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## Octopus nursery found at deep ocean spring

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN a half century after the Beatles said it would be fun to visit an octopus's garden, researchers have discovered why a site in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is home to more octopi than any other place on earth. Appropriately, the site has been named Octopus's Garden.

Since 2018 — when thousands of octopi were discovered nesting on the deep seafloor off the Central California coast — a team of researchers have used an assortment of high-tech tools to study the “garden” and learn why the creatures are drawn to it. The team includes researchers from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, NOAA's Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories and others.

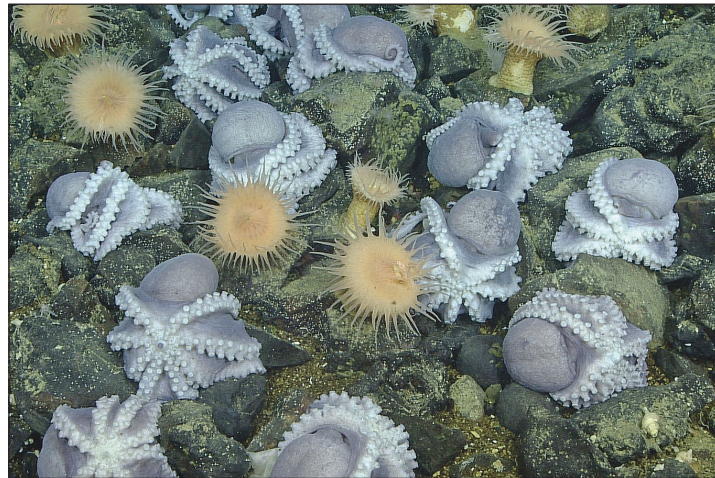
### ‘Mate, nest and die’

Now they have an answer. The garden, it turns out, “is one of a handful of known deep-sea octopus nurseries,” and is used “exclusively for reproduction.”

“Deep off Central California, thousands of octopi migrate through cold dark

waters to hydrothermal springs near an extinct volcano to mate, nest and die, forming the largest known aggregation of octopuses on earth,” according to a study done by the team that was published last month in a journal,

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As many as 20,000 octopi have been found off the Monterey County coast at a remote location more than 10,000 feet below the waves.

## Monterey City Council approves rental inventory

By MARY SCHLEY

DURING A seven-hour meeting Tuesday night at which nearly two dozen people opposed the idea, the Monterey City Council voted 4-1 to require landlords to provide detailed information about their rentals and to make much of it available to the public. City officials have denied that the registry will be used to impose rent control.

The ordinance, which will be subject to at least one more vote by the council before it takes effect, would require owners to provide:

- The name, address and phone number of the landlord, as well as any onsite or offsite property management.
- The street address and/or assessor's parcel number of each rental.
- The year of construction and the number of units.
- The square footage and number of bedrooms and bathrooms.
- Whether the unit is vacant or occupied, and the reason for vacancy “if applicable.”
- The amount and date of the monthly rent and whether it includes utilities and other service charges.
- Whether the tenant receives any rental subsidies or housing vouchers.
- “Any other information deemed necessary by the community development director to implement the ordinance.”

Information made available to the public would include addresses and APNs, basic information about the size of the units, whether they are occupied and the rent charged, community development director Kim Cole told the council Sept. 5. Making that information accessible would save the city from having to process individual California Public Records Act requests seeking it, according to the city's legal counsel.

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Registration would be required annually starting Jan. 1, 2024, and landlords would have to pay a fee to cover the estimated \$400,000 annual expense of running the registry.

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**Public comment was almost all negative**

## Marina officials: Homeless bring crime, loss of taxes

■ Council members say they weren't told

By KELLY NIX

TWO MARINA City Council members say that a years-long program to house homeless people from Salinas in Marina has not only caused crime to escalate, put a strain on police and code enforcement services and meant a big loss in hotel taxes, the homeless facilities have operated surreptitiously with no notice to the public. They're calling for more openness from officials overseeing the programs and for Marina to be reimbursed for its expenses.

But the mayor of the City of Salinas — which operates

Project Roomkey, the state-directed, countywide plan that temporarily houses homeless people from Salinas and other cities in hotels — claimed that Marina officials were aware of the housing scheme, that it is no secret, and that it's the city's responsibility to help the homeless, regardless of where they come from.

### ‘Hush-hush’

A pandemic-era program that originally housed homeless people with Covid in hotels, Project Roomkey was operated by the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers beginning in September 2020. The City of Salinas ran the program from October 2021 until April of this year. Since then, various hotels in Marina and in five other cities have housed the homeless.

But two Marina City Council members say that there has been a lack of information about the program, which has burdened the city.

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## Fires bring tree issues to fore once again

By MARY SCHLEY

WATCHING WILDFIRE sweep through Lahaina, Maui — and knowing people died in their homes and cars as they tried to flee — residents have renewed their call for better forest management in tree-filled Carmel.

“We've been receiving a lot of emails following Lahaina,” city administrator Chip Rerig said at the city council's strategic planning session Aug. 30.



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Top priorities previously identified by the council include developing “a plan to ensure that the city's natural areas, as well as private property, are properly maintained to reduce fire risk,” and to draft a forest management plan and update laws pertaining to trees, and Rerig said work is well underway on those efforts.

“We have hired landscape contractors who are doing a lot of weed whacking,” he said, while public works and forestry employees, as well as private contractors hired

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## \$95M plan to tear down Los Padres Dam studied

■ Cal Am, water district seek feedback

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN ENGINEERING firm hired by Cal Am and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District will make an online presentation Monday on a series of proposals on the future of Los Padres Dam, including the possibility of tearing it down — or leaving it standing and increasing its storage capacity.

Monday's meeting, hosted by AECOM, an international engineering firm headquartered in Los Angeles, is part of a larger effort to reach out to the public about the future of the dam and its associated reservoir, which was completed in 1949 and at one time held 3,030 acre-feet of water for use by Monterey Peninsula residents.

Less than 30 years later, its capacity had been reduced to just 1,775 acre-feet — and that number is considerably less today.

### Pros and cons

Besides its reduced capacity, the dam impedes the migration of steelhead and blocks the flow of sediment downstream, which degrades steelhead spawning and rearing habitat in the lower part of the river, detractors say.

But there are also benefits to keeping the dam, some

contend. They argue that steelhead benefit from summertime water releases during drought years, which also support farmers and the local economy.

On Aug. 29, Cal Am held a meeting at the Carmel Valley Youth Center on the future of the dam. “We

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Cal Am and the MPRWMD want to hear from residents about what should be done with the aging Los Padres Dam.



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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Questionable origins

Fergus was found tucked in among the artichokes on a stretch of farmland adjacent to Highway 1, filthy, skunked and afraid. His rescuer cleaned him up and took him to the vet, who concurred — although his ears had been cropped and his tail docked — that he was a young West Highland terrier.

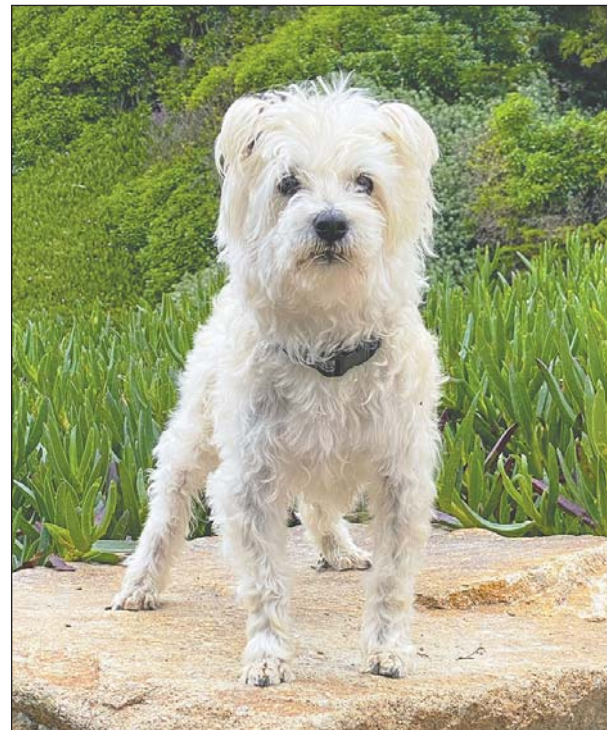
After his rescuer posted a picture of him on Facebook, she brought the little pup to the first friend who admired him. The woman, about to lose her own elderly dog, wasn't sure she could make such a quick transition to a new dog until she saw him and decided he was just what she needed.

She bathed him as a way to claim him and named him Fergus in honor of his Scottish heritage.

"After his bath, he ran around the room," his person said. "I reached behind him to gather him into his towel, and he bit me. I learned that day that there was trauma in him, so I made it my mission to love on him, helping him know I'm a safe person."

Fergus, now nearly 9, has become devoted to his person. After she received a difficult diagnosis, he appointed himself her guardian, leaning in, whining and crying with her.

Fergus, who lives in Del Rey Oaks, seems at home on any beach on the Peninsula, although he's less social



and more interested in running around in the sand. His personality emerges most at home, when he hears repetitive sounds like the power tool that once inspired a duet.

"He leans his head back, forms an O with his mouth, and lets loose," his person said. "You should hear 'Amazing Grace.'"

Fergus' folks recently had his DNA tested just to confirm his Scottish heritage. The results came back as miniature Schnauzer. Turns out he's German, not Scottish.

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# Water district takes step to acquire Cal Am

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District board of directors Thursday discussed behind closed doors whether to proceed with a takeover, through eminent domain, of utility California American Water's Monterey system, which the company has repeatedly said is not for sale.

In a special meeting that began 45 minutes late because of an online audio snag, water board directors heard from a few speakers before they went into closed session to decide whether to schedule a public meeting to vote on what's called a resolution of necessity, which would authorize the water district to proceed with an acquisition of Cal Am's water system.

### 'Monopoly'

While water board chair Mary Adams said the board wouldn't announce its decision to the public until the next meeting on Sept. 18, water district general manager Dave Stoldt said that if the board opts to hold the eminent domain hearing, it would be at a special meeting in October.

Tom Rowley with the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association urged the water board against proceeding with eminent domain, citing Cal Am's refusal to sell and the cost of trying to acquire the water system.

"Cal Am is not for sale," Rowley said. "You are running up the legal bills, you are running up the costs and it's time to put a stop to it."

Anna Thompson, who is in favor of a

government-controlled water system, said the public doesn't have "anything to gain" by staying with Cal Am.

"Cal Am is a monopoly, and it should not have control of our water delivery systems," she said. "The consumers are paying for all the costs."

### 'Wasted money'

Cal Am attorney George Soneff sent a letter to the water board Sept. 5 requesting that directors "reevaluate the wisdom of initiating the condemnation process." Soneff said that if the water district proceeds with eminent domain and loses the case in court, it will not only have "wasted money" paying its own legal bills and consulting fees, but would also be required to pay all of Cal Am's litigation costs, which could amount to millions of dollars.

For years, opponents of Cal Am have argued that a government-controlled water system on the Peninsula would not only mean greater local control, without having to answer to Cal Am shareholders, but would also mean lower water bills each month.

The idea of reduced bills under a public water system was the selling point for a 2018 ballot measure that called for the district to acquire Cal Am if financially feasible. However, there's been little talk since then from water professionals, even those who oppose Cal Am, that Peninsula customers would actually see their water bills decrease, at least significantly, with Cal Am out of the picture. Some believe water bills could actually increase with a government-operated system.



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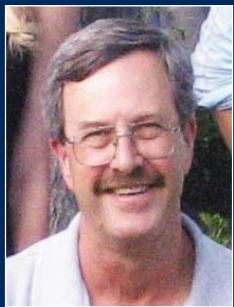
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## Police & Sheriff's Log

### He may be guilty of high crimes

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, AUGUST 21

**Pacific Grove:** Report of an animal bite on Lawton.

**Pacific Grove:** A theft from a vehicle occurred on Briggs Avenue.

**Carmel area:** Aguajito Road resident reported damage to a roadside mailbox.

**Pebble Beach:** A juvenile female on Forest Lodge Road was placed on a 5585 W&I hold for evaluation by mental health professionals.

**Carmel area:** Deputies collected firearms from a residence on Mission Fields Road.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Walk into station with found camcorder at Scenic and Ninth at 0521 hours.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject reporting a subject who threw coffee on all the newspaper stands located outside a business and said

to be ongoing issue. Area was checked for subject but was unable to be located.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Trespass advisement to unwanted subject at Torres and Sixth.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a missing person who was located at CHOMP. Returned to his care facility on Lighthouse Avenue by staff. Information only.

**Pebble Beach:** Seventeen Mile Drive resident reported receiving harassing emails.

**Pebble Beach:** APS report of financial abuse at a Crespi Lane residence.

**Pebble Beach:** Law enforcement responded to a verbal domestic dispute between husband and wife at a Pine Meadows Lane residence. This report is for informational purposes only.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found wallet brought to the station for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a dog at large in the area of Congress and Junipero in custody. Owner contacted.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject was contacted at Monte Verde and Ocean at 1615

See POLICE LOG page 30A



## The gavel falls

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

**Aug. 14** — Jose Alfredo Boj Saquic, 33, a resident of Big Sur, was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Saquic pled guilty to three counts of Penal Code section 288(b)(1), committing forcible lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14. All three offenses are violent felonies and are considered 3 strikes under California's sentencing laws.

Jane Doe reported that Saquic, a relative, sexually molested her on several occasions when she was under 14 years of age. He would do so when nobody else was present, and when he was tasked with babysitting Doe. The abuse took place over several years until Doe courageously reported it to a school counselor.

In addition to the prison sentence, Saquic will be required to register as a sex offender for life. A restraining order was granted prohibiting Saquic from contacting Doe.

Monterey County Sheriff's detectives David Gonzalez and Christian Zarate investigated the case. Monterey County District Attorney victim advocate program manager Alma Sanchez, along with support dog Odie, provided support to Doe and her family.

**Aug. 16** — A jury found Marina resident

Royce Dean Curl II, 40, guilty of possession for sale of fentanyl, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, and possession of fentanyl with a firearm. Curl has a prior strike conviction under California's three strikes law in 2019 for negligent discharge of a firearm. The Hon. Judge Pamela Butler presided over the three-day trial.

On May 19, 2022, the investigations bureau of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at Curl's residence. Sgt. Jesse Pinon discovered approximately 460 counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl, and a loaded semi-automatic 10mm pistol in Curl's dresser. A scale containing heroin residue and over \$55,000 in cash were also discovered. Sgt. Costa searched Curl outside his residence and found approximately 296 more counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl in Curl's sweatshirt pocket packaged for sales, and \$2,515 in cash. The counterfeit oxycodone pills were tested at the Department of Justice and the counterfeit pills were confirmed to contain fentanyl.

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# POLICE: MAN MOLESTED GIRLS IN CHURCH

By KELLY NIX

Brian Anderson told The Pine Cone this week.

A 26-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with molesting two girls inside the Pacific Grove church where he was employed, according to police and county prosecutors, who have alleged seven felony counts that could land him in prison for 20 years if he's convicted.



Jason Alexander Cline

Anderson added that the "crimes being investigated occurred at the place of worship."

An online resume indicates that since January Cline has been employed as a social media manager for the Monterey Peninsula Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Pacific Grove Police was the arresting agency because Cline's crimes were allegedly committed within the city. It is not clear what Cline's relationship to the girls was, although Anderson said he was not a relative.

On Aug. 31, Pacific Grove Police officers arrested Jason Alexander Cline, 26, at his Spreckels home on suspicion of annoying and molesting two young girls. On Wednesday afternoon, Cline pleaded not guilty to the charges in a Salinas courtroom and was ordered not to contact the girls.

