in part depending on how quickly they come in after symptoms begin.

With strokes, as the saying goes, “time lost is brain lost,” so it’s critical for someone with symptoms to go to the emergency department as quickly as possible. The American Stroke Association uses the acronym BE FAST to help people remember the most common stroke symptoms:

■ **Balance:** Sudden loss of balance, coordination, or difficulty walking.

■ **Eye changes:** Sudden blurred vision, double vision, or sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes.

■ **Face drooping:** One side of the person’s face droops or is numb. Ask them to smile to see if it is uneven.

■ **Arm weakness:** One arm feels weak or numb. Ask the person to raise both arms to check if one drifts downward.

■ **Speech difficulty:** Speech is slurred, the person is unable to speak, or they are hard to understand. Ask them to repeat a simple sentence like “The sky is blue” to

check.

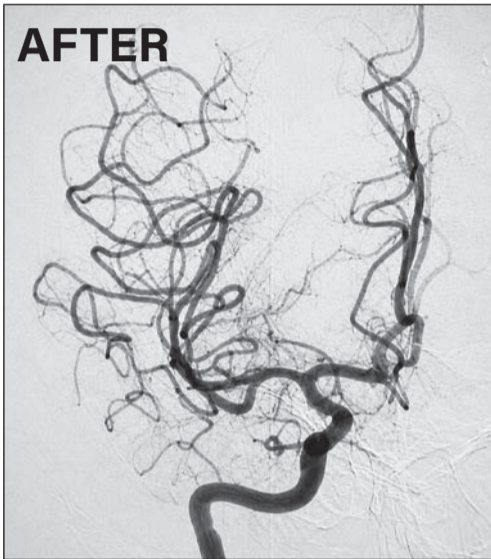
■ **Time to call 911:** If the person shows any of these signs, even if they go away, call 911 and get them to the hospital immediately. (It should go without saying that the patient ought not do the driving.)

Cole said he hopes to get CHOMP certified as a comprehensive stroke center, saying the designation “strengthens the level of stroke care available to our community.”

He said it would also reflect “the full range of advanced services, specialists and response systems we have in place,” and “formally place Community Hospital within the highest tier of stroke centers nationally.”

Perhaps most significantly, he said, patients would no longer need to leave the area for advanced stroke care. They could receive critical treatment more quickly right here at home while staying closer to family and the support they need.

“Overall, comprehensive status supports faster access to specialized care and reinforces Community Hospital’s role as a central resource for stroke treatment in our region,” Cole said.



These images show increased blood flow to the brain after a thrombectomy is performed.

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FAMOUS FOR embracing the jazzy side of country music and injecting new life into the swing music genre, **Asleep at the Wheel** takes the stage Saturday, 7 p.m.,

invited the band to Austin, Texas, where they soon found a home — and success.

Recorded in Nashville in 1975, the band's third album, "Texas Gold," became a big commercial success, rising to No. 7 on the country charts and spawning a Top 10 country single, "The Letter That Johnny Walker Read." More hits followed, including "House of Blue

Lights," "Bump, Bounce Boogie" and "Miles and Miles of Texas." Along the way, the band helped make swing music hip, sparking a revival of a musical genre that had its heyday in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

The band has earned eight Grammy Awards over the past five decades, including their most recent, "There You Go Again," which won for Best Americana Performance in 2023.

Singer and guitarist **Anna May** opens the show.

Tickets start at \$42. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

■ Back to 1968

Also at **Golden State** this week is a show billed as the "Ultimate Doors

Tribute," which is set for Thursday at 7 p.m. **Darrian Kenney** takes on the role of the band's enigmatic singer, Jim Morrison.

"From the period-correct instruments and vintage gear that recreate The Doors' unmistakable tones, to the styling, stage presence and energy that mirror the original band, every detail is crafted to transport audiences back to 1968," according to the band.

Tickets start at \$37.

■ Heart and Soul

The monthly **Jazz Jam** returns Sunday at 1 p.m. to **Embassy Suites** in Seaside, with **Akina Miyata** as the featured performer. According to host Lee Durley, Miyata possesses "an incredible voice," and puts "her heart and soul into every performance."

Miyata will be backed by keyboardist **Bill Spencer**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Amrit Mahi**. As always, there's no cover charge, and professional musicians are welcome to join the jam.

Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

Live music June 26-July 2

■ Big Sur

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



The Ultimate Doors Tribute, featuring singer Darrian Kenney (above), plays Thursday in Monterey.

at noon), singer and guitarist **Victor Veysey** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — **The Swag Tones** (funk and soul, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Baja Cantina — **Scarlet** (pop and

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

at the **Golden State Theatre** in Monterey.

Co-founded by current singer **Ray Benson** in West Virginia in 1969, the band did a stint in San Francisco in the early 1970s, where singer Van Morrison became a fan and they opened for glam rocker Alice Cooper. But country legend Willie Nelson



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FOOD & WINE

Culinary fireworks, battling bartenders and Jewish chicken ranchers

AS SURE as tourists returning to local restaurants is a sign of summer, the “no fireworks” signs are starting to pop up ahead of this year’s big 250th bash on July 4.