"Pacific Grove Police Department was alerted to Mr. Cline's concerning behavior by his place of worship," PGPD Cmdr.

Monterey County District Attorney's Office

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# Woman arrested for drugs for sale

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A 25-YEAR-OLD Monterey woman who already has three active felony cases against her was arrested last Thursday morning for possessing multiple drugs for sale, as well as other crimes, after Monterey Police officers and detectives conducted a probation search, according to Lt. Jake Pinkas.

"Detectives located 70.22 grams of fentanyl, .79 grams of heroin, .87 grams of methamphetamine, and 10 unidentified pills believed to contain fentanyl," he said. "The fentanyl was colored pink, green, blue and purple."

Fentanyl has been linked to numerous

unintentional overdose deaths, including among teenagers who thought they were taking other types of drugs.

Officers subsequently arrested resident Rachel Gilliam for two counts of possession of controlled substances for sale, identity theft, and committing a crime while out on bail, all felonies, as well as misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia.

Gilliam was booked into Monterey County Jail, and her bail was set at \$50,000.

According to Monterey County Superior Court records, Gilliam repeatedly failed to appear in court in three other active felony cases filed against her last year in February, June and November. Bench warrants were issued in each of them.

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## Radio host murdered wife, prosecutors say

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Pacific Grove radio host has been identified as the killer of a 37-year-old Massachusetts woman, whose nearly decapitated and handless body was discovered in Cape Code nearly 50 years ago but who was only identified last year.

On July 26, 1974, a 12-year-old girl in Provincetown discovered the body of a woman who had severe head blunt force injuries, was almost decapitated and whose hands had been severed. For decades, the victim's identity was unknown and she was referred to only as "Lady of the Dunes."

It wasn't until an examination of the remains in 2021 that officials determined that she was Ruth Marie Terry, according to an Aug. 28 article in the Cape Cod Times.

### Local ties

Last week, a Massachusetts prosecutor announced that his office determined that Terry's killer was her husband, Guy Rockwell Muldavin. In the 1980s, Muldavin hosted a popular three-hour weekly radio show, "Talk to Me," on KAZU radio in Pacific Grove.

Muldavin — who died in 2002 — had been a suspect in his wife's death at the time. The pair got married in 1973 or 1974, not long before Terry was murdered.

According to the Cape Cod newspaper, Terry's skull had been tested for DNA through the years but no matches were found. In 2021, however, a portion of her jaw was sent to a forensics lab for further testing. It was then that a match was found and a death certificate was issued.

After Muldavin and Terry married in the early 1970s, Massachusetts State Police discovered they had traveled to Tennessee to visit her family, Cape Cod District Attorney Robert Galibois said in a statement last week.

"When Mr. Muldavin returned from that trip, he was driving what was believed to be Ms. Terry's vehicle and indicated to witnesses that Ms. Terry had passed away," Galibois said in a statement. "Ms. Terry was never seen by her family again."

In 1985, a reporter for The Californian newspaper featured Muldavin and his radio show.

"During the show, Muldavin draws on his experiences and conversations with other people to deal with topics such as cuts in Social Security, Alzheimer's disease and feelings about old people having sex," the article said.

Muldavin was also the prime suspect in the murder of a previous wife and stepdaughter in Seattle in the 1960s, according to the Associated Press. Those murders have not been solved, however.

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# Pine Inn lot project, historic 7D wall, wireless ordinance on council agenda

By MARY SCHLEY

IT WAS proposed for a 100-car parking garage in 2008, for rezoning in 2019 when the Christian Science Church floated the idea of constructing an apartment building next to it, and for potential development in the city's housing element being reviewed by the state. The Pine Inn's parking lot at Monte Verde and Sixth will be a topic of conversation again next week when the city council considers owner Richard Gunner's request to change the zoning so he can relocate a half-dozen hotel units from across the street.

The lot is a bit of an anomaly, because it's close to the central commercial district but is zoned for single-family residences. It has functioned as the inn's 21-space lot since 1960.

"While having a parking structure adjacent to the 49-room, historic Pine Inn has been functionally important, a large, open parking area with parked cars and exposed asphalt has really been an eyesore for this area of town," architect Erik Dyar wrote in his letter to the council, which will consider the request and provide feedback at its Sept. 12 meeting. "The current condition provides a poor relationship to the adjacent First Murphy Park to the east, with tall retaining walls dropping to asphalt, does not provide a proper transition from the downtown core to the residential district, and certainly does not contribute to the design sensibilities of the town nor comply with the commercial design guidelines."

Dyar described Gunner's vision for the lot, the Pine Inn Cottage Suites and Garage, as having six new units and an employee

apartment over a parking garage. The hotel would not gain any rooms and would not lose any parking.

### 'The only way'

"This property is directly adjacent to the very large Pine Inn structure and across the street from the Tally Ho Inn, both zoned commercial and up against the large Christian Science Church. It has never made sense to have this island of R-1 in the middle of this kind of density," Dyar continued. He argued that a change in zoning "is the only way to solve a currently highly unsatisfactory situation for the city."

"Having an empty, open asphalt parking structure in this wonderful part of downtown Carmel is not only underutilized and inappropriate, but really a waste of what could provide a much more vital

and important contribution to the city," he wrote.

Principal planner Marnie Waffle said in her report that Gunner is asking the council for early feedback on the proposal "because a general plan and local coastal plan amendment requires staff resources beyond what is typical for the construction of a new building, and because rezoning of this site involves complicated policy considerations."

If the council isn't interested in the concept, she wrote, "it would be better to know that now, before a considerable amount of staff time and resources, as well as expense by the applicant, are devoted to the project."

Attorney Mark Blum also sent a letter

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## Committee wants more stop signs

By MARY SCHLEY

PEOPLE TAKE the corners too hard when turning from Second onto Lincoln and when driving westbound on First by Stevenson Lower School, according to the traffic safety committee, which unanimously voted Aug. 23 to ask the city council to approve stop signs at those intersections.

Made up of acting Police Chief Jeff Watkins, planning director Brandon Swanson and public works director Bob Harary, the committee meets every few months to consider traffic-related issues and requests.

The intersection of First Avenue and Pescadero — which becomes Lincoln Street to the south — is made tricky by a

large tree on the corner that obstructs the view of cross traffic for westbound drivers, committee members observed. And while the request from an unnamed person for a three-way stop there “might be overkill,” Watkins said, he could support making westbound traffic on First stop before turning northbound onto Pescadero or southbound onto Lincoln.

The only member of the public to comment on the request, resident Carl Iverson, supported the move since it’s near a school.

“You actually are going uphill at a pretty good slope at this point, and the corner from the westbound lane is banked pretty good,” Swanson observed, so it would be

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## OLD COAST ROAD SUFFERS SLIP-OUT

By CHRIS COUNTS

A SECTION of the Old Coast Road in Big Sur will be closed to vehicles through the end of the year because a slip-out has caused “dangerous conditions” along the unpaved route, Monterey County Public Works reported.

According to the county, officials are “working on repair plans” for the road, which remains open for pedestrians, bicycles and horses.

The slide occurred about 3.5 miles south of Bixby Bridge and just north of Sierra Creek, a tributary of Bixby Creek that the road crosses.

“The soil in the area of the slip-out is not stable, and, adding to the danger, there is a redwood tree along the slope that is encroaching in the travel lane,” county official Randy Ishii’s office said.

Due to the conditions, there isn’t enough room for drivers to safely pass. There’s also a 12-foot drop next to the slip-out.

“From the edge of the tree to the edge of the erosion, there is approximately 8 feet and 10 inches of road remaining,” the county public works department said. “This is very narrow for any vehicle, car or truck. This reduced width could potentially be a concern for a motorist unfamiliar with the area.”

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# PGUSD offering teachers ‘cultural proficiency’ training

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove Unified School District board was scheduled to hear a presentation Thursday night about the district’s new “cultural proficiency” plan.

The district invited members of the city’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force to attend the board meeting to listen in on the topic, which the school district says teachers and staff will focus on for the remainder of this year and throughout 2024.

Achieving cultural proficiency, according to a presentation by PGUSD curriculum director Buck Roggeman on the district’s website, means giving people within an organization the ability to “view cultural differences as assets, effectively respond to issues that arise in diverse environments” and “foster policies and practices that afford value to all.”

“The more variety, the more differences that people bring to our district, the better we are all going to be for it,” Roggeman said.

Included in the ongoing cultural proficiency training for PGUSD staff, he said, are “instructional materials that represent diverse perspectives” and “culturally proficient instructional strategies and grading practices.”

The school district will also use curriculum that reflects the “diverse cultures of PGUSD students,” will “inform families about the equity actions taken to support students,” and “seek feedback in how best to meet the needs of our students,” Roggeman said.

The school district, he added, “wants to value all the cultures that come to our schools, and we want to make sure that we encourage access for all at PGUSD.”

The district’s plan was developed through the work of its “cultural proficiency teams,” members of which met for 10 days over two years to “reflect on the district’s past practices and current situation to develop the plans and desired outcomes.”

The district is also instructing staff how to respond to “incidents of bias” in “culturally sensitive” ways.

### Silence

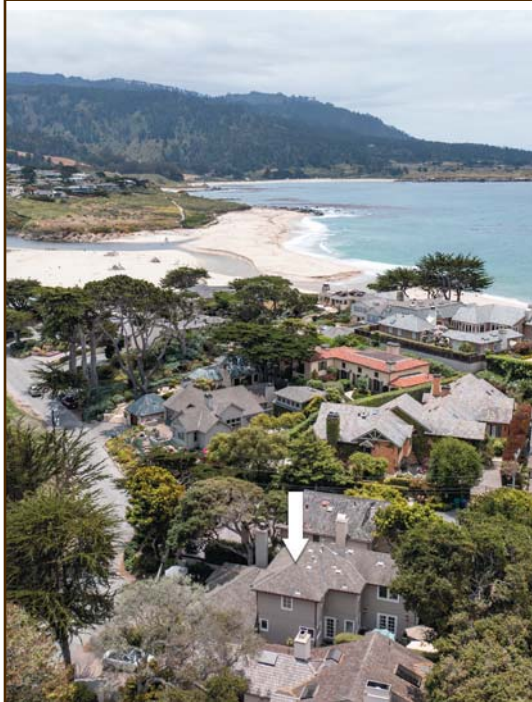
PGUSD’s invitation to members of the DEI Task Force this week comes after the task force’s vice chair, Nadja Mark, was accused of comparing a seemingly non-controversial online comment by a citizen and member of the city’s economic development commission to the work of Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels.

That comment and other remarks Mark made on social media violated the city’s code of conduct, which prohibits members of city commissions and committees from making negative comments, including on social media, that could offend members of the public, and compels them to “show tolerance and respect other party’s opinions.” However, the code lacks an enforcement mechanism to punish those who violate it.

Mark, task force chair Kim Bui, and city council member Chaps Poduri — the council representative for the group — have refused to comment on Mark’s social media posts.

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## Hotel says no sewage reached river

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO RECENT sewage backups at Carmel Valley Ranch have led to Monterey County health warnings over concerns that some sewage reached Carmel River. But the resort insisted there's no proof that any sewage spilled into the waterway.

"According to Cal Am, there is no evidence that any sewage from these backups reached the river," Carmel Valley Ranch general manager Ulrich Samietz said. "A total of approximately 1,200 gallons of fluid — not 1,200 tons, as was reported — reached storm drains as a result of the backups. The exact cause of these backups is undetermined, and Carmel Valley Ranch is not the only Cal Am customer using these pipes."

Samietz said the hotel is "working closely with Cal Am on this situation." The water company also manages some local sewer systems.

The Carmel Valley Association recently said the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board has opened an investigation into the spills. The board didn't respond to a request from The Pine Cone for confirmation of the investigation.

Monterey County Health Department spokesperson Karen Smith sent out word on Aug. 7 that the previous day "a sewage release originating at Carmel Valley Ranch entered the storm drain system that releases into the Carmel River."

"The public is advised not to have river water contact for 72 hours," the statement recommended.

After the announcement, Smith told The Pine Cone that repairs were done to stop the leak and the river was deemed safe.

A second incident occurred Aug. 16. Smith reported the next day that "an estimated 1,200 gallons of sewage entered the storm drain system."

## Open space group buys 48 C.V. acres

By CHRIS COUNTS

FORTY-EIGHT acres of land that loom over Robles del Rio and Carmel Valley Village were recently purchased by a land conservation group, the Ranch of Condor.

The acreage borders Garland Ranch Regional Park and the former estate of late television show host Merv Griffin.

It's also adjacent to a residential neighborhood.

According to Don Gruber of the Ranch of the Condor, a gift from an anonymous donor paid for the property, which sold for \$630,000. The seller was Moo Land Inc.

Gruber said at least some development was possible on the parcel before the sale, but now it will "serve as a buffer between the park and homes in Robles del Rio," and will be designated as open space. Much of

the property is steep and wooded, although potential building sites exist.

"It is buildable land," he said. "We will go through the process of putting an easement on it to prevent it from being developed. There are no plans to open the property to the public."

### Keeping a close eye

To address security concerns that some might have, such as illegal campers, Gruber said the property will be monitored with remote cameras, which his group does at other properties that it owns.

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# HOMELESS

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Marina City Councilwoman Cristina Medina told The Pine Cone this week that in fall 2022, she started noticing a more “transient population” in Marina, including more people with shopping carts in tow where they shouldn’t be, and an accumulation of abandoned bicycles, carts and trash. She realized much of the activity was near the Country Inn & Suites, a hotel just off Highway 1. That prompted Medina to dig deeper.

“I asked a female security guard there why there was so much security,” Medina said. “She said, ‘Are you going to stay here?’, and I said, ‘What’s going on?’ The guard told me that there was trouble at the hotel, including a lot of drug use and people up at all hours.”

Not long afterward, Medina found out that, as part of Project Roomkey, homeless residents from Salinas and other cities were being put up in the hotel. (Medina said she only found out about the earlier version of the program to house people with Covid in Marina after hearing it through the grapevine.)

Medina said that neither the City of Salinas, Monterey County nor Marina City Hall staff informed the Marina City Council of any of the homeless programs, including the most recent one.

“Marina is for housing people in need,” Medina said, adding that the city has done a lot through the years to get people into homes. “But to do it without telling us is a problem. I think there should have been better communication. It’s all been hush-hush. We should have worked together.”

Years of housing homeless in the coastal city, Medina

said, have caused it to lose out on hotel taxes, which she estimated at \$150,000. Those costs are on top of expenses related to the Marina Police Department’s enforcement efforts at the hotel and code compliance. Medina believes Marina should be reimbursed for the costs.

“I would like to see some cost recovery,” the councilwoman said.

Like Medina, Marina City Councilman Brian McCarthy, who was elected last fall, believes that Marina should be compensated for costs associated with the homeless housing scheme. McCarthy estimates that the loss of hotel tax could be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

He also backed Medina’s claim that nobody informed Marina elected officials about the programs, and that he only found out about the most recent one by talking to homeless people and staff at Country Inn & Suites, which is privately owned.

“I think the key here is that transparency and coordination are critical toward finding solutions,” McCarthy said.

### Obligation

However, Salinas Mayor Kimbley Craig maintains that Salinas staff did inform their counterparts at Marina City Hall about the housing plans, and that 4th District Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, who represents Marina, was also aware of the arrangements.

“Supervisor Askew has invited the Marina city manager to attend meetings about housing the homeless in Marina,” Craig said. “Additionally, Salinas city staff and council had conversations with one or two council members from Marina.”

Medina said the city council was told about the program only after she and McCarthy found out about it.

“Salinas was the operator of Project Roomkey at Country Inn for a short period of time, approximately 18 months

— from October 2021 to April 2023,” Craig told The Pine Cone.

Craig wouldn’t answer directly if she thought Marina should be reimbursed for its costs but suggested that Marina has an obligation to absorb them.

“Respectfully, that’s the role of a city — to address the services of businesses, residents, and even the unhoused folks,” Craig said.

The mayor also said that Salinas at times has “absolutely housed Marina residents” in its 128-bed SHARE center, which offers meals and housing for homeless people, including families.

“It’s not an us-versus-them issue,” Craig said. “A lot of residents have housing insecurity and move to multiple jurisdictions.”

The Salinas mayor, who urged other cities in Monterey County to “join the rest of us in the broader, regional discussion of homelessness,” said Salinas isn’t “dumping” anybody in Marina.

“We are taking the lead in implementing the ‘housing first’ approach for the region, regardless of wherever they may live,” she said. “If you put a roof over someone’s head, they are far more likely to accept the social services — drug rehabilitation, mental health services, etc. — that they may need to transition out of homelessness.”

Craig refused to say whether she would take issue if a larger city, such as San Jose, decided to house some of its homeless people in Salinas without informing city officials.

Asked whether Monterey County would consider reimbursing Marina for some of its costs, and if it believed it had been transparent with Marina about the homeless, spokeswoman Maia Carroll said that “county staff have

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## Hamilton cast at AIM's Pebble Beach fundraiser

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO RAISE money to support its efforts to improve the mental health of young people, AIM Youth Mental Health presents its 9th annual Gala Thursday in the Grand Ballroom at the Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach. A reception with wine-tasting starts at 5 p.m., and a gourmet dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

The entertainment includes actors Miguel Cervantes, Tamar Greene and Ta-Tynisa Wilson, who are currently lead cast members for the musical, "Hamilton," on Broadway.

Cervantes portrays Alexander Hamilton, while Greene plays George Washington.

Students from Carmel High School and Stevenson School will join the cast on stage for the finale to sing "One Last Time" from the musical.

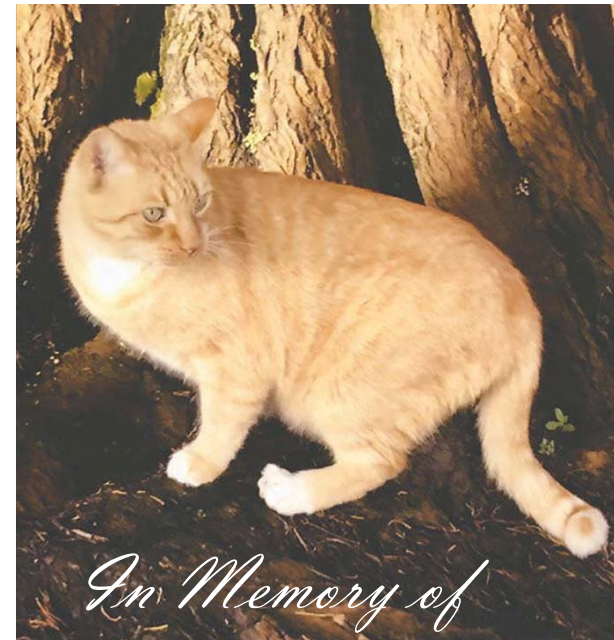
The North Monterey County High Marching Band will also perform. The one-time host of ABC's "The Bachelor," Chris Harrison, and comedian Lauren Zema — a three-time Emmy award-winning correspondent with Entertainment Tonight — will co-host the event. "It's going to be phenomenal," AIM's founder Susan Stilwell told The Pine Cone.

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Tickets are \$750 each or \$7,500 for a table for 10. The Inn at Spanish Bay is located at 2700 17 Mile Drive. For tickets or more details, call (831) 372-1600 or visit [aimymh.org/gala-2023](http://aimymh.org/gala-2023).



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# Record-breaking speeds predicted for IndyCar races at Laguna

By MARY SCHLEY

SPANISH DRIVER Alex Palou may have clinched the national championship title in the country's top racing series at last weekend's race in Portland — something that hasn't happened in highly competitive IndyCar racing since 2007 — but that doesn't mean the competition during the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey at Laguna Seca Sept. 8-10 won't be highly entertaining.

With a brand new racing surface just broken in by motorcycle racers in July and vintage car drivers last month, many are predicting longstanding lap records will fall. IndyCars are capable of exceeding 200 mph but don't get many opportunities to do so on Laguna's twisting, old-school layout, which offers challenges at every one of its 11 corners.

Palou, 26, sat with journalists and IndyCar officials during a small lunch at the Lodge at Pebble Beach Wednesday afternoon and shared his thoughts on his career and on Laguna, known formally as WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

### A little drama

Palou, who hails from Barcelona and is the only Spaniard to have won an IndyCar championship, made headlines for off-track reasons last year when he ended up in a legal battle with his boss, Chip Ganassi. He had been courted by McLaren for an IndyCar or Formula 1 ride and announced he would change teams before the 2023 season, but Ganassi sued, arguing Palou's contract obligated him to drive for his team.

Now, the two have settled their score, with Palou committed to continue driving Ganassi's Honda.

At the lunch, Palou said mending those fences was easier than he thought it would be, and also said he has no interest in going to F1.

"I don't think you get a lot of opportunities over there, and I still keep saying I wouldn't trade my seat here for anything there," he said.

Palou didn't want to comment much about the conflict, because doing so wouldn't benefit him in any way.

At Laguna this weekend, while he doesn't have to compete for a championship that last year had five contenders at

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Fresh off the decisive win in Portland that landed him the IndyCar championship title, a relaxed Alex Palou enjoys lunch at the Lodge at Pebble Beach.



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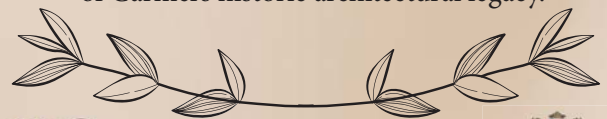
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**RENTALS**

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Cole also said development and implementation will cost around \$100,000, and the software needed to operate it will total \$55,000 for the first year and \$30,000 annually thereafter.

She said the exact fee each owner will pay is unknown, because it will be based on how many properties are registered, and no one really knows how many rentals there are in the city. The fees will also fund services like legal help for tenants and landlords, education about rights and available resources, and other services, and while she recommended leaving open the possibility of passing the fees through to tenants, the city council wanted it split 50/50 between landlords and renters.

“The registration process will allow the city to collect, monitor and analyze the characteristics of the rental units and actual rents in Monterey,” she explained. “This data will be available to the city council to inform future policy decisions about the regulation of the rental market in Monterey.”

**Neighbor v. neighbor**

Ed Smith, who has been the council’s sole opponent on the formation of a rental registry since the idea was first floated last April, speculated that making rents and other information public would pit neighbors against each other and could drive rents up when owners discover others are charging more.

“People put them on websites like Craigslist all the time, so this is not exactly private information,” countered the city’s legal adviser. “It’s not a privacy issue. It’s been done and upheld by the courts.”

Locally, the City of Salinas recently implemented a similar law, though it varies somewhat from Monterey’s draft by requiring less information and not automatically providing any of it to the public.

Similar to previous town hall meetings

on the topic, almost every speaker in council chambers and online opposed the idea.

The exception Tuesday was housing advocate Esther Malkin, who has been a staunch supporter of the registry and claimed that none of the people commenting before her offered the tenants’ perspective.

**Selloff?**

“Sixty-six percent of this city’s residents are renters, and they don’t have the luxury of coming out and making comments,” she said. “Obviously, the renters are not going to put themselves out there, because they have repercussions. They’re the ones who are going to become homeless and who can’t afford to stay here.”

Representing the Monterey County Association of Realtors, Adam Pinterits opposed the ordinance overall but still offered some suggestions, including requiring either owners or property managers to register, but not both.

He, like many others, also speculated landlords might opt to sell their rentals rather than disclose so much information to the government.

“Please make disclosure of rent and rent changes optional,” he said. “A rent cost survey could be conducted for a fraction of the cost of this registry.”

Like some other commenters, he also asked the council to make disclosing occupancy status voluntary, since publicizing that a property is vacant could lead to vandalism and other criminal activity.

An Oak Grove resident commented that in her neighborhood, many landlords charge below market rent and are “friendly to and attentive to their tenants.” She worried how the registry might impact that, especially if it leads to rent control.

A woman who gave only her first name, Katherine, said she’s a renter in Monterey but owns rentals in the county area and in the City of Pacific Grove and that she was “super disappointed to see this draft ordinance on the agenda tonight.”

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“Government over-regulation, particularly an overexertion of local control, got us into the housing crisis,” she said. “More over-regulation is not going to get us out of it.”

Landlord Kathy Anderson worried about her tenants knowing each other’s rents. “If I want to rent my place to my niece for cheap, it’s none of your business,” she said.

And a woman who gave her name as Nancy said she and her husband both worked full-time while purchasing and fixing up the rentals they now own outright and still maintain. “We treat our properties with pride, we treat our tenants with respect, and we keep our rent increases to a minimum,” she said. “Most of our tenants are long-term, and some have been able to save enough to become homeowners themselves. The council needs to hear our voice and others like it. We’ve voiced concerns, but it’s all been for nothing.”

She said they would sell their rentals, which would likely displace their tenants or at the very least drive their rents up, if the city adopts the law.

Kevin Dayton from the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce said owners and tenants aren’t necessarily opposed to a rental inventory, just disclosing information like rents, since similar registries “have been used to justify some kind of rent stabilization.”

“This is opening up a can of worms,” he said. “I think you need to bring this back in a much more benign form.”

Several speakers, like county resident Richard Barnard, said the city should focus on increasing housing stock rather than spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a registry.

“I believe this rental registry idea will fail to provide one more rental unit or lower the costs of rentals,” he said. “I think it demonstrates a lack of understanding of sound economic policy.” He said he would neither rent nor purchase a home in a city with such an inventory.

**‘Help renters’**

“The enormous money being considered for a rental registry could instead help tenants struggling with initial deposits or with rent during emergencies,” suggested Nancy Soulé.

Former state real estate commissioner Jeff Davi, a third-generation Monterey Peninsula resident, said the city should focus on providing rental assistance, supporting water projects that would allow for new construction and taking other measures to improve the housing situation.

“This is not going to solve the problem,” he said. “It’s not even a step in the right direction, it’s a step in the wrong direction.”

“I’m trying to figure out who this is going to help,” commented realtor, renter and property owner Becky Jones. “Investors will sell their rentals. Fees will be passed to tenants. There will be less available housing. There will be fewer ADUs.”

Despite the council’s and staff’s protestations, many speakers said they thought the registry would lead to rent control, including Jan Leasure, managing broker of Monterey Bay Property Management.

“In the past eight months, I have sold four of my personal properties in 93940,” she added. “All were tenant

occupied, and now none of them are, and that’s what’s going to happen if you make it hard to be a landlord.”

**No surprises**

Council members made their positions clear during the nearly two-hour discussion that followed public comment.

Councilman Alan Haffa said the registry won’t be used to implement rent control but that he’s open to the idea, and he questioned why rents should be kept confidential.

“Businesses don’t keep their prices secret,” he said. “Information is power. You landlords know what your prices are, but the tenants don’t. A rental registry will equalize that power differential. Now people will know.”

Councilman Gino Garcia said the registry could help the city ensure a better quality of life for renters, and he doubted it would motivate landlords to sell.

“I respect property rights, but those are not the only rights,” Mayor Tyller Williamson said, adding that the

registry would help combat landlords and property management companies that take undue advantage of their tenants. “I think housing is a human right.”

Councilwoman Kim Barber said the registry will provide valuable information. “I have no idea how many rentals we have, and how many we need,” she said.

Smith again questioned the need for the ordinance and what would be done with the data it collects.

Ultimately, the council left the language in the law mostly unchanged, except for deciding that landlords should not be allowed to pass 100 percent of the registration fees on to tenants, and exempting the owners of ADUs, commonly known as granny units, and owner-occupied rentals from having to pay the fees at all. A fee exemption was already included for low-income housing and mobile homes. The council also decided the penalties for failing to register should only be civil fines, not criminal penalties. The motion passed 4-1.



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## P.G. school hosts free wellness event

PACIFIC GROVE Middle School is hosting a wellness fair Saturday, and families are invited to attend.

On Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the school at 835 Forest Ave. will hold the free event, which will have information and resource tables related to health and wellness geared toward children and their families, according to organizers.

The event is “ideal for families wanting to learn about local wellness and mental

health resources,” according to the flier for the event.

“We’ve invited a lot of community resources and hope that our families show and take advantage,” P.G. Middle principal Sean Roach told The Pine Cone.

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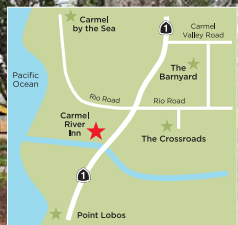
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# LETTERS

From page 26A

## Rental ignorance

Dear Editor,

There are at least three problems with the proposed city of Monterey rental registry.

■ It will not produce one more rental unit, nor will it

lower the cost of renting a home in the City of Monterey. Quite the opposite. It doesn't take a graduate degree in economics to understand the concept of supply and demand. With onerous government regulation, investors will simply take their money elsewhere. A rental registry will decrease the availability of rental units on the market and increase rents.

■ The City of Monterey has failed to keep up with demand. The demand is great, in part, because of the

increase in student population. Students at higher education institutions occupy more inventory every year, Monterey failed to add new units. During the fifth housing element cycle, the city allocated 650 units in eight years, with only 139 units approved. Of those, only 29 got permits and, of those, 21 were ADUs.

■ There is no lockbox on the taxes to be imposed by this ordinance. On the face of it, it appears to be a "money grab." The actual estimate to run such a scheme will be more like \$700,000 a year. Where will the money go? Who really knows? When it comes to government, money is fungible.

As one Monterey City Council member said publicly on April 18, "I am not an economist. I don't really understand this." Passing a rental registry ordinance confirms his ignorance.

**Rosemarie Barnard,**  
*Prunedale*

## Highway neglect

Dear Editor,

I read with great interest the story about the \$2 million being spent to redo a section of Highway 68 to Pacific Grove after Caltrans spent \$5 million of the taxpayers' money in 2022 to repave the same general area.

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Despite many efforts over the past few years to get the attention of Caltrans to fix this dangerous section of roadway, nothing has happened. Bicyclists reduce vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gas emissions, one of Caltrans climate action strategies.

Caltrans' 2020-2024 strategic plan says it is "a declaration of our vision and mission, core values, and our goals to deliver a world-class transportation system for one of the nation's most populous, innovative, and diverse states. Their mission is to "provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment."

So, I wonder how much longer it will take to fix this section of Highway 1. Will it take a bicyclist being killed? Or maybe they are waiting until 2024 has come and gone so they don't have to adhere to their 2020-2024 strategic plan? I hope not.

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# TREES

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by the city, are removing problem trees, invasive species and other unwanted vegetation. A strong core of volunteers also undertakes such work in Mission Trail park.

“This is front and center. We’re making good progress,” Rerig said. “Do we ever have enough money for this issue? I would argue that sometimes yes and sometimes no, depending on the weather and what’s happening in the area.”

City officials are also pursuing options for undergrounding utilities, at the behest of the council, though Rerig said PG&E has a 10-year backlog on such projects.

### Plan in the works

A community wildfire protection plan being developed in collaboration with the cities of Pacific Grove and Monterey is behind schedule, Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer said, but the city council should see it sometime in the next couple of months.