Chefs and event planners are offering plenty of their own sparkle around the holiday weekend, and we’ve got the info. And

ologist Joshua Perry, the competition has drawn talent from throughout the Monterey Peninsula, including Houston Hansen from The Tap Room, Marissa Capen from Hula’s, Kayden Yamashita from Pop & Hiss, Andrew Weld from The Salty Seal, Cella’s own Lindsay Eshleman, Nica Farr from Stoke’s Adobe, Aja Gonzalez from Brophy’s, and defending champion Felicia Gonzales-Acosta, a Perry protégé who now runs the bar in two-Michelin-starred Aubergine in Carmel.

Competitors will face off “in a spirited showcase of creativity, technique and personality behind the bar,” producing inventive cocktails in three rounds. They’ll first present signature drinks reflecting their individual styles and approaches, and the second task will test their speed and precision. The challenging championship round will have “bartender’s dice” determining the base spirit, along with surprise flavors and techniques that competitors must incorporate on the fly — “pushing creativity, adaptability and skill to the forefront.”

A special small-bites menu from Alta Bakery and Cella chef Tyler Eaves will be available throughout the evening, and past competitors will be providing libations.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the event begins at 6. The \$45 (\$50 day of) general admission includes a welcome aperitif and standing-room view of the competition, while preferred seating for parties of two to eight is available for \$140 to \$520 and

includes welcome drinks, beverage tickets and table service. The \$625 VIP Lounge, which offers seats for four to five guests in the front row, includes samples of all eight contestants’ round-one cocktails, five drink

Last fall, Welenc took over as culinary director for the historic cliffside hotel, where the dining room is really just a frame for panoramic views and a menu that makes good on its “seasonally inspired”

Soup to Nuts

speaking of sparklers, why not have a glass of Champagne while you read?

■ Cella’s cocktail clash

An all-star lineup is assembling for Cella Restaurant’s third Coastal Cocktail Clash June 29. Organized by chief mix-



Herschel and Lena Schuman, once chicken ranchers in Petaluma, will share their memories in conjunction with the screening of a movie on Jewish immigrant farmers. The event is Sunday at Congregation Beth Israel.



Chef Chris Welenc’s menu at the Pacific’s Edge Restaurant in the Hyatt Highlands Inn includes a flavorful Dungeness crab cake with a moderately spicy chipotle aioli and a seared halibut fillet surrounded by beurre blanc and garnished with a slice of watermelon radish. Welenc took over the restaurant in fall 2025.

tickets, table service, sponsor swag and a welcome aperitif. Extra drink tickets are available for \$15.

Cella is located at 525 Polk St. in Monterey. For more information, visit cellar-restaurant.com. Reservations for the competition are available through OpenTable.

■ Pacific’s Edge hits high notes

Suited for date night or a special lunch with time to linger, Pacific’s Edge at Hyatt Carmel Highlands is our local equivalent of the Top of the Mark in San Francisco or the bar-lounge atop the Space Needle. It’s true, the latter also pairs views of breaching humpback whales with plates of fresh seafood, but we reckon that chef Chris Welenc’s Dungeness crab cake — served with chipotle aioli and a bright side of fennel and cara cara oranges — is on par with Seattle’s finest.

billing. Crispy, slightly spicy and rich with a blend of Dungeness and lump — it’s possible the only mayo on the plate was in the aioli — the crab cake (\$28) delivered. The Super Seed Caesar similarly did right by its main ingredient, a generous stack of local romaine topped with a spoonful of panko bread crumbs, toasted sesame and pumpkin seeds, and a surprisingly anchovy-light dressing (for better or worse, depending on your POV).

On to the mains: a pan-seared halibut fillet atop citrus risotto with a tableside swirl of beurre blanc (\$48), offered a generous portion of fish and a nice balance with fresh accents of watermelon radish, shaved fennel and pickled leeks. The standout, however, was a medley of whole prawns and seared scallops caramelized to

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FOOD & WINE

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perfection and paired with a novel combination of cheddar polenta, broccolini and an understated miso-coconut-lime sauce (\$56). Somehow, it just worked. The polenta, despite its inherently modest role as a supporting character, was so good that a single forkful stopped conversation.

There's more variety to be had — staff favorites include the Dijon-crust rack of lamb (\$56), cioppino (\$48), and a Hawaiian bread pudding for dessert — accompanied by an extensive menu of signature cocktails and wines by the

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■ Pebble's big bash

To mark the nation's 250th birthday, Pebble Beach Resorts is pulling out all the stops with two celebrations, one at The Lodge and the other at Spanish Bay.

The 3rd Fairway at Pebble Beach will be the place to be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Independence Day, with live music, activities for families and kids, and holiday-inspired food stations. The \$150-per-adult price is inclusive of tax and service charge and includes alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages. Children 8 and up are \$70, while kids 7 and under are free.

The expansive culinary lineup is set to feature four salads (sweet corn with chipotle crema, summer stone fruit, deviled egg potato salad and Caesar), loaded chili cheese fries, prime rib chili, All-American grilled burgers, hot dogs, brats and corn dogs, grilled cheesesteak sandwiches, and numerous desserts, including pies, cakes, root beer floats, caramel corn, ice cream novelties and deep-fried cheesecake bites. Chicken tenders, fries and small burgers will be available for the kids.

Spanish Bay's celebration takes place at the inn — its golf course is undergoing an extensive overhaul — from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 4, with "4th of July favorites for purchase on the patio, including classics like burgers, hot dogs and pizza from a wood-fired oven."

Kids will get to enjoy a petting zoo, while grown-up entertainment will take the form of country music from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and blues from 2 to 5 p.m.