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito said, in light of the fires on Maui, in Canada and elsewhere, “we cannot underestimate the importance of fire fuel abatement in our community,” and while the city is charged with keeping public land in shape, residents must take responsibility for ensuring their own properties are free of dead trees and other flammable vegetation.

“The city has an obligation to remove all dead trees from public property,” she said, adding that she’s been asking the forest department to cut down five dead and dangerous trees in the Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden in Mission Trail park, to no avail so far.

“We have to do a better job and set a better example as a city,” Ferlito continued. “Maybe if we set an example, the private property owners will follow suit.”

She also said the numerous stump “totem poles” holding utility lines should be cut down and replaced with poles

actually intended for that purpose.

According to Rerig’s Aug. 30 update, more than 350 dead, dying and fallen trees have been removed since Jan. 1, and crews are continuing to work through the backlog.

### Forest Hill troubles

Similar wildfire risks exist in Forest Hill Park, where numerous fallen trees have dried out, along with the grasses around them, creating a tinder box in the middle of a residential area and worrying those who live nearby. Rerig said that fuel reduction plans are scheduled for Forest Hill early next year.

Melanie Billig blamed the wildfire risk on “a lag in maintaining the forest in the last 50 years.” She recommended making sure residents, especially those who have arrived recently, are aware of their responsibilities.

“They are oblivious to many of the things that go on in this town,” she said. “It seems like there’s never enough public education.”

Billig also suggested the city borrow money by floating a bond to pay for undergrounding.

Former U.S. Rep. Sam Farr said keeping trees and vegetation healthy and green will protect against wildfires. “You just don’t want the flames to get up to the trees, so ground-level maintenance is the best thing to do,” he added.

Fire hazards make insuring homes expensive and difficult, resident Kevan Urquhart pointed out.

“Companies are pulling out, rates are going up and deductibles are going up,” he said, noting that he knows homeowners who are paying between \$5,000 and \$25,000 for state-provided insurance because they couldn’t get another carrier to write policies for them.

Resident Karyl Hall also supported undergrounding and the removal of dead trees but said she didn’t “want to see hysteria over the forest.”

“We have to live with some risk,” she said.

A Carmel Residents Association internal survey on various city issues indicated “those who chose to participate had a lot of energy on trees,” said CRA board member Nancy Twomey.

Unsurprisingly, just 16.7 percent of the CRA respondents agreed with the statement that “village trees, public and private, demand too much maintenance, and they limit sunshine and views,” while 88.6 percent agreed that “our village trees are an important investment demanding care to assure their health, replenishment and safety are addressed,” and 75.8 percent said property owners, especially new ones, should be given guidance on the “significance, care and considerations” for their

trees.

Carmel Cares founder and resident Dale Byrne noted that a tree survey being conducted by Davey Resources Group will only catalog public trees, not private ones.

“There are a lot of problems with trees in town, and I’m not sure we’re fully comprehending how big this problem is,” he said. Byrne said the city should hire more forestry workers.

Working toward its goal of developing a forest master plan and updating related ordinances, the forest and beach commission has appointed a committee of commissioners and residents, and will send out a community survey soon, according to Rerig.

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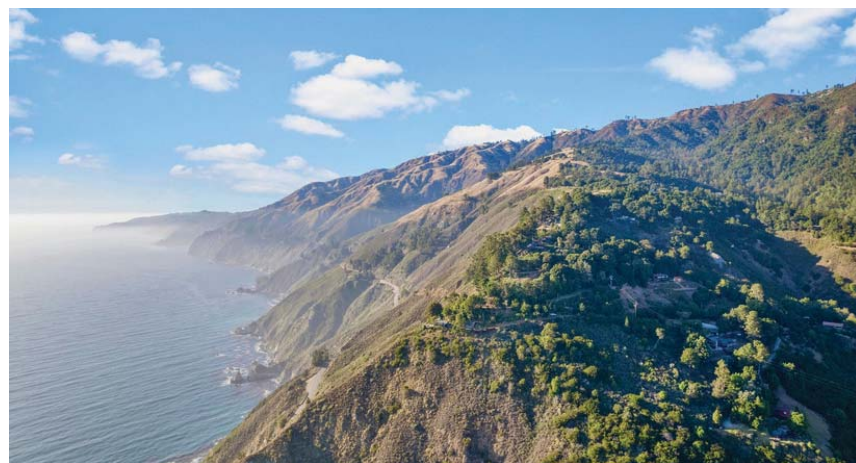
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## Cheryl (Sherry) Haste Blandin

February 25, 1946-August 22, 2023

On August 22, 2023, as the gray monsoon clouds gathered over the beautiful Sonoran Desert in Tucson, Arizona, Sherry Blandin, a beloved wife, mother, sister and friend, slipped peacefully away to begin her eternal journey. She leaves a legacy of deep and abiding love for her family as well as a vast and loyal network of authentic friends across the globe.

Cheryl (Sherry) Haste was born in San Francisco in 1946 to Martha and Harry Haste. She moved to Texas when she was 5 and grew up in Tyler and Lubbock. After graduating from Texas Tech and eager for a new adventure, she moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1968 and taught fourth and fifth grades at Marina Vista and Del Rey Woods schools for 20 years.

On a beautiful summer day in 1977 Sherry married Jim Blandin on their deck among the oaks and redwood trees at their home in Robinson Canyon, Carmel Valley. In 1983 Jim and Sherry built a home in Corral de Tierra on a hill overlooking the setting of John Steinbeck's famous book, "The Pastures of Heaven" where the writer laid the cornerstone for his great later fiction in the heavenly beauty of the valley that Sherry and Jim loved. They worked tirelessly to complete the house and landscape the large property while raising their two daughters Kathryn (Katie) and Margaret (Maggie).

When her daughters were young, Sherry worked at Evan-Moor Educational Publishers in Monterey as the coordinator of teacher workshops held throughout the county. During Katie and Maggie's high school years she turned her attention to volunteer work where she spearheaded efforts to raise tens of thousands of dollars for athletic programs at both Salinas High School and Notre Dame High School. She also served on the Washington Union School Board.

After Jim retired from the faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School, they moved to Marana, Arizona. They bought a home overlooking the third green at the Highlands Golf Club on Dove Mountain where Sherry captured with her camera the beauty and variety of animals and plants that were found on Dove Mountain. She was known to wait patiently for hours for just the right moment to capture the vitality of the landscape. A lone bumblebee in a flower, an owl in mid-flight, a tiny hummingbird ... she harnessed her powers of observation to record the world in all its forms. At the Highlands she also enthusiastically embraced golf and enjoyed many new golfing friends. In Arizona, Sherry devoted many hours to deepening her photographic and computer graphics skill to enhance her work. She started a successful commercial photography business, exhibited in galleries, and sold widely. She focused primarily on Sonoran Desert flora and fauna as well as the majestic landscapes of the Navajo Nation and Death Valley. She would often rise at dawn or linger at sunset to capture just the light she wanted. Her images often reflected the poet William Blake's words "To see the world in a grain of sand and Heaven in a wildflower."

Sherry is survived by her husband, Jim; her beautiful and accomplished daughters, Katie and Maggie; son-in-law, Thad; her grandchildren, Logan and Lennon and her dog Lulu. She also leaves her sister Kathryn Clinton and husband Chris, her brother Chuck Smith, niece Leigh Clinton Maples, and nephews, Will Clinton and Stewart, Clark and Brian Smith.

Her family and friends will always remember Sherry's "tell it like it is personality," her smile, laugh, positive attitude and love of life. She made it clear that she wanted a party to celebrate her life and so there will be one on her birthday, February 25 in Monterey and at a date to be announced in Arizona.

## OCTOPUS

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Science Advances. "Warmth from the springs plays a key role by raising metabolic rates, speeding embryonic development, and presumably increasing reproductive success."

The site is located about 80 miles southwest of the Monterey Peninsula at a depth of about 10,500 feet. The females "nest in cracks and crevices bathed by warm water," the study indicates. The water in those cracks and crevices is about 50 degrees Fahrenheit, in contrast to nearby water temperatures of about 40 degrees — a difference that doesn't sound like much but can be crucial for the development of a cold-blooded species like the octopus.

### 'Doc' takes a deep dive

To get a closer look at the site, a remotely operated vehicle owned by MBARI, named the Doc Ricketts, made 14 visits. Although researchers were only able to see an estimated 6,000 octopi, they suspect that as many as 20,000 exist there.

Specifically, the octopi at the site belong to the species, *Muusoctopus robustus*. The species is known as "the pearl octopus" because nesting individuals "look like opalescent pearls on the seafloor," the study continued.

Researchers suggest that other such sites probably exist. "Although localized deep-sea heat sources may be essential to

octopuses and other warm-tolerant species, most of these unique and often cryptic habitats remain undiscovered and unexplored," the study added.

An MBARI scientist who led the research effort, Jim Barry, said the study of the site has helped to unlock its mysteries — and given researchers valuable information that could have far-reaching impacts.

"Thanks to our advanced marine technology and our partnership with other local researchers, we were able to observe the Octopus Garden in tremendous detail, which helped us discover why so many deep-sea octopuses gather there," Barry said. "These findings can help us understand and protect other unique deep-sea habitats from climate impacts and other threats."

It's likely other such breeding sites exist elsewhere beneath the waves. "We don't know how many exist, but we think it's many," Barry reported.

The researcher told The Pine Cone that the warmer water at the site allows octopus eggs to hatch earlier and octopus embryos to develop faster — giving them a competitive edge for survival. "Ten degrees makes a huge difference and gives them a big advantage," he said.

Barry said that the site is "by far the biggest known breeding ground for octopuses on the planet" — and it needs to be preserved.

"It's a really cool story about how this animal is trying to make a living in the deep dark sea," he added. "We have to understand and protect these places."

## CHARGED

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criminal complaint filed Wednesday spells out the allegations against Cline, including seven lewd acts against the two girls, referred to as Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 in the documents.

Cline "did willfully, unlawfully and lewdly commit a lewd and lascivious act upon and with the body and certain parts and members thereof of Doe No. 1, a child under the age of 14 years, with the intent of arousing, appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions and sexual desires of Cline and the child," the complaint filed by Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Cristina Johnson, said.

Between Aug. 1, 2022, and May 31 of this year, the complaint says Cline kissed Doe 1 twice, touched her breasts and genitals and put the girl's hands on his genitals,

while he's accused of performing general lewd and lascivious acts on Doe 2, the complaint says.

Because the girls were under 14, more than one victim has been named, Cline also faces an enhancement of alleged sex crimes with aggravating circumstances. He also faces special allegations because the victims were "particularly vulnerable," and because Cline was in a "position of trust."

Cline, the DA's office says, will have to submit to an AIDS blood test, and if he's convicted, he'll also have to turn in any firearms he owns. Online court records do not identify Cline's attorney.

While Cline had been in the Monterey County Jail on \$100,000 bail, as of Wednesday he was no longer there, according to the jail log, meaning he probably posted bail and was released.

He hasn't been charged with any other crimes in Monterey County, court records show.



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## DAVID CLARK WILLARD

August 7, 1944 • August 11, 2023



**WEAVERVILLE** — David Clark Willard, age 79, of Weaverville, NC passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, August 11th, 2023.

David grew up in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. He attended the Valley Forge Military Academy, graduating in 1962 as class president and regimental commander. David served as a Navy Corpsman in the Vietnam War on the hospital ship, the USS Sanctuary.



He attended several colleges, sometimes failing, but always finding the resolve to start again. He loved science and medicine and ultimately received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at San Francisco. He was always proud to have received his medical training there, and that education shaped his life.

He went on to have a varied career in medicine, mostly in the Monterey, California area where he lived for 30 years. He was a superb critical care nurse, gifted therapist, addiction interventionist and health care executive, ultimately achieving the position of vice president of contracting and network development with the Centene Corporation.

Although David was accomplished in his field of work, we will remember his love and laughter most. His profoundly caring heart touched many through the years, and at one time or another, his sense of humor lifted all who knew him. One of David's greatest gifts was helping others discover theirs. He knew we all have something to give in this life, and he showed genuine interest, respect, and care when he engaged with you.

David was an adventurer, healer, poet, philosopher, brother. He was above all a loyal, compassionate and all-the-time-available friend. Every bit the wise elder, romantic and witty humorist. With his hands, heart, keen intellect and sweet spirit, he always seemed to leave something beautiful as he walked through life.

David had a love for life and family held in each breath. He was a devoted husband and father. He was incredibly proud of his beloved son, Patrick, and wildly in love with his wife, Cathy. He knew what matters most are the moments, days, and years of love we leave behind with those we care most about; those who knew David are fortunate to have had so many. Indeed, though death has ended the life of his body, it has not ended love. David's love will never cease.

What we learned from David and are deeply grateful for is that light is more significant than darkness. Stillness and compassion are more vital than busyness and rushing. Listening and patience are the most potent actions. Kindness and care are more important than the accumulation of things, taking time to see and create beauty is essential every day. Family is everything. Nature is to be loved and cared for. Respect is an artful attitude to live by, being humble and gentle is our greatest strength. Deep and long friendships nurture us, loyalty lasts a lifetime and beyond, and love will forever bond us.

David is survived by his wife, Catherine Anne Herget Carter; his son, Patrick Rayne; his brother, Thomas Willard; his stepchildren, James Hunter Carter, Clair Loraine Carter, Thomas Martin Carter and their spouses, Sean Lovett and Samantha Carter; as well as his grandchildren, Francis, Maeve and Micah. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Ralph Willard and Frances Clark Kirtland Willard. His love and kindness were the wind in our sails towards a better life. He will always be in our hearts.

*Bon voyage, David*

## LOUIS RICHARD CALCAGNO

**L**ouis Richard Calcagno passed away peacefully in his home overlooking the beautiful Elkhorn Slough on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. His wife and childhood sweetheart of 67 years, Carol, was by his side and holding his hand as he left this world to be in Heaven with his parents, his brother John, and his sister Bella.

Louis, known as "Lou" to most, was born on his ranch in Moss Landing in the upstairs of the family home on June 30, 1936, to his Genovese immigrant parents, Peter and Clara Calcagno. Lou's father, Peter Calcagno, came to the USA on a boat from Italy in 1917 with his Uncle Nick Delfino. In 1926, his father and uncle purchased a farm in Moss Landing and began their vegetable farming business, which would eventually become Moon Glow Dairy. Lou always had a passion for animals. While attending Salinas High School, Lou was an active member of Future Farmers of America, showing dairy cattle at local fairs, a member of the livestock judging team and was president of the Salinas FFA Chapter. Carol Lanini, later to be Lou's wife was an active member of the Hartnell 4-H Club and showed Southdown sheep at local fairs. Together with their love for animals and each other, they developed an inseparable bond. After graduating from Salinas High School, Lou, along with his first cow, Rosemary, attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he majored in dairy manufacturing and worked in the Cal Poly Creamery. Lou was also president of the Cal Poly Dairy Club. While writing this obituary, Carol said that Lou still has Rosemary's #28 neck chain number in his top desk drawer! While at Cal Poly, Lou missed Carol so much, that he came home and married her and then immediately brought her to the "Cow Palace Dairy Show" in San Francisco for their honeymoon because he had been chosen at Cal Poly to be in charge of the Dairy Department at the Cow Palace. Quite a honeymoon for two animal lovers! Upon leaving Cal Poly, Lou and Carol came home to Moss Landing with 15 cows in tow and started their dream dairy business and family.