No tickets are required for entry, and food and beverages are available for purchase.

Find more information, along with tickets for The Lodge event, at pebblebeach.com/events/

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■ Independent salad and more

The simple Caesar salad shares a birthday with the United States. Who knew? The dish has long been a subject of debate over raw vs. coddled eggs in the dressing, the relative necessity of Worcestershire sauce, and so on. It's also a topic for trivia buffs. Frequently served in Italian restaurants and bearing the name of Roman emperors, it has very little to do with either. Café Carmel set the record



Spanish Bay (above) and Pebble Beach will be home to celebratory Fourth-of-July events with special menus, activities for children and music for the grownups.

straight in an announcement feting the dish's upcoming birthday.

It was invented "July 4, 1924, by Caesar Cardini, an Italian immigrant who ran a restaurant in Tijuana, Mexico, that drew Californians crossing the border during Prohibition.

As the story goes, a holiday rush left Cardini's kitchen short on supplies, so he improvised a salad from what he had on hand and tossed it tableside for his guests." Café Carmel owner Sarah Cook says to come by and try her classic combo of Little Gem lettuce topped with whole white anchovies to celebrate.

Carmel Mission Inn is celebrating the 250th on July 3 and 4, with live music from Scarlet and The Money Band. On July 3, you can also get pies from Fire on Wheels Pizza from 1 to 4 p.m., followed by barbecue specials of brisket sandwiches, bratwurst and hot dogs, along with the full Shearwater Tavern menu, all from 4 to 10 p.m. There is a \$15 cover charge for the band. Visit shearwatertavern.com or call (831) 624-6640.

■ Petaluma chicken ranchers

On Sunday, the Carmel Jewish Film and Jewish Food festivals sponsored and run by Congregation Beth Israel at 5716 Carmel Valley Road present "A Home on the Range: The Jewish Chicken Ranchers of Petaluma" at 7 p.m. Arlene Krebs, director of the film festival, said she was intrigued when she heard about the film because it was a part of Jewish history of which she had been previously unaware.

It seems that before Tyson and Purdue joined the pecking order, a group of immigrant families built a thriving community raising chickens for San Francisco's Chinatown and Jewish delis. Petaluma became known as "the egg basket of the world."

Attendees will be able to meet local resident Terry Piotrkowski, whose grandfather, father and uncle operated the Sovel Chicken Ranch mentioned in the film. She'll join former chicken ranchers Herschel and Lena Schuman of Sebastopol. The evening starts with dessert, followed by a screening of the 53-minute documentary and a discussion. Admission is \$25 per person, but students can attend for free. You can purchase tickets at carmelbethisrael.org or call the office at (831) 624-2015. Congregation Beth Israel is at 5716 Carmel Valley Road.

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

CALENDAR

Carmel Plaza's Summer Live Music is back. Friday Nights, July 17, 24 & 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. Food & drink packages available for \$25 while you enjoy two hours of free music. Ocean Avenue & Mission Street, Carmel Plaza. com/happenings

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Fridays – Dino Vera, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Terry's Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

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

Sundays – Live music 5 to 7 p.m. at Woody's at Del Mesa. Musical guests Brice and Nina deliver an eclectic mix of jazz, rock and reggae, 500 Del Mesa Carmel. (831) 624-1854

June 26 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) presents a luncheon lecture at the Hilton Garden Inn featuring **Dr. William C. Potter**, director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at MIIIS, whose topic is **"Is the Non-Proliferation Treaty Still Fit for Purpose? Lessons from the 2026 NPT Review Conference."** Visit www.wacmb.org for registration.

June 28 – "Cherry Jam in the Garden," fundraiser for Carmel's historic art scene, 2 to 5 p.m. at Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Event features live music, wine pourings and savory bites, silent auction and a live art auction, honoring Richard Cannon. Tickets are \$75 on EventBrite.com or at the door. Info: (831) 624-7491.

June 30 – Cooper-Molera Adobe presents Monterey Bohemian Artisan Marketplace from 4 to 7 p.m. Shop local artisans, enjoy live DJ set, savor delicious local flavors, and explore Monterey's historic museum and gardens during this free, family-friendly community celebration.

July 4 – Free concert! 2 to 3 p.m. in Devendorf Park, Ocean at Junipero, Carmel-by-the-Sea, or stream online montereycountypops.org.

July 4 – Carmel American Legion Post 521 invites everyone to 4th of July open house, 1 to 5 p.m. at the post, Dolores two south of Eighth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Enjoy live music by Cannery Joe Band. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available (while supplies last). Meet members and learn more about the American Legion.

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MUSIC

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rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Mission Inn — Open Mic Night (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). In Shearwater Tavern, 3665 Rio Road.

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

La Playa Hotel — The David Morwood Trio (jazz, Sunday and Tuesday at 5 p.m.). In Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth Avenue.

Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.),

Carmel Valley Road.

Edgar's — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktales Winery — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **Two Rivers** (pop and rock, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.), singer and multi-guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Wednesday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Tim Brady** (Thursday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — Deep Cuts (acoustic rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Monterey

A Taste of Monterey — Andrea's Fault (jazz and pop, Friday at 5 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Del Monte Center — Stung celebrates the music of the Police (tribute concert, Friday at 6 p.m.). 1410 Del Monte Center.