Even as a young man, Lou was passionate about politics and the conservation of farmland and water. He won first place in a National FFA Public Speaking Contest while at Salinas High School with his speech on "Conservation of Water in the Western States." By the 1990s, Lou had become a national dairy industry leader and was president of the National Dairy Promotion Board. Lou's success as a political figure in the dairy industry led to his appointment, by Governor Pete Wilson, to the California Coastal Commission. When Lou ran for Monterey County Supervisor in the late 1990s, he planned on only serving a single term, but he was passionate about so many key issues, he decided to run for re-election again, and in the end served four terms. Lou never pursued the position for financial gain. He truly loved the land and was passionate about protecting Monterey County for future generations.

During his political career, Lou was proudest of the work he did bringing Castro Plaza and the Andy Ausonio Library to Castroville, the opening of Pajaro Park, his roles in the Monterey County Ag Land Trust, the Elkhorn Slough Foundation and AgKnowledge and FocusAg, where he and Carol and their family annually hosted busloads of future county leaders for an inspirational talk about the importance of agriculture and a tasty barbecue. He led the changes at Natividad Medical Center that narrowly avoided its closure; and, he was instrumental in the county's acquisition of the Capital One facility in south Salinas that provided much needed space for the Elections Department, Records Storage and the Resource Management Agency while freeing space for the District Attorney, the Public Defender and other departments at the County Government Center. As a board member at TAMC, he led the charge for the Prunedale Improvement Project as well as the Salinas Road Interchange Project, which is considered one of the most beautiful highway projects in the state. As a board member of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Lou also prided himself on his work on the Salinas Valley Water Project and the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, which has kept thousands of acres of farmland in production in North County. When all is said and done Lou said that he wants to be remembered simply as someone who "cared for the community and the people who lived there and for agriculture and the agricultural heritage of the Salinas Valley."

Lou is survived by his wife and childhood sweetheart of 67 years, Carol; his son, Louie and wife, Carolyn; his daughter, Debbie Soares; his three grandchildren, Adam Soares and Colleen, Lauren Singh and Raj and Jennifer Calcagno. Also his three great-grandchildren; Bradley, Audra and Sienna Soares and his step-grandchildren, Tony Dahl and Tammy Dahl Mayes. Also his long-time herdsman at the dairy, Manuel Zavala, who has been by his side for 29 years, and in the final months of his life was always there for him no matter what the circumstances. He loved you, Manuel!

Visitation will be held 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2023, at Struve and Laporte Chapel, 41 W. San Luis St., Salinas, CA. 93901.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 22 Stone St., Salinas, CA. 93901.

Private family burial will be held at the Castroville Cemetery in Moss Landing.

A reception in Lou's honor to celebrate his life will be held at the Salinas Elks Lodge from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on that same day. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Donations may be made to the Lou Calcagno Memorial Scholarship Fund at Agri-Culture, 141 Monte Vista Avenue, Watsonville, CA 95076 (Make checks payable to Agri-Culture), or to Palma School, in memory of Lou Calcagno, 919 Iverson Street, Salinas, CA 93901. (Makes checks payable to Palma School).

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# ROOMKEY

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been and remain open to communications with the City of Marina to have a deeper conversation about the issues,” and to “hear their concerns directly.”

Amid the row over transparency and cost recovery, what is undisputed is that crime spiked at the Country Inn & Suites when the hotel was no longer a place for tourists and other paying guests and became a sanctuary for the homeless.

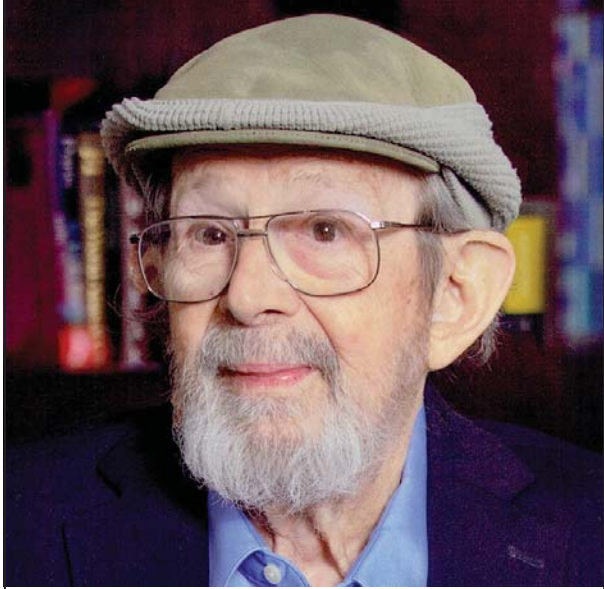
“Marina Police has indicated increased stress on services due to responses to these hotel sites,” McCarthy said. Acting Marina Police Chief Steve Russo confirmed

that, saying that his officers began responding to more complaints of noise, theft, drugs and other crimes at the hotel when homeless people started living there.

“As far as a greater number of police calls at Country Inn & Suites, the greater number of calls occurred once the hotel was turned over to house Project Roomkey” recipients, Russo told The Pine Cone this week.

Meanwhile, 38 Pajaro residents — representing about 12 households — who were displaced from their homes because of the flooding there, are also being housed in Marina, Carroll said. It costs about \$100,000 per month to put them up in a hotel, and she said it’s not clear how long they’ll be there.

“The goal here is to prevent them from becoming homeless,” she said.



## FREDERICK WALCUTT TERMAN 1929 – 2023

Fred Terman, educator and supporter of the arts, died in his Carmel home surrounded by family on Aug. 11.

Fred was born March 10, 1929, to Sibyl Walcutt Terman and Frederick Emmons Terman. With his two younger brothers, Terence and Lewis, he grew up on the Stanford University campus where his father and grandfather were on the faculty. He attended Stanford Elementary School and David Star Jordan Junior High School.

In 1942 the family moved to the Boston area where his father headed a wartime laboratory at Harvard University. During that time Fred attended Belmont Hill School and Phillips Academy, Andover. In 1945 he left Andover without graduating to enter Stanford University in a special wartime program that allowed students to enter after their junior year in high school. He often referred to himself as a high school dropout. He graduated from Stanford with a bachelor of science in engineering science and a master’s of science in electrical engineering. He married Sally Briscoe in 1950 after their respective graduations.

Following graduate work at Harvard University, Fred taught electrical engineering at Newark College of Engineering and physics at Adelphi University. During this time he and his wife had two daughters, Patricia and Kathleen, and a son, Frederick, Jr. The family moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1964 where Fred taught in the Electrical Engineering Department of the Naval Postgraduate School. After a hiatus at San Francisco State University, Fred returned to NPS where he taught for a total of 36 years. He came to specialize in computer engineering, teaching his final class at age 83. In 1972 Fred and Sally divorced. On New Year’s Eve 1980 Fred met the love of his life, Nan Borreson. Fred and Nan were together for 43 years and shared a large blended family.

Throughout his adult life Fred enthusiastically supported the performing arts, acting as stage manager, light technician and technical crew member in local theaters. These included the Carmel Bach Festival and Forest Theater as well as performances at Zellerbach Theater in Berkeley, Memorial Hall at Stanford, Davies Hall in San Francisco, and St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco. He was co-founder and president for 20 years of the Baroque Choral Guild in Palo Alto and Berkeley. After he gave up the heavy lifting backstage, Fred continued to support many performing arts companies including Smuin Ballet and PacRep Theater. Stage right at Sunset Theater, the box office at the Golden Bough, and the entrance lobby of the Smuin Ballet studio in San Francisco are dedicated to Fred and Nan. In recent years he served on the boards of directors for Chamber Music San Francisco and Amy Seiwert’s ballet company, Imagery. He was a life-long Episcopalian, serving on the vestry of St. James Episcopal Church, Monterey.

Fred is survived by his wife, Nan Borreson; and their children, Pat Terman and her husband David Frydenlund, Kathy Terman, Fred Terman, Jr., Ann Borreson, Steve Kreek and his wife Sylvia, Jane Dodge and her husband Mike, and Tamee Kreek; grandchildren Sarah Terman, Erik Frydenlund, Hank Vockroth and his wife Sloane, Josh Kreek, Ethan Kreek, Simon Dodge, and Will Dodge; and great-granddaughter Elliot Vockroth. He is also survived by his brothers, Terry Terman and his wife Adrian, and Lewis Terman and his wife Bobbie. He was predeceased by his first wife, Sally Briscoe Terman; his sister-in-law Marilyn Terman, and his daughter-in-law, Susan Terman.

**Memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at St. James Episcopal Church, 381 High St., Monterey.**

**“In lieu of flowers attend a live performance and applaud.”**

## MARY C. PIOTROWSKI (OSTRANDER)

Mary C. Piotrowski (Ostrander), affectionately known as Connie, entered this world on Jan. 6, 1942, in the quiet town of Chattaroy, West Virginia. Born to Italian immigrants, she carried their rich heritage and warmth throughout her life. Connie’s legacy is one of love, laughter and cherished memories.

On Febr. 4, 1960, Connie embarked on a new chapter of her life as she married David Lambert Ostrander. They found their way to Martinez, California, before finally settling on the Ostrander Family Ranch in Cachagua. It was here that Connie’s nurturing spirit truly flourished as they raised their four daughters.



Her life’s journey was punctuated by roles that spoke volumes about her character. To her family and friends, she was Connie – a woman whose presence lit up every room. To her nieces and nephews, she became the beloved Aunt Connie, a beacon of love and guidance. Her daughters were fortunate to call her Mother, a source of unwavering support and unconditional love. And to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she was Nana – a name that carried the magic of warmth and endless love.

Connie found solace in the embrace of her gardens. Her kitchen was a realm of comfort, where she weaved magic into every dish she prepared. Her daughters and their children were the fortunate recipients of her culinary creations, each meal a reminder of the love that fueled her hands. Her kitchen held treasures beyond taste – it held the secrets of generations ... recipes passed down through the ages, filled with a pinch of this and a dash of that. Connie was not just a cook, but a keeper of

time-honored traditions that connected her to her Italian roots.

Connie’s laughter was a force to be reckoned with – a sound that lifted spirits and echoed through the hearts of all who knew her. Her quick wit and respect for tradition stood as a testament to her enduring values.

With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to our Mother, knowing that she has embarked on a new journey, reuniting with those who have gone before her.

A private memorial will be held in Monterey in the coming weeks, where we will gather to celebrate a life well lived, a legacy that will endure through generations and a soul that has left an indelible mark on all of us. As we say our goodbyes, we remember Connie with gratitude for the light she brought to our lives and the love she instilled in our hearts.

## Bettye Jean Sollecito

1929 – 2023

Bettye Sollecito, 93, passed away on August 28, 2023, in her Monterey home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on November 20, 1929, to Othel and Charlotte Smith in Springfield, MO. She lived in Missouri until she was 22 years old, where she enjoyed such activities as demolition car racing and attending a screen test for Paramount Pictures. Paramount offered to fly her to Hollywood, however, her mother did not want her involved in the unsavory “Hollywood lifestyle.”

In 1951, Bettye relocated to Monterey, CA with her mother. In 1952, she met the love of her life, Joe, at the Blue Ox Restaurant in Monterey. Following a dinner to which Joe invited himself to



dine with her, Bettye’s car wouldn’t start and he offered her a ride home. A whirlwind romance led to an elopement to Lake Tahoe. Once there, she decided to wait to get married and asked to go home. A fortuitous snowstorm closed the highways back to Monterey and, knowing the scandal that would ensue if she spent the night with Joe without being married, she tied the knot (later renewing their vows at San Carlos Cathedral). She was happily married to Joe for 53 years, until his passing in 2006.

Bettye spent 25 years as the office manager for Walter Colton Junior High School in Monterey, was very involved in the Italian Catholic Federation, Festa Italia, SanCarlos Church, CHOMP volunteer, Monterey Bay Aquarium supporter, and many other local organizations. She acted at the First Theater of Monterey, and was an avid garage sale customer. In 1960, she and several other women started the “sewing club.” They never sewed a stitch. It was simply a way for the ladies to get out of the house, have coffee, cake and gossip together, with their husbands none the wiser. In fact, Joe would often give her socks to mend ... which never returned. The ladies got together for the next 50 years (yes, the husbands caught on eventually). In addition to the sewing club, she held many poker parties at her house and loved traveling to Tahoe, Reno and Chukchansi casinos.

Bettye had a wonderful life surrounded by a large family and a larger group of friends. One of her last wishes was that nobody should mourn her loss, they should instead celebrate her life. Bettye was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Bill, Bob and Herb; her husband, Joe; and her son, Stephen. She is survived by her sons, Anthony (Dawn) and Carmelo; her grandchildren, Kimberlee, Kristin, Natalie and Nicole and her great-grandchildren, Lauren, Ava and Cash.

**Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at San Carlos Cathedral.**





# AGENDA

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explaining the legal foundation and logic supporting the rezoning effort.

While city council members Alissandra Dramov and Karen Ferlito are challenging the historic resources board's 4-1 vote in July to allow Dolores Street property owner Patrice Pastor to move a section of wall at the south end of the historic Seventh and Dolores complex so he can develop the three lots next to it, associate planner Evan Kort is recommending the council agree with the HRB's decision at its Sept. 12 meeting.

The council has the option of upholding the board's decision, amending it or the conditions of approval attached to it, overturning it, or sending the whole thing back to the HRB for more discussion.

# INDYCAR

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the season finale, Palou said he plans on testing some boundaries and experimenting with the car's setup in anticipation of defending his title next year. And despite the added grip the new racing surface might provide, passing remains tricky, he noted.

"You have Turn 1, Turn 4 and probably the last corner," he said. "There are not a lot of places to pass."

But then, no race fan has forgotten IndyCar driver Alex Zanardi's off-road pass in the world-famous Corkscrew to beat Bryan Herta during the last lap of the last race of the year in 1996, so nothing's really off the table.

This year also marks the last, for the foreseeable future, that the IndyCar season will end at Laguna Seca. Next year, it will finish on the streets of Nashville, Tenn., where the drivers raced earlier this year in sweltering heat.

Accompanying the IndyCar race will be Porsche races, the Radical Cup North America (similar to Le Mans-style racing), and IndyCar's NXT series for fledgling drivers.

"In keeping with past practice relating to decisions of junior boards and commissions, staff supports the decision of the historic resources board and recommends the council uphold the decision," Kort said.

He listed the conclusions drawn by the historic consultant that moving the small section of wall would comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and said staff concurs with them all.

## Wireless rules

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the council will get its first official look at the new ordinance governing the installation of wireless antennas and other equipment. The need for new legislation came out of the city's battles with Verizon, which first proposed five new towers in the single-family-residential district, and after those were

rejected, one by La Playa Hotel that was also denied. (The La Playa tower is now in the hands of the courts.)

"From the outset, the policy direction from the city council was to draft the strongest wireless ordinance possible to protect the special and unique characteristics of Carmel-by-the-Sea while remaining consistent with relevant state and federal telecommunication laws," planning director Brandon Swanson said in his introduction of the ordinance.

"Since that time, multiple drafts of the ordinance package have been prepared for community and planning commission feedback, ultimately leading to a final draft that is now being considered by the council."

The meeting is set to begin at 4:30 p.m. and will be held in city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean, as well as via Zoom. For more information and a complete packet, visit [ci.carmel.ca.us](http://ci.carmel.ca.us).

## NOREEN DIANE DICKERHOOF

June 27, 1944 – August 12, 2023

Noreen Diane Dickerhoof was born in Schenectady, New York to Norval & Diana Castner on June 27, 1944. Her sister, Joyce, was born three years later. Noreen's mom was a music teacher at a junior high school, high school, and was the organist at their Lutheran church for over 30 years. Noreen got her love of singing and piano from her mother. At age 10, Diana moved her girls back to her hometown of Trinidad, Colorado. They moved into the house that Noreen's grandfather built in 1909 and this is where she resided with her mom, sister and grandparents until she left for the Manhattan School of Music.



When in New York City studying voice, Gene Dickerhoof came to visit Noreen on his way to report to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The two had known each other in Trinidad from high school and the Methodist church. After dating for a year, and before Gene left for Vietnam, he proposed to Noreen in February of 1967. They were married on August 2, 1968 in Trinidad and immediately left on a three-month honeymoon to Europe. They purchased a Triumph TR 250 at the Triumph factory in England and traveled around 13 countries. That was the beginning of a lifetime of travel for them.

They returned to New York City with only \$50 in their pockets and immediately found jobs to support themselves. Noreen began rehearsals for a four-month singing tour and Gene went to La Crosse, Wisconsin, for a six-month course with the Trane Company. Noreen loved her singing life and one of her favorite stories to tell was about performing at Radio City Music Hall. She often talked about how naive she was when she moved to the big city from a small town and her fellow singing troop members taught her a lot on tour! She soon gave up her professional singing

career to focus on having a family.

In July of 1969, Noreen and Gene drove to San Francisco to begin work with Trane. On July 1, 1970, they moved into an English Tudor house they had purchased in Oakland. Darren was born early the following morning. Gene began fixing up the house and added a large apartment on the lower level. He found that he loved construction and this is when he decided to become a builder and got his contractor's license.

Matthew arrived on August 4, 1972. During the boy's younger years, Noreen worked small jobs until Gene's building would become their life. Noreen dedicated herself to being a full-time mom and managing the finances of Gene's construction. Noreen loved running numbers for the business!

Gene was fascinated with the town of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and in December 1977 they purchased a house in need of remodeling on a double lot just five blocks from the ocean. Kimberly joined the family on January 30, 1979. Each year Gene would purchase a home to remodel, or build a new home, and every summer the family would take time off to travel around the United States or Europe.

Gene and Noreen were active in the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel and would walk to church every Sunday as a family. Often Kim would be pulled in her red Radio Flyer wagon to church and the members were delighted to have a young family in congregation. Noreen taught the children's bell choir, was a member of the choir, a soloist, and often performed in church musicals. She was known for her beautiful voice. Gene and Noreen led a den of eight Cub Scouts, and Gene was the Pack Master for three years. They loved attending school and athletic events in which the kids were involved.

The entire family grew up on jobsites and it wasn't long before it truly became a family business. When Noreen's eldest son, Darren, moved to Oregon to attend Oregon State University, Gene and Darren started investing in properties in need of repair. As the business started to grow in Oregon, Gene and Noreen decided to relocate to Corvallis. Matthew also joined the business after attending OSU.

Noreen was a dedicated mother who loved baking and cooking for her kids and all of their friends. She was so proud of her family and their accomplishments, and would share all of their families' stories with anyone she met. Her passion was sewing and quilting in her later years.

After 43 years of marriage Gene unexpectedly passed in 2012 and for the past 11 years of her life, Noreen deeply missed him. The family finds comfort in knowing that they are now joined again.

Noreen is survived by her sister, Joyce Stack of Highland Village, Texas; and her three children, Darren Dickerhoof, Matthew Dickerhoof, and Kimberly McEuen. Darren and his wife, Kristen, have two sons Maxwell (20) and Maguire (17) and reside in Corvallis, Oregon. Max is in his sophomore year as a business major at Boise State and Maguire is entering his senior year at Crescent Valley High School. Matthew resides in Bend, Oregon. Kim and her husband, Shawn, have a daughter, Tatum (23), who joined the Dickerhoof family when she was 6 and they reside in Portland, Oregon. Tatum is in her final year of nursing school at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon. Darren and Matt continue to grow the family business around the Pacific Northwest and Kim has started her own business in design and general contracting.

Noreen passed on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the age of 79 in her own home, as she wished. She requested not to have a local memorial service. She was laid to rest in Golden, Colorado, next to her husband, Gene, on September 1, 2023, surrounded by her immediate family.



## Sonja Marie Jeter (Revling)

February 16, 1949-August 27, 2023

Sonja was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin, the second of five daughters born to Geraldine Baierl and Wallace Revling. Her parents were dairy farmers on the Knute Olson farm in Auburndale, WI before moving to Los Angeles, CA in 1952. Wallace had several relatives already residing there. Sonja was always very proud of her Norwegian and Bohemian/German heritage.

When the family settled in the Eagle Rock area of Los Angeles, Sonja attended St. Dominic's grammar school and Eagle Rock High School. She excelled in art and dancing and was chosen to be a cheerleader at Eagle Rock High. Sonja married her high school sweetheart, Steve Jeter, and they celebrated 54 years wonderful years together.

Steve and Sonja welcomed first daughter Heidi in 1970, and soon the family moved to their forever home in Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA. In a few years, son Erik and daughter Elizabeth completed the family.

Sonja was employed by the Bank of America in Carmel and later Chelew & Campbell Realty. She was known for her creative art projects such as wood burning, needlepoint and calligraphy; her love of classical music; delicious cooking; and her beautiful auburn red hair! She loved her furry friends and adopted many cats and dogs over her life. Her creative skills were shown best in their beautiful cozy, rustic home in Carmel, just five blocks from the ocean. Sonja's favorite holidays were Christmas, Halloween and Easter when she would decorate her entire home.

Unfortunately, she was never able to fulfill her lifelong dream of making a trip to Norway. Therefore we wish her "Godspeed og trygg reise til vi motes igjen!"

Surviving Sonja are her husband, Steve Jeter; children, Heidi Minick, Erik Jeter and Liz (Bryan) Laschiver; grandchildren, Bethany Minick, Seth Borslien and Scarlett Canepa. Also surviving are her four sisters, Judy Hall, Pamela Gravlin, Carrie Abongan and Lori Miller; brother-in-law, James Jeter, and many extended relatives in Wisconsin.



# Editorial

## Brave new world

UP ON Guadalupe Street, a land use dispute is playing out that would have been unheard of just two years ago.

The first half of the dispute is a familiar one. David and Susan Brown want to demolish a 1,700-square-foot, single-story house on their double lot and replace it with one that's 2,700 square feet and two stories. Everything they're proposing conforms to zoning, but some of their neighbors still don't like what they're up to, so they asked the planning commission to require a redesign to make the new house smaller. And then — as predictable as a cheap soap opera — the planning commission put off a decision . . .

The next few chapters haven't been written yet, but you know how they'll probably come out. Stories exactly like this one have been reported in The Pine Cone at least 100 times in recent years, thanks to a thicket of state laws and the whimsical nature of the local planning process that have combined to make it extremely difficult not only to get approval for all but the most humble development plans, but even to find out what you might be allowed to do.

The whole thing has been so fraught with uncertainty, the best thing to be said about what locals call "permit hell" was it at least helped drive up the everybody's property values — including for people who were finally able to get permits and build.

In the Browns' case, the wrinkle is that before they started trying to build a bigger house, they got instant approval for a standalone granny unit on their property without the neighbors even having a chance to know about it — much less object. The same thing has happened on many other properties around town, as the state tries to force Carmel, along with every other city, to approve new housing.

But the state's new no-holds-barred approach is going on even as non-granny-unit development is still subject to the laws that caused the housing shortage in the first place.

The result is permit schizophrenia, where one type of development — granny units — suddenly has no rules at all, whereas the traditional, single-family-type housing that was previously the preferred use in many neighborhoods is still extremely difficult to achieve.

Our advice is the same as it has been for years. If you're concerned about development in your neighborhood, take some time to familiarize yourself with the zoning on all the properties you care about, and assume they'll all be developed to the maximum the law allows. If that's too much for you, go down to city hall and ask the nice folks at the planning department for advice about what can be done to forestall or lessen development on the properties that are important to you. Maybe a zoning change will be in order, or maybe you should start talking to your neighbors about any development they might have in mind. Or maybe you and other concerned citizens should buy a property or two and limit their future uses with a deed restriction. You definitely aren't helpless, but you must not wait until somebody applies for a permit and then start trying to get in their way. Not only is that unfair to them, it raises the possibility that, no matter how hard you make the permit process for somebody, in the end they will win.

On top of all that, there's suddenly another major factor to consider. Not only might every property you care about be developed to the maximum allowed by zoning, it also might be developed to the maximum allowed by zoning *plus* whatever crazy "housing at all costs" programs the State of California comes up with next. First, it was granny units, then lot splits and multi-family development. Whatever it is, if you care, you'd better stay informed and get involved.

## BEST of BATES



## Letters to the Editor

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### What about short-term rentals?

Dear Editor,

The Pine Cone's story last week, "Hotel stays, taxes take sharp drop," documents a reduction in transient occupancy taxes received by Carmel hotels, bed & breakfasts and inns.

Based on this data, Carmel administrator Chip Rerig states, "We may not be moving into a recession, but fewer people are coming here."

I am curious to know if the TOT data alone is sufficient to lead to that conclusion? Is there any measurement of the increased number of tourists who are staying in short-term rentals in unincorporated Carmel?

Multiple residential homes have been converted to short-term rentals in recent years and I suspect some of those visitors are spending time in Carmel shops

and restaurants but their presence is not reflected in Carmel's TOT data.

Good data on short-term rentals seems hard to come by, as some owners are not securing permits or paying TOT.

I appreciate The Pine Cone's coverage and would like to see data that might provide a more complete picture of where visitors are staying.

Bill Monning, Carmel

### 'Stabilization' is control

Dear Editor,

The Monterey city government is walking its citizens into a horrible mess. When I attended the May 30 meeting in which we discussed its proposed compulsory rent registry, I talked briefly to Mayor Tyller Williamson. I told him that economists are almost unanimous in their view that rent controls cause shortages of housing, cause landlords to cut down on maintenance, and discourage new construction.

He replied that he doesn't advocate rent control but, instead, favors what he called "rent stabilization."

It's a distinction without a difference. Rent stabilization is simply a form of rent control because it's a government limit on rents.

The compulsory rent registry that the Monterey City Council voted for will be the first step to rent control. I don't know if the mayor will regret it, but a lot of people in Monterey will.

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## Not quite the U.N.-by-the-sea

THIS WEEK'S column falls under the "Phew, I'm glad that didn't happen" category. A front-page story in the November 7, 1946, Monterey Peninsula Herald read: "Capitol of the World May Rise Here."

Samuel F.B. Morse (1885-1969) was a man of unlimited vision — he thought big. While he is most remembered today as the

### History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

founder of Pebble Beach, he did so much more. What is often forgotten is his motto, his true belief that, "What's good for the Monterey Peninsula is good for the company, and what's good for the company is good for the Monterey Peninsula."

#### World-class polo

Early in his role here, Morse developed the San Clemente Dam to improve the water supply for the future needs of the Peninsula. His employer, Pacific Improvement Co., had built the original dam on the river and created the water system, which was part of what Morse acquired when he bought the nearly 20,000-acre "Del Monte Unit" from his employer and formed Del Monte Properties Co. in 1919.

In addition to raising the exposure of golf on the Peninsula, Morse brought world-class polo, and with it found a need to support a community hospital to fix broken bones. In the 1920s, Morse drove the effort to create the hospital on Hartnell Street, and later, what is now Community Hospital on land Morse carved out of Del Monte Forest in the 1960s.

He provided the land for Holman Highway to give the community a faster route between Pacific Grove and Carmel, and also made property available for the Monterey airport.

However, not all of Morse's visions

for the Peninsula were realized. In the 1930s, he pushed to bring the California capital back to Monterey. When you hear the land east of Highway One near Agujito road referred to as the Old Capitol Site, that is not because Monterey was the early Spanish capital of Alta California. It got that designation because it was Del Monte Properties Co. land proposed as the site for the California Capitol building. There are many who believe that if it weren't for World War II, Morse would have been successful.

Which brings us to World War II and the United Nations, which was brought into existence on Jan. 1, 1942, with 26 nations signing a pact acknowledging "that complete victory over their enemies is essential to defend life, liberty, independence and religious freedom and to preserve human rights and justice in their own lands as well as in other lands, and that they are now engaging in a common struggle against savage and brutal forces seeking to subjugate the world" — a dream of peace through a commitment to war.

#### Planning for peace

Three years later, in January 1945, with victory over Germany nearly assured, President Franklin Roosevelt's top priority became a re-imagined United Nations organization to assure a lasting post-war peace. In February, representatives of the Big Three Nations — the United States, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union — met in Crimea to agree on final military plans for European victory. They also began planning for the needed economic and political measures that would follow.

More countries joined the united coalition during the war. France became the 36th in January 1945. Participation had grown to 46 nations by April 25, 1945,

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## Amid the 'empty, full silence' of Big Sur's rugged coast

A PROLIFIC career in psychology and medical education — nearly four decades long — was essentially "a moment of distraction," according to Marlene Cresci-Cohen, who rediscovered her artistic hunger in 1988 on a Big Sur mountaintop.

The awakening occurred after she co-taught a class at the Esalen Institute, where fellow therapist Kaye Andres walked up afterward and said, "I really like you! I'd like to show you where I live on the mountain."

A long friendship began at Andres' home on Clear Ridge Road, where Cresci

active quietude — things were happening, decisions were being made, but there was no discourse — there was only quiet."

Cresci is the daughter of Italian-born parents who immigrated to California's San Joaquin Valley, where her dad farmed tomatoes and grew almond trees and corn.

#### Teacher or nurse

"My father was from Luca, Italy, my mom grew up on the Italian island of Elba and they met each other in 1932 at the Italian Catholic Federation," she said. "I went all the way through Catholic school and graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School in Merced. My sister and I were always told by our grandmother, 'You can either be a teacher and a nurse.'"

Both became teachers.

Marlene graduated from Stanford University, working a full-time job throughout her time there (1973-1979), ultimately earning a Ph.D. in child development. The education served her well during an accomplished 35-year professional career.

"I became a Head Start teacher and a Montessori teacher," she said. "I taught for a while in Baltimore, in the ghetto, and then at Starr King Elementary, near the projects in San Francisco.

"I had a lot of real-world experiences and I observed that people who were making decisions about educating children really didn't know very much about child development."

Cresci went on to write a graduate-school proposal to Stanford about the importance of parent education in child learning.

#### 'The teacher is your friend'

"The teacher is your friend and has ways to help parents manage their children's behavior," she said of a program she helped develop.

After obtaining her doctorate, Cresci was hired at UC San Francisco's school of nursing to teach nurses about human growth and development, and how to better communicate with families.

Her next stop was Modesto, where she obtained a county grant for a residency to teach family doctors about psychology and human development, a career that spanned the next 30 years.

In 1990, she met John Adair, a Salt Lake City anesthesiologist, who joined her in Modesto after he retired in 1993, and became her husband in 1996.

In 1998 — 10 years after she first discovered Big Sur — they bought a home on Pfeiffer Ridge while still living in Modesto, where her medical education career was in full bloom.

That second home on a rugged mountainside inspired her to revisit an artistic dream that had been

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### Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

also was unexpectedly introduced to the muse who has followed her ever since.

"We'd go up there, and I'd look around and say, 'Ohhh, I'd love to paint this!' — and I wasn't even painting at the time," she remembered. "Kaye said, 'Well, there's a woman up here who paints with a group. You could paint with them!'"

#### Sunyata's minimalist style

Big Sur's celebrated vistas have been the centerpiece of inspiration ever since for Cresci, who said her minimalist style of painting matches her Buddhist leanings.

"I don't really have Buddhist practices, except that I meditate regularly. But, am I a Buddhist? I would say so," said Cresci, whose meditation teacher called her "Sunyata," a moniker she embraces as an artist.