Estéban Restaurant — The Monterey Jazz All Star Ensemble (Tuesday at 5 p.m.). In the Casa Munras Hotel, 700 Munras Ave.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, Sunday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Midici Pizza — singer **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Janice Perl** and keyboardist **Evan Wiederanders** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Tuesday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Nick DiSalvo** (Friday at 6 p.m.), **Songbird Meadow** (alternative, pop and Latin, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Sardine Factory — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Sly McFly's — The Joint Chiefs (funk, acid jazz and classic r&b, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Rockafellas** (pop, rock and R&B, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Pacific**



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Pacific Grove

Asilomar Conference Center — Ho'orama (Hawaiian music, Friday at 6 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

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

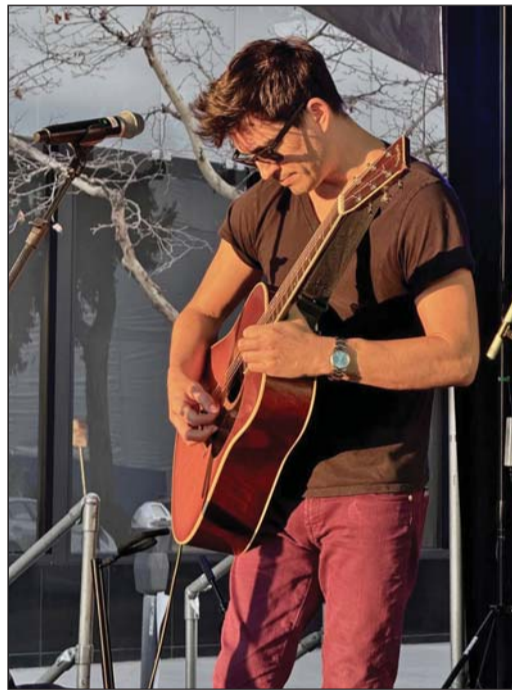
Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Fri-

day at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

Lucy's on Lighthouse — The New Wave Band (rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

PG Meetinghouse — singer and guitarist **Al James** (r&b and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), bassist **Dennis Murphy** and guitar-

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Singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom plays rock and blues Friday in Pebble Beach.

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.

Links Club — The Pacific Jack Band (classic rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

Taste Morgan — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 3 p.m.). 204 Crossroads Blvd.

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Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Michael Culver** (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.

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Female came into the station and said she was being followed by at least 17 cars.

A series of fireworks were set off on Ocean View Boulevard at 0415 hours.

Citizens confused the loud explosions for gunshots.

Mural artist pays tribute to Lupita's namesake

A MURAL that's being unveiled June 29 at noon in Seaside honors a popular bakery and its late founder.

Mural artist Jorge Torres of Marina was commissioned by the Arts Council for Monterey County to create a mural on the west-facing wall of **Lupita's Bakery** at

will be displayed at the site. Located on 2nd Avenue, the 34,000-square-foot playground will be the largest such playground in California.

City officials will host a meeting on the topic Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Rocky Han Community Center.

"No artwork will be created at this initial session," according to the city. "Instead, attendees will view where murals, mosaics and other creative installations will be located throughout the playground and sign up for future community creation opportunities."

City officials will also "gather artist leads and gauge community interest before planning and scheduling hands-on art sessions at city locations over the coming months."

For more details, visit cityofmarina.org/1387/All-Inclusive-Playground.

LIVE

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ist **Paul Magpusao** (jazz, Saturday at 11 a.m.), **The West Coast Cure** (classic rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Cat Broz** (classical, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign-ups start at 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop 'n' Hiss — **Slim Checkers** (Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Sweet Thursday** (Dixieland jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

Wild Fish — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — **The Andy Weis Trio** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.), **The Al James Duo** (r&b and rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

Courtyard by Marriott — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 800 Morgans Way.

To update these listings, email chris@carmelpinecone.com.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

1048 Broadway Ave. Paid for with a taxpayers' grant from the City of Seaside, the mural "weaves together themes of migration, entrepreneurship and family heritage, transforming the bakery into a landmark of community pride."

"The artwork highlights the history of the bakery and its enduring connection to both San Pablo, Oaxaca, and the City of Seaside," said the arts council's Nelly Otsu.

The restaurant was opened by brothers Allen and Tommy Morales in 2018 and named after their late mother, Lupita. The family uses Oaxacan recipes that have been passed down for more than a century.

A one-time artist-in-residence for the Weston Collective in Seaside, Torres owns the Better Days Sign Co.

■ The art of making a park

The City of Marina has launched an effort to build an "inclusive" playground, and now they're seeking help from the public to help shape the public art that



Mural artist Jorge Torres pays tribute to a beloved bakery in Seaside — along with the woman who helped inspire it.

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John and Wendy Fitzgerald to Timothy Hurley
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Superfly Enterprises LLC to MGC Motorsports LLC
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10427 Fairway Lane, Carmel Valley — \$1,750,000

Alta Tierra — \$1,600,000

MCBL 1 Inc. to Canada Woods LLC
APN:259-092-052

Marina

3006 Minaret Way unit D — \$379,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Jasmin Ramirez
APN:031-293-039

612 Carmel Avenue — \$507,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Max Silva
APN:031-314-005

3015 Gary Circle — \$570,000

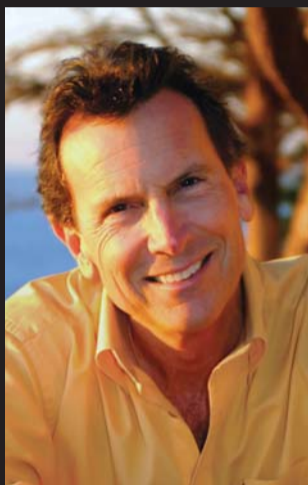
Tyler Mitchell to Aldolfo and Maria Campos
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When the lady in the locker room turns 100, she gets her own column

IS THERE someone in your life you feel you were destined to meet? I'm not talking about the person you married or even the one that got away, but a stranger who not only had a major impact on your life, she positively impacted hundreds, maybe thousands of lives.

Last week, about 200 of Flo Snyder-Speck's friends

and relatives gathered at the Beach Club in Pebble Beach to honor, reminisce and celebrate Auntie Flo's 100th birthday. When you're invited to the party of the year, you better write about it.

My own destiny with Flo began almost 20 years ago when she sat next to me at a writers club meeting in

Monterey. During our conversation, she showed me a postcard depicting the cover of a book she was writing about her life with the Brooklyn Dodgers when the team struck out from Ebbets Field and moved to Los Angeles. The cover of "Lady in the Locker Room" depicts five Dodgers' lockers: Sandy Koufax, Roy Campanella, Don Drysdale, Carl Furillo, and Flo. Each has a pair of baseball spikes on the locker floor — except hers is a pair of bright red high-heeled shoes with a pearl necklace wrapped around it.

Flo was the first person the Dodgers hired when they slid into Los Angeles in 1957. She became assistant to the Dodgers' legendary publicist, Red Patterson. She writes, "The move was about as well thought out as a panty raid

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

by a bunch of college freshmen who'd had too many beers." Flo generously asked me to advise her on the book, but there's not much one can do to improve on perfection. Whatever contribution I made is minimal, but our many brainstorming sessions cemented a lasting friendship. I could take up the rest of this column extolling the book. Suffice it to say, just buy it.

Whether or not you know anything about baseball, you'll enjoy Flo's look at the history and humor of the team's abrupt move to Los Angeles.

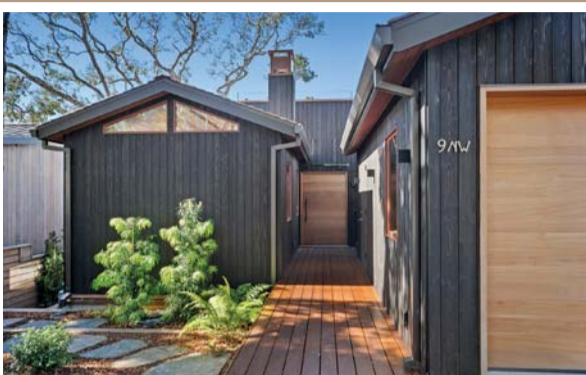
Many facets

There are as many sides to Flo Snyder-Speck as there are to a diamond. Each of her many facets reflects something different. Her philanthropy, for instance. In memory of her late husband, Dale Speck, Flo made a significant donation to Montage Health, upgrading the hospital's phlebotomy services laboratory. She was California's first director of tourism under Gov. George Deukmejian. She served on the 1984 L.A. International Olympics Committee. She's a past president and lifetime member of the Carmel Woman's Club. She worked with the Salvation Army for 27 years of Red Kettle Kick-Offs. All while being Auntie Flo to 42 rambunctious nieces and nephews.

As I listened to presentations at her party by a lengthy list of admirers, I was totally absorbed by the love flowing

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POLICE LOG

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog bite at San Carlos and Ninth. A dog owner believed their dog was choking and attempted to conduct a finger sweep of the dog's airway. The dog bit down on the person's finger during the attempt.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Documentation was requested regarding ongoing harassment at Ocean and San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on 19th Street was marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel area: A 59-year-old male called 911 to report the theft of personal items at the Crossroads. He was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance on Rio Road regarding a theft of three puppies.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 2313 hours, a parked vehicle was towed from Forest Avenue and Forest Hill Boulevard for having expired registration greater than six months.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to a vehicle at Forest and Hillcrest. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1417 hours, a male was given a trespass admonishment for a residence in the 10th block of Ransford Avenue.

Big Sur: Male subject at Bixby Bridge was placed on 5150 W&I mental health hold at 0445 hours.

Pacific Grove: Theft reported Locust Street without perpetrator information.

Marina: Marina Police officers received a traffic camera notification regarding a vehicle associated with an active CHP impound warrant. Officers located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop near Second Avenue and Imjin Parkway. As officers exited their patrol vehicles, the suspect fled. The driver proceeded the wrong way onto the northbound Highway 1 off-ramp, traveling southbound against traffic. Due to the significant danger posed to the public, officers terminated the pursuit. They continued monitoring the area and later located the abandoned vehicle in a nearby neighborhood. A short distance away, officers contacted the suspect, who was riding a bicycle. The individual was identified as a 35-year-old male from Castroville. Further investigation revealed he had several outstanding warrants for similar crimes. He was arrested and booked at Monterey County Jail.