"In Buddhist philosophy, Sunyata means, 'the empty, full silence,'" said the painter whose landscapes are characterized by shapes and subtle color contrasts (minus intense darks and lights), with minimal detail. "One day, as I was painting, I realized what my teacher was talking about. I became aware of this form of



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Artist Marlene Cresci-Cohen, a retired psychologist and medical educator, paints minimalist landscapes that often feature Big Sur.

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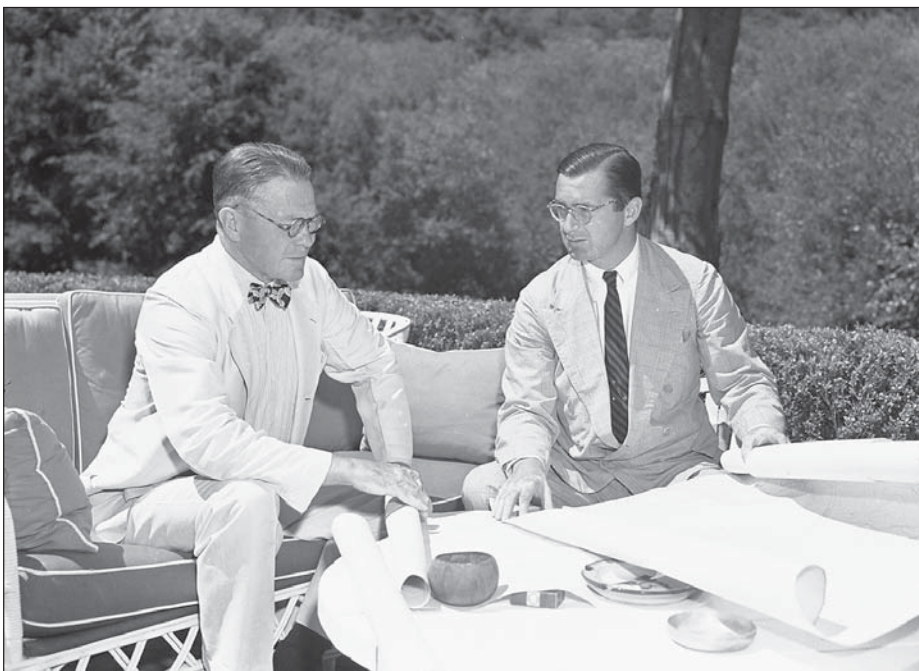
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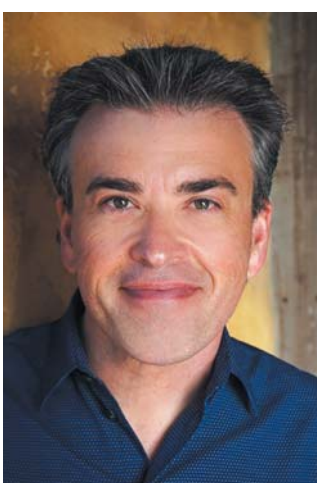
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Samuel F. B. Morse (left), president of Del Monte Properties Co. since its creation in 1919, became chairman of the board in Dec. 1945, when his son, John Boit Morse (right), became president. Together they worked on development of the Peninsula, which briefly included dreams of the United Nations building its headquarters here.

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# ARTIST

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dormant since her college days.

"I returned to oil painting in 1998, after a 40-year moment of distraction," Cresci wrote in her website bio. "Painting is breathing for me, and color is oxygen. In the same way that I can't hold my breath, I can't keep from painting."

"Big Sur is a stretch and a push; its bigness inspires me and my palette," she said in her artist statement. "The paradox of constant motion and deep stillness captures me. The collision of earth, sea, sky and wind opens my eyes anew each time I paint."

While taking classes from Big Sur painter and art instructor Ronna Rio Emmons, Cresci also connected, at long last, with that gaggle of about a dozen plein air artists that Kaye Andres had recommended a decade earlier, joining impromptu outings and creating relationships she nurtures 25 years later.

"I'm constantly getting group texts from my artist friends, asking, 'Who wants to go painting today?'" she said. "I'm part of a great little network of artists, some younger, some older."

In July of 2013, she announced her retirement as a psychologist and medical educator and planned a permanent move to the mountain home with her husband.

"We were going to sell our house in Modesto, move to Big Sur, and live there forever," she said.

But five months later, their Pfeiffer Ridge paradise burned down — with all of her artwork inside — in a devastating wildfire.

"So, uh-oh, I'm retiring, and now there's no 'there' there — which really brought me back to the present moment," recalled the woman called Sunyata. "This was the Buddhist teaching of impermanence. It's all impermanent."

In 2015, their hilltop dream gone, they relocated to their home in Carmel above Rio Road, near the Carmel Mission.

"We had a great run in Big Sur from 1998 to the end of 2015," she said. "I had this idea that I could very happily die there. I'd see the oat grass waving and I thought, 'That's it! I will become the oat grass, and the whole thing goes on.'"

## Loma Vista Gallery

John Adair is 90 and Cresci, 79, strives to paint a couple of times each week, often in the Big Sur wilderness with her plein air group.

She shows her work at the Loma Vista Gallery, an artist-operated co-op, alongside fellow painters Branham Redden, Ruby Brown Dudley, Rachel Fann, Leslie Drew and Seema Christie.

"It's actually a studio-gallery, because some of the women paint there when the weather doesn't cooperate," she said. "But we all prefer to paint outdoors. That's what plein air painting is all about ... and that's what Big Sur energy is about."

Cresci has an artistic daughter, Rachel, from her first marriage, and now enjoys a blended family with Adair's four adult children and 12 grandkids, ranging in age from 18 to 36.

Cresci's paintings can be seen at the Loma Vista Gallery (47540 Highway 1), and on her website at sunyata-gallery.com.

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# For \$10, you might end up owning an Ansel Adams photograph

MORE THAN 120 photographers past and present are represented in the Center for Photographic Art's annual 8-by-10 fundraising exhibition, including "legendary photographers and rising stars," according to the CPA's executive director, Ann Jastrab.

The gallery hosts an opening reception Saturday at 4 p.m. The show is the group's biggest annual fundraiser.

"This year's photographers include Ansel Adams, Morley Baer, Susan Burnstine, Linda Connor, Binh Dahn, Roman Loranc, Klea McKenna, Chris McCaw, Nadezda

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Nikolova, Bill Owens, Meghann Riepenhoff, Holly Roberts, Ryuijie, Jerry Takigawa, Brian Taylor, Lewis Watts and the Westons," Jastrab said.

The images will be sold through an online auction, with the proceeds funding the group's events and exhibits. There will also be a raffle, and the winners will be announced at the close of the show.

"You might just pick up an Ansel Adams photograph for the price of a \$10 raffle ticket," Jastrab suggested. "Stop by to see what surprises are available."

The show will be on display through Sept. 28. The CPA gallery is located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Eighth. For more details, visit photography.org.

### ■ Finding joy in creativity

Three shows open Saturday at the Carmel Art Association, including painter Stan Robbins' "Joy."

"The artist invites the viewer to connect with examples of his work which depicts moments that spark joy," the CAA's Grace Wodecki said. "As Greek philosopher Cassius Longinus looked for greatness in the soul of an author,

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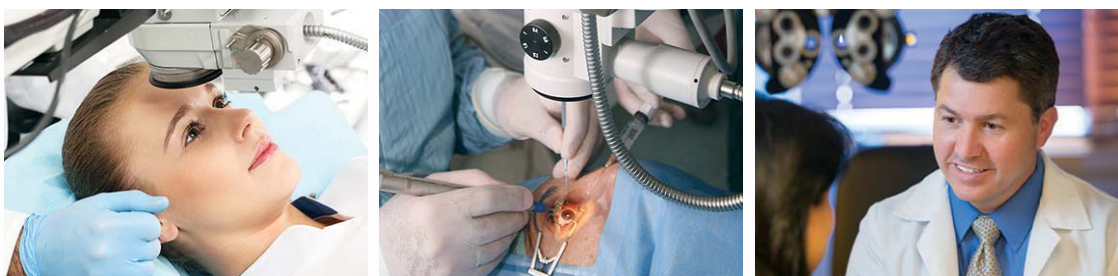
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Stan hopes viewers will find happiness in the soul of his artwork.”

The gallery will have a reception to mark the opening of the show Saturday at 4 p.m.

Also new at the town’s oldest art gallery are a pair of group shows. In “At the Water’s Edge,” painters Howard Perkins and Jan Wagstaff explore the relationship between land and water, “from the raging waves of the Pacific Ocean to the small ripples of calm rivers.” And in “Paint Potpourri,” painters Alicia Meheen and Roianne Hart use watercolors to capture an array of subjects.

The exhibits will be on display through Oct. 2. The CAA gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

■ **Photographing ‘Sacred Encounters’**

A collection of California’s best known fine art photographers takes centerstage at the Monterey Museum of Art, where the exhibit, “Sacred Encounters,” opens Friday with a reception for the artists at 5 p.m.

“The exhibition explores different approaches to documenting sacred experiences and spiritual connections through portraiture, architecture, landscape and abstraction in black and white and color,” according to the museum. “A select group of California photographers is featured — including Kenneth Parker, Linda Connor, Eduardo Fujii, J. M. Golding, Roman Loranc, Richard Murai, Nadezda Nikolova, Mikael Owunna, Manu-ello Paganelli and Maggie Taylor.”

The photos will be on display through Dec. 17.

“Take some time to visit the museum during the show’s four-month run,” Parker suggested. “You will find it to be an inspiring experience.”

**Two more museum shows open**

Also new at the museum are shows by a pair of painters, Tsherin Sherpa’s “Different Worlds” and Mark Steven Greenfield’s “Hagiography.”

Sherpa pushes the boundaries of traditional Tibetan Buddhist art.

“Upon relocating to the United States, Sherpa encountered new artistic influences which led him to develop a distinctive artistic practice that blends his traditional upbringing with contemporary

perspectives,” the museum said.

Greenfield explores racial inequities and stereotypes in his art, “celebrating Black identity through a transformative lens,” the museum’s Candace Christiansen said.

Sherpa’s show continues through Nov. 26. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.



This watercolor by painter Alicia Meheen is included in a new show that opens Saturday at the Carmel Art Association.

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# DAM

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received valuable input from the community and answered many of their questions,” Cal Am official Josh Stratton reported. “Feedback from the workshops will help inform additional areas of concern to study and future decision-making about what should be done.”

### Getting the word out

Carmel Valley resident Joe Hertlein attended the Aug. 29 meeting, which he said few residents knew about because publicity for it was “virtually non-existent.”

Hertlein suggested that Cal Am should have reached out to residents well ahead of time.

“Cal Am spent \$1.6 million of ratepayer money over the past six years studying what to do with the dam, and they still have not come up with a definitive project” he

wrote in a letter to The Pine Cone that was published last week. “Based on questions from the public who were there, it’s obvious there is a lot of knowledge by people who live near the river and the dam that would be useful to the consultants. The consultants should have gone to the public first, rather than just relying on their modelling studies, which are little more than theoretical guesses.”

The study Hertlein mentioned — The Los Padres Dam and Reservoir Alternatives and Sediment Management Study — was done as part of an agreement between the MPWMD, Cal Am, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the California Coastal Conservancy “to determine the feasibility of removing or improving the dam.”

Besides studying the impacts of tearing down the dam, the study examines the feasibility and impacts of simply improving it — including removing the silt that has filled up the reservoir.

Cal Am continues to take a neutral stance on the dam’s removal. “We are still in the early stages of evaluating the study and gathering public feedback,” Stratton explained.

### Teardown is cheaper

The cost of tearing down the dam and removing much of the sediment behind it is estimated at \$94.7 million. In comparison, the cost of dredging and expanding the reservoir would be \$183.4 million, along with \$82.1 million for fish passage improvements.

If officials decide removing the dam makes the most sense, the work will begin with draining the reservoir, which will be accomplished by an upstream diversion structure and pipeline.

Next, 1,680,000 cubic yards of sediment “would be excavated and placed permanently at onsite disposal sites.” Meanwhile, about 350,000 cubic yards of “coarser sediment in the upper reservoir would be left in place for future natural transport downstream.”

# POLICE LOG

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hours for smoking marijuana in public. A records check revealed he had a felony warrant for first-degree burglary out of Santa Clara County. The suspect was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$160,000 bail.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of battery at Central and Grand.

**Pacific Grove:** Three vehicles on Buena Vista were marked for 72-hour parking.

**Pebble Beach:** Juvenile issue on Forest Lodge Road. Child Protective Services report of alleged physical abuse.

**Carmel area:** Adult Protective Services report of possible financial abuse on Outlook Drive.

**Carmel Valley:** Battery on Laureles Grade involving a 79-year-old female and a 47-year-old female.

**Carmel area:** 5150 hold (danger to self or others) at a residence on Meadow Road.

# STOP

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easy for a westbound driver to inadvertently cut off a northbound motorist.

While the committee did not have any data on crashes in that area, members decided adding one stop sign on westbound First Avenue would be a good idea.

“It’s a fully blind intersection now because of the tree,” Swanson added.

The three unanimously voted to ask the city council to OK the new stop sign.

A block away at Lincoln and Second, committee members discussed a complicated and hilly intersection that includes a dead end west of Lincoln, divided road to the north, and drivers who tend to drive through the area too quickly.

“There’s a whole lot going on here,” Watkins said, recommending stop signs on Second Avenue heading eastbound and westbound.

No one from the public commented on the concept, and Swanson agreed with Watkins’ suggestions.

Harary agreed, too, and the committee voted unanimously to forward that request to the city council. Because adding such controls constitutes a change in the law, the council must approve it.

# GAVEL

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Fentanyl is an extremely toxic and dangerous drug, and only 2 milligrams of fentanyl can be enough to be a lethal dose.

The case was investigated by Sgt. Jesse Pinon and Sgt. Matthew Costa of the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office.

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# HISTORY

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when a United Nations Conference convened at San Francisco's Opera House to craft a charter for the future organization. Roosevelt died two weeks before the conference, and the United States was represented by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr.

Unable to agree on participation by the Polish government-in-exile that had signed the 1942 pact, or the Soviet-backed Lublin government that had taken control of Poland after the defeat of Germany, the delegates agreed to invite four additional countries to the conference: the formerly German-occupied Soviet republics of Belarus and Ukraine, and the recently freed Denmark and Argentina.

### Casual suggestion

After nine weeks of international negotiations the conference wrapped up on June 25 with a charter approved by delegates of all 50 nations. One of the final votes was to create a commission to select a permanent home for the United Nations' headquarters.

Largely unreported was that during a May recess, Stettinius, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and a few other conference dignitaries were entertained by Morse at Pebble Beach. Morse casually floated the idea of locating the future U.N. headquarters on the Monterey Peninsula.

He emphasized the advantages offered by the Peninsula in terms of climate, beauty and geography. He countered arguments of its distance from a major metropolitan area with assurances of both air and rail services, noting that the area had served the U.S. military well throughout the war.

Morse later contacted San Francisco Mayor Roger Lapham, a friend and prominent member at Cypress Point Club. Morse knew Lapham was seeking to have the headquarters located near San Francisco. Lapham accepted the Monterey Peninsula as being one of the "near San Francisco" sites under consideration. Morse let it be known to the U.N. Commission that his company would donate Peninsula land for the U.N. headquarters.

An Aug. 14, 1945, Monterey Herald story reported that U.S. Senator Sheridan Downey was also a supporter of a northern California site for the U.N., mentioning Monterey among the possibilities. At the time, it was not widely known that Morse was already in such discussions. On Oct. 24, after the U.S. Senate and similar bodies in other nations ratified the U.N. Charter, the United Nations became official. At interim U.N. headquarters in London, the General Assembly met in Feb. 1946 and agreed to make its permanent headquarters somewhere in the United States. In the interim, U.N. offices were moved to New York City.