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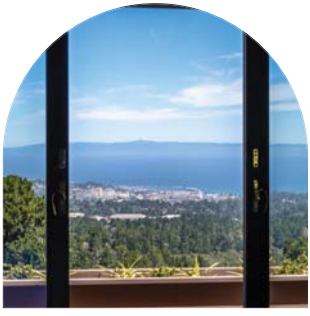
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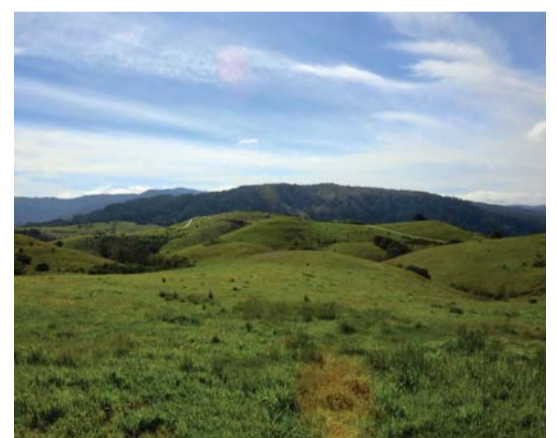


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\$2,895,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2:30
24785 Santa Rita Street Sotheby's Int'l RE 238-8116		
\$3,195,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2
Monte Verde 2 NW of 4th Avenue Carmel Realty Company 915-8153		
\$3,479,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
Crespi 2 NW Flanders Compass 915-6187		
\$3,595,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
San Carlos 2 SW of 12th The Agency 902-0777		
\$4,190,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 11-2
Mission 4 NE of 10th Sotheby's Int'l RE 877-0389		
\$4,500,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 12-2
534 Agujito Road Sotheby's Int'l RE 236-7363 / 915-0265		

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CARMEL VALLEY

\$1,145,000	2bd 2.5ba	Su 12-2
13330 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 236-7363		
\$1,380,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
471 Country Club Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 214-2250		
\$1,385,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
134 Laurel Dr Coldwell Banker Realty Carmel Valley 917-3966		
\$1,895,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
760 Country Club Dr Compass Carmel Valley 262-7768		
\$1,998,000	4bd 3ba	Su 1-3
20 Marquard Rd Coldwell Banker Realty Carmel Valley 809-0158		
\$2,195,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
297 El Caminito Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 915-8688		
\$2,440,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 1-3
26245 Rinconada Dr Compass Carmel Valley 236-5290		
\$2,595,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
13369 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 601-6271		
\$2,695,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2
46 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 917-3450		

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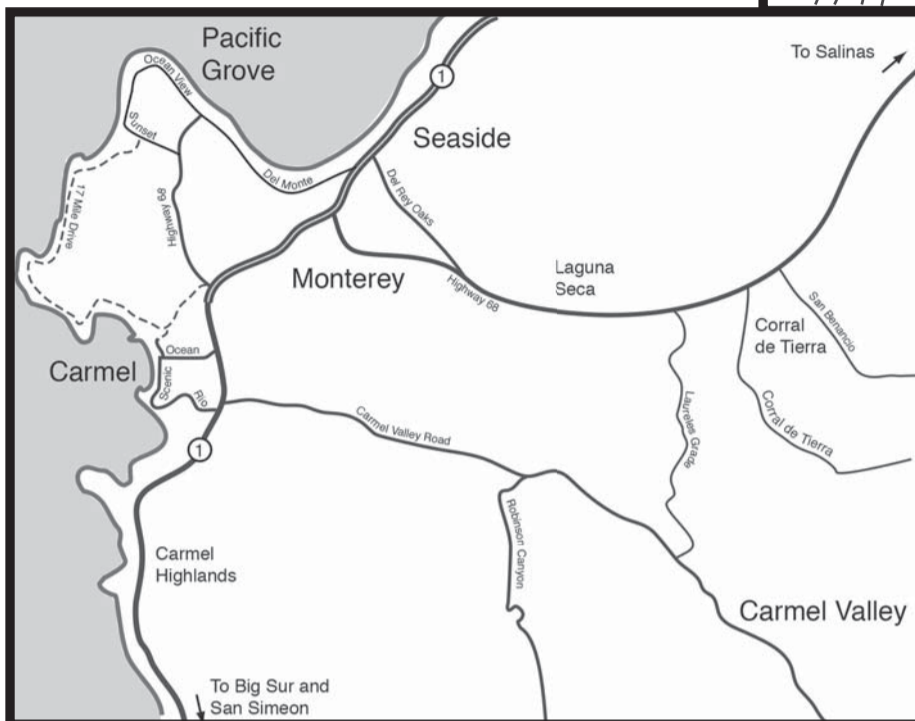
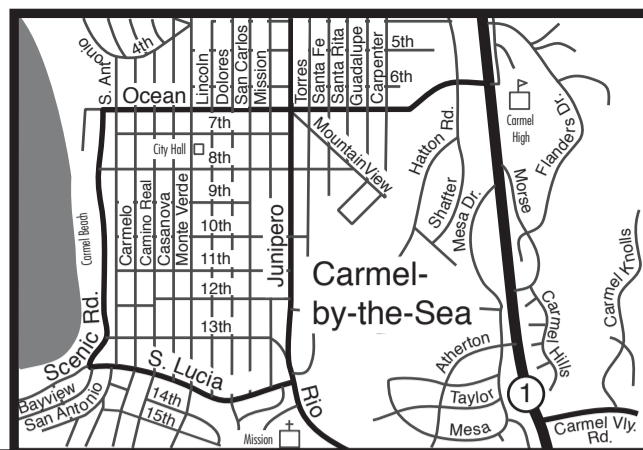
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25405 Markham Lane Sotheby's Int'l RE Corral de Tierra 297-9805 / 760-7091		

DEL REY OAKS

\$548,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 11-1
121 Quail Run Court Sotheby's Int'l RE Del Rey Oaks 917-1631		
\$749,000	2bd 1ba	Fr 9-4:30 Sa 11-4
870 Portola Dr The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Del Rey Oaks 595-9242		
\$1,350,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3:30
29 Los Encinos Dr Sotheby's Int'l RE Del Rey Oaks 214-2545		

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LOS GATOS

\$975,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-3
21568 Alma Court Sotheby's Int'l RE Los Gatos 252-0500		

MARINA

\$895,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
5003 3rd Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 277-8622		
\$1,085,000	3bd 2.5ba	Fr 4:30-6:30
2975 Denali Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 200-5007		
\$1,125,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
13514 Warren Ave The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Marina 837-5437		
\$1,239,000	3bd 2ba	Fr 4:30-6:30
482 Lassen Way Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 682-0126		
\$1,325,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
266 Sandy Gulch Drive Monterey Coast Realty Marina 238-0653		
\$1,695,000	4bd 3ba	Fr 4:30-6:30
479 Palisade Drive Monterey Coast Realty Marina 277-6728		
\$1,795,000	5bd 4ba	Fr 4:30-6:30
600 Bluffs Dr Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 293-3668		
\$1,795,000	4bd 3ba	Su 12-2
585 Santa Lucia Way Monterey Coast Realty Marina 206-9969		
\$2,359,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 12-2
2409 Schooner Avenue Monterey Coast Realty Marina 277-1224		
\$2,673,000	5bd 4.5ba	Fr 4:30-6:30
2967 Garnet Way Monterey Coast Realty Marina 277-6728		
\$1,199,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 11-2
16406 E. Garrison Dr. Compass Marina, East Garrison 238-2022		

MONTEREY

\$998,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 3-6 Sa 1-3 Su 11-1
677 Taylor St Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 601-9038 / 277-8622		
\$1,295,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 9-1, 2-4 Sa 9-11, 12-2 Su 9-11
1199 Harrison St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Monterey 917-4707		
\$1,298,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
1180 Salinas Hwy The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Monterey 258-9150		

\$1,495,000	4bd 3ba	Fr 4:30-7 Sa 10:30-1 Su 10:30-3
668 Alice St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Monterey 917-5129		

\$1,595,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
115 Mar Vista Dr Coldwell Banker Realty Monterey 747-5688		

\$1,640,000	6bd 4.5ba	Su 1-3
947 W Franklin St Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 915-2800		

\$2,125,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 11-1 Su 10:30-12:30
6 Wyndemere Vale Compass Monterey 236-5290		

PACIFIC GROVE

\$899,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 11-1
418 Fountain Ave Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 869-6117		

\$995,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 10:30-2:30 Su 10:30-1
313 14th Street Compass Pacific Grove 574-9470		

\$1,195,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
1103 Kenet Pl Coldwell Banker Realty Pacific Grove 224-0976		

\$1,249,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3 Su 11-1
665 Pine Ave Coldwell Banker Realty Pacific Grove 717-7815		

\$1,400,000	2bd 1ba	Sa Su 1-3
215 Lobos Ave Coldwell Banker Realty Pacific Grove 594-6158 / 596-6118		

\$1,595,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
219 Willow St Compass Pacific Grove 238-1380		

\$1,595,000	4bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-3
514 7th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 521-4118		

\$1,695,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 1-3
801 Junipero Ave Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 869-6117		

\$1,750,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-4
512 12th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 510-589-6892		

\$2,125,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-4 Su 1-3
216 2nd Street The Jones Group Pacific Grove 917-4534		

\$2,195,000	5bd 4ba	Fr 3-5 Sa 11-1, 2-5 Su 1-3
114 Carmel Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 917-1631 / 521-0668		

\$2,495,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 1-3
135 5th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 915-2800		

\$3,199,000	3bd 4ba	Fr 1-5 Sa 12-2 Su 11-3
111 12th St Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 238-8116 / 277-9250		

\$5,999,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
1273 Surf Avenue Carmel Realty Company Pacific Grove 596-2570		

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\$849,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
17 Shepherd's Knoll Carmel Realty Company Pebble Beach 320-6801		

\$900,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
21 Shepherds Knoll Compass Pebble Beach 236-5290		

\$2,350,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
1171 Chaparral Road Monterey Coast Realty Pebble Beach 521-4855		

\$2,495,000	4bd 2ba	Fr 2-4 Su 12-2
3113 Sloat Rd Sotheby's Int'l RE Pebble Beach 915-6391		

\$2,595,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3 Su 2-4
1091 Laurel Sotheby's Int'l RE Pebble Beach 620-2936 / 200-5007		

\$3,098,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 2-4
2905 Bird Rock Rd Compass Pebble Beach 238-2380		

\$3,100,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
4017 Los Altos Drive Carmel Realty Company Pebble Beach 596-2570		

\$4,750,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
1633 Sonado Road Monterey Coast Realty Pebble Beach 460-6864		

\$4,995,000	4bd 5.5ba	Su 2:30-4:30
3198 Del Ciervo Coldwell Banker Realty Pebble Beach 915-7029		

\$10,400,000	4bd 5.5ba	Su 2-5
31 Poppy Ln Coldwell Banker Realty Pebble Beach 915-1004		

\$10,500,000	5bd 6.5ba	Sa 1-4 Su 2-5
21 Poppy Lane Coldwell Banker Realty Pebble Beach 206-0129		