By April, some delegates were already unhappy with New York and pushed for a move to California. In late summer 1946,

new Del Monte President John B. Morse (S.F.B. Morse's son) toured a delegation of U.N. representatives around the Peninsula and Carmel Valley to view potential sites, but no decision could be made without a vote of the General Assembly.

### Not close enough

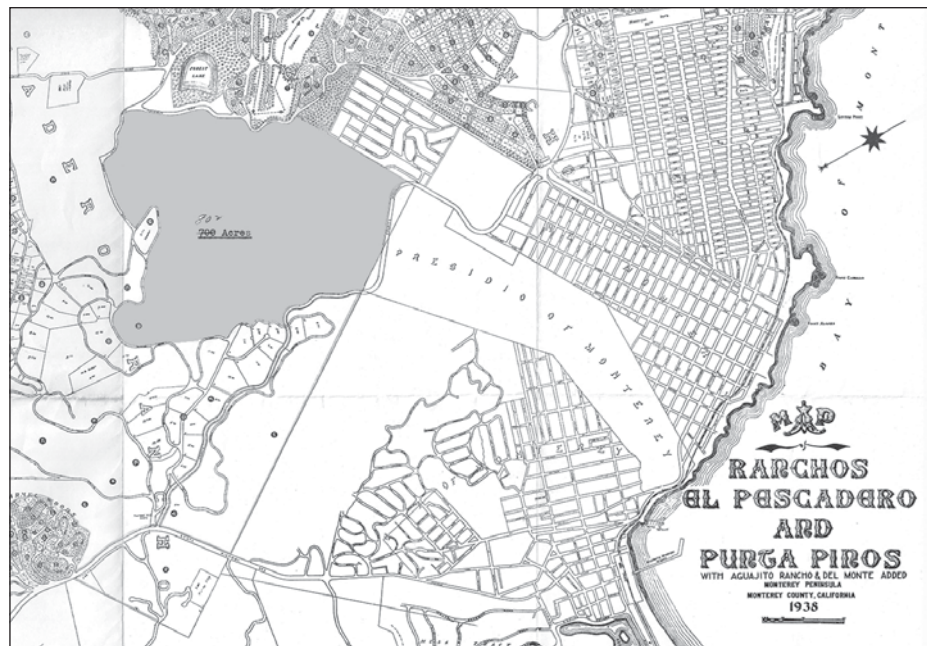
The USSR delayed the next General Assembly meeting until early Nov. 1946. The Soviet bloc did not favor any U.S. site. It lobbied for Geneva but was outvoted in the General Assembly. The United States recommended considering San Francisco as well as New York. The Assembly agreed to the broader search and the U.N. Site Commission chartered a plane to San Francisco to review possibilities. Monterey was in play and the news was made public.

Both Morses went to San Francisco on Nov. 20, 1945, to welcome the committee. The next day, S.F.B. Morse, as Del Monte's

Chairman of the Board, made a formal offer to donate 700 acres in Del Monte Forest adjacent to the Presidio of Monterey. The Herald that day reported the commission would be visiting the Peninsula on the weekend. However, after a closed-door meeting on Thursday, the commission announced it would not consider any site more than 40 miles from a metropolitan area. The Monterey Peninsula was no longer a candidate.

Over the next month, the commission debated the two coasts and on Dec. 14, the majority selected a New York City site along the East River. The U.N. headquarters, still in use today, opened in February 1951.

That same year, the Naval Postgraduate School relocated from Annapolis to the former Hotel Del Monte campus at Monterey. At least some of Morse's big visions worked out well for the Peninsula.



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# The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

## Cross-country runners start season with a dash of expectation

AROUND 600 B.C., a Chinese philosopher observed that “a journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step.” Some 2,500 years later, Robert Frost poetically whined that he had “miles to go before I sleep.”

Saturday’s event in Castroville will be an opportunity to gauge where they stand this season.

Isabella Davi (personal record of 20:27 as a sophomore), along with junior Jaydn Lome (21:22), and sophomore Lauren Galicia (22:49.1).

The Padres return most of the key contributors to the girls team, including five who ran a 5,000-meter course in 21 minutes or less.

The quickest of the returning runners, junior Ava Ghio, logged a career-best time of 19 minutes, 16.6 seconds, in mid-October at Natividad Creek Park in Salinas, was runner-up to Watsonville’s Katelyn Ruiz (also a junior this season) at the PCAL Gabilan meet, and placed fourth at CCS, the best finish of a Peninsula runner.

The second-best time of the year in the 5,000 meters for Carmel was by Lila Glazier — a freshman at the time — who ran 19:59.8 at Woodward Park in Fresno on Oct. 8.

Also returning are three seniors: Chiara Kvitec (personal record: 20:48.9) her twin, Christiana (21:06.3 last year, but a personal record of 19:56 as a sophomore), and

### CCS title is ‘realistic’

“I anticipate that they’ll be a lot better, just because they’re a year older,” said Daniel Tapia, Carmel’s second-year head coach, and a county running legend in his own right. “I see no reason why winning CCS this season wouldn’t be a realistic goal.”

Carmel’s boys varsity — also second at CCS in 2022 — was gutted by graduation, losing three of its best runners, but Tapia has guarded optimism that this year’s squad will run with the big dogs of the CCS again.

The top letterman, junior Mack Aldi, helped Carmel

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## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Sometime between the two — the fall of 1903, to be precise — somebody at the University of Pennsylvania decided that running over hill and dale should become an interscholastic sport.

And 120 years later, Monterey Peninsula schools are in the early days of the three-month dash toward the finish lines of the 2023 Pacific Coast Athletic League, Central Coast Section, and California state cross country championships.

The Stevenson Pirates tested themselves Aug. 30 against York, Marina, Pacific Grove, Monterey and Seaside at the Monterey Peninsula Jamboree.

The Carmel Padres will compete Saturday against strong competition at North County High’s fourth annual Jackie Henderson Memorial.

And Santa Catalina is scheduled to debut Sept. 13 at Carmel’s new Palo Corona Cross Country Course in the first of three regular-season league competitions, called PCAL Center Meets.

### Pacesetters

Carmel’s girls and boys were pacesetters in 2022, each winning their PCAL division titles, achieving a second-place team finish at the CCS Championships, and qualifying their full team for state.



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Carmel’s girls placed second at CCS last fall thanks in part to Isabella Davi, Jadyne Lome, Lila Glazier, Christiana Kvitec and Ava Ghio, who placed fourth overall at sectionals. Carmel boys expect to be CCS title contenders again this year, thanks to a talented group of freshmen led by Jasper Bolentem (middle) and twin brothers Matthew (left) and Eli David.

# CARMEL ART ASSOCIATION

Autumn is here and the Carmel Art Association has a lineup of three wonderful shows to usher in this new season. Stan Robbins presents *JOY*, a show exploring scenes from the artist’s daily life that spark the very thing the show is named after. Howard Perkins and Jan Wagstaff paint scenes where the land meets the sea in their two-person show, *At the Water’s Edge*. Last but not least, Alicia Meheen and Roianne Hart collaborate in their Showcase *Paint Potpourri* offering a medley of subjects.

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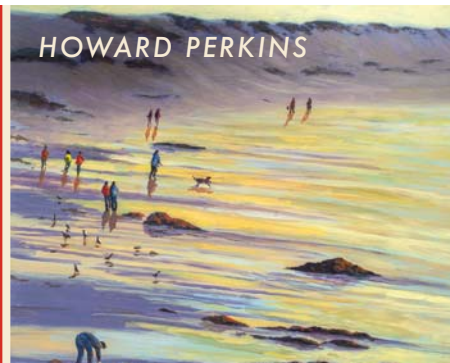
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# SPORTS

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win the PCAL Gabilan Division title, took fourth at CCS, and ran his best race — 16:10.3 — at state, finishing 33rd in a field of 197 in Division III.

“He’s a great leader — one of the best in CCS and he’s just going to elevate his performance this season,” the coach said.

Other returning lettermen include junior Zach Lander (personal record, 18:44) and sophomores Conor Bone (17:57.11) and Bodhi Melton (18:02.2), who ran a 4:36 mile last spring.

### Exceptional freshmen

But three unusual freshmen — all Carmel Middle School products — could hold the key to the Padres’ success at the CCS and state levels this season.

“Jasper Bolante is a name you’ll hear a lot about over the next four years,” Tapia said. “I’ve competed at a very high level,

myself, and I know a very talented kid when I see one.”

On June 17, at an open meet at Palma High, Bolante’s winning time in the 1,500 meters was the equivalent of a 4:31 mile — the fastest time ever run by a middle school athlete on the Central Coast.

“Jasper’s time was 10 seconds faster than the previous best, which was by Michael Julian, who went on to win CCS at York School,” Tapia said. “That’s almost 100 meters.”

Two more standout ninth-graders are twin brothers Matthew and Eli David.

“I’ve been very impressed by the work our freshmen have put in during the summer months, and how motivated and committed they are,” Tapia said. “I won’t put any limit on these kids. If we don’t win CCS this year, I won’t be disappointed, but I think they will — that’s how high the expectations are that they’re setting for themselves.”

While Carmel will be in the PCAL’s Gabilan Division, Stevenson and Santa Catalina will compete in the Mission Divi-

sion again this year.

Stevenson got impressive performances from multiple athletes at the PCAL Monterey County Jamboree, beginning with a fourth-place overall finish from junior Alessandro De Leo, who was clocked at 19:20.56 on the York School course.

The Pirates also got a ninth-place finish from Will Kernan and an 11th-place effort from Marcus Finley, also juniors, plus solid finishes from senior William Gutierrez (19th), junior George Neault (21st), and sophomores Logan Law (23rd) and Inaki Cuenca Berrondo (25th) in a field of 89 runners.

### Rong was fourth overall

Stevenson’s fastest girl, junior Amy Rong, was the fourth-place overall finisher (25:45), and senior Scarlett Ingram finished sixth. Other good finishers in the 39-girl field were Julia Antoniu (14th) and freshman Anna Ramirez (17th).

The Pirates’ next action will be at the Sept. 14 Center Meet at Palo Corona.

Santa Catalina’s top returning runner is expected to be junior Heidi Green, who won medalist honors last fall in the PCAL’s Mission Division Championships (time 21:06), and recorded a personal record of 20:33.8 last September.

Other returning letter winners for the Cougars include seniors Sofia Rivera (personal record, 21:47.8) and Giselle Rubio, juniors Coco Xu, Camila Bours and Luisa Perez, and sophomores Dora Zhang and Ines Chediaui (23:14.9).

Progress of all Central Coast runners can be followed online at athletic.net.

### Padres Hurler to LMU

Carmel High’s J.J. Sanchez, who was co-MVP in the Gabilan Division and



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Junior Mack Aldi (left) was Carmel’s highest-placer last year at CCS and state, and sophomore Bodhi Melton (right) is one of three additional letter winners returning from the Padres’ Gabilan Division title team.

Monterey County Player of the Year, has committed to play baseball next season at Loyola Marymount University, an NCAA Division I school in Los Angeles.

The left-hander compiled a 7-4 win-loss record with a 2.40 earned run average last spring as a junior, striking out 87 and walking 26 in 76 innings. He also played first base for the Padres, batting .404 with 19 RBI, helping Carmel to a second-place finish in the Gabilan, the CCS Division 3 championship, and the semifinals of the Division 3 regionals.

Loyola Marymount was 21-6 record in the West Coast Conference in 2023.

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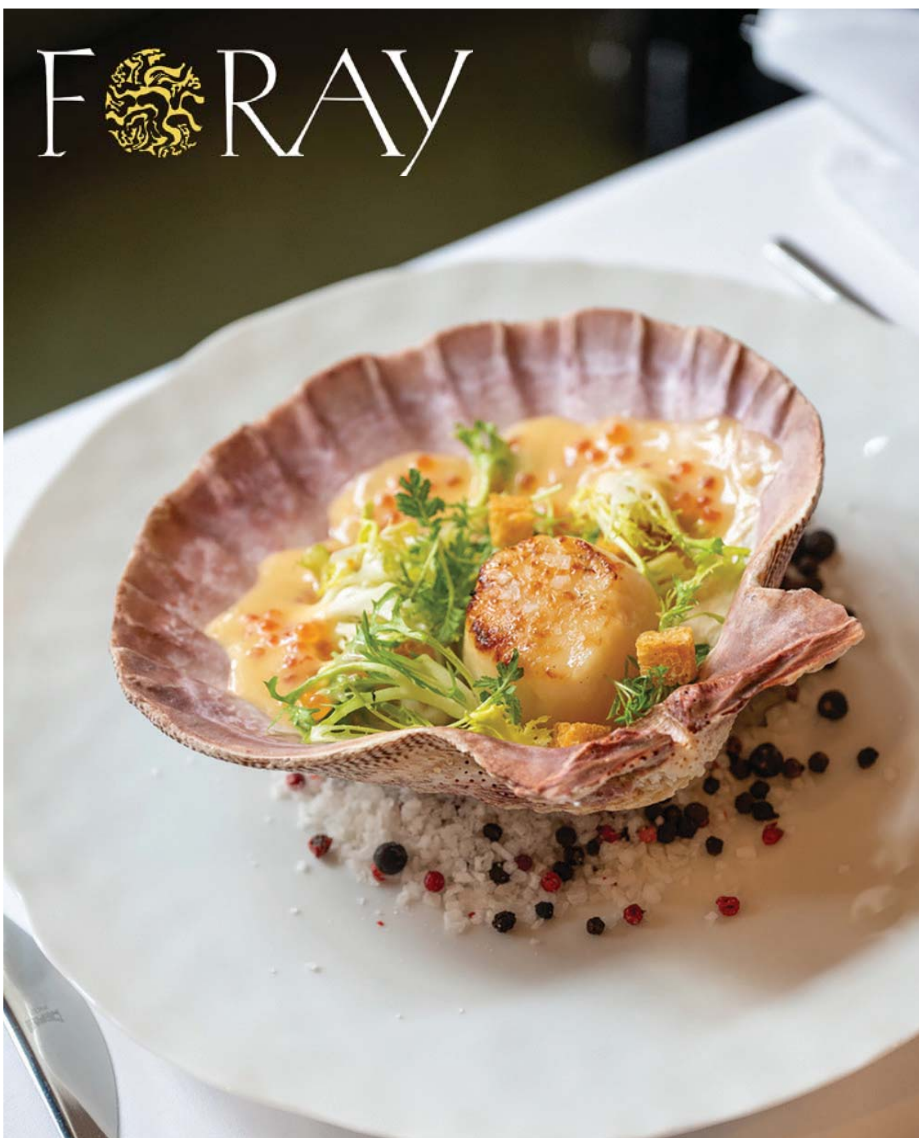
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Live Music,  
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## Soft-rock balladeer plays Golden State, St. Mary's kicks off Fall Music Series

**BEST KNOWN** for his hit soft-rock ballad "Superman" — which was a Top 20 hit on the pop charts in 2001 — **Five for Fighting** takes the stage Tuesday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theater in Monterey.

A stage name for singer and pianist **John Ondrasik**,

News. The song was nominated for a Grammy Award.

Besides "Superman," Five for Fighting has had four Top 10 singles on the Adult Contemporary Charts, including "100 Years," which reached No. 1 in 2003.

Tickets start at \$29. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

way. Pierce calls the trio's music "a pure delight" and said the church is "so glad it's returning to St. Mary's stage."

Tickets are \$35, with discounts