ROYAL OAKS

\$2,595,000	3bd 4ba	Su 1:30-4
67 Tucker Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Royal Oaks 710-1655		

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SALINAS

\$987,000	5bd 2.5ba	Su 11:30-1:30
17554 Sugarmill Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Salinas 236-7251		

\$1,135,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
8607 Berta Canyon Ct Sotheby's Int'l RE Salinas 214-2250		

\$1,149,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
7310 Timeview Way Sotheby's Int'l RE Salinas 682-0126		

\$1,350,000	4bd 3ba	Su 2-4
14390 Mountain Quail Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Salinas 236-7251		

\$1,400,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 12-3
25405 Markham Ln Sotheby's Int'l RE Salinas 297-9805 / 760-7091		

	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 10-12
25658 Wisteria Ct The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Salinas 224-6759		

SANTA CRUZ

\$1,695,000	2bd 1.5ba	Su 1-4
121 Anchorage Ave Sotheby's Int'l RE Santa Cruz 428-3617		

SEASIDE

\$765,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
1313 Harding St Sotheby's Int'l RE Seaside 595-9291		

\$849,000	3bd 1ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3
1072 Carson Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Seaside 915-6391 / 601-9038		

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610 Forest Ave, PG	\$1,548,000	955 Egan Ave, PG	\$1,460,000	1128 3rd St, MO	\$1,214,100
311 Cedar St, PG	\$1,275,000	2757 Sea Glass Ave, MA	\$1,189,000	459 English Ave, MTY	\$1,135,000
361 Hannon Ave, MTY	\$1,073,100	132 6th St, PG	\$995,000	1109 Heather Ln, PG	\$950,000
1556 Hilby St, SEA	\$886,000	1232 Vallejo St, SEA	\$897,500	401 Sequoia St, MTY	\$829,000
17 Saucito Ave, DRO	\$882,000	1713 Goodwin St, SEA	\$765,000	13750 Center St, CV	\$630,000

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GERVASE

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back and forth between the guest of honor and the attendees. It was something

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Wit: Keen
Temperament: Rogue-ish
Talent: Van Gogh-ish
Season: Eternal Spring
What she's good at: Everything
Party Style: Mardi Gras
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901 Filmore Street — \$1,160,000

Robert Aldridge to Benjamin and Jocelyn Espiritu
APN:001-172-010

32 Via Ventura — \$1,525,000

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1328 Shafter Avenue — \$1,460,000

James and Mary Skinner to Elizabeth Gasster
APN:007-561-029

230 Asilomar Blvd. — \$2,026,000

Rachel Williams to Shawn Worsell
APN:007-041-005

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Catherine Roberts to Mark Readdie and Jennifer Lape
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890 Bayview Avenue — \$2,850,000

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1171 Arroyo Drive, Pebble Beach — \$4,765,000



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David & Denise Miotke Represented Buyer | \$3,400,000

3475 Eastfield Place, Carmel | 4 bd, 2.5 ba
Represented Buyer | \$2,200,000

Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
New Listing	SW Corner of San Carlos & 1st	\$3,495,000	---	5
New Listing	Dolores 2 SE of 12th	\$1,890,000	---	1
List Price Decreased	Casanova 9 NW of Ocean	\$8,950,000	---	83
Sold	Camino Real 4 SW of 2nd	\$3,495,000	\$3,292,500	53
Sold	Palou 9 NW of Casanoava	\$3,600,000	\$3,350,000	46
Sold	Palou 8 NW of Casanoava	\$1,950,000	\$1,900,000	32

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FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found watch and AirPod at Carmel Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found bracelet at Ocean and Junipero.

Pacific Grove: Found property at Esplanade and Beacon.

Pacific Grove: Report of a possible sexual assault on Lighthouse Avenue. Information only.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office had no calls on the Monterey Peninsula.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found stroller at Ocean and San Carlos. Pending pickup.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog at large on Forest Avenue. Owner was contacted, and the dog released to them. Owner was advised they would possibly receive an administrative citation.

Big Sur: Report of a sexual battery involving a 20-year-old male perpetrator and a 22-year-old female victim.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found purse at Ocean and Lincoln.

Pacific Grove: Found property on Central Avenue was booked for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: A 21-year-old male was arrested at Grove Acre and Sunset for an out-of-county felony warrant and transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violation on Asilomar Avenue resulting in a citation for an animal issue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on 15th Street was marked for 72-hour parking.

Marina: The Marina Police Department assisted the Shasta County Sheriff's Office in locating and apprehending a homicide suspect wanted in connection with an ongoing murder investigation. The 28-year-old male suspect was wanted on a warrant for first-degree murder and is awaiting extradition.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office had no calls to report on the Monterey Peninsula.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An unwanted person was asked to leave premises on Lobos and complied without further incident. The victim requested documentation but declined to prosecute.

Pacific Grove: A 21-year-old male was arrested at Ocean View and Second on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and booked into the Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1957 hours, officers responded to the 200 block of Locust Street regarding a burglary. The loss was jewelry. The thief is unknown and at large.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 29-year-old female from Merced was arrested at Del Mar and Ocean at 0715 hours for resisting arrest, probation violation and having an open alcoholic container in vehicle. She was booked into Monterey County Jail for felony violation of a domestic-violence court order, felony spousal abuse and damaging a wireless device, and held on \$105,000 bail.

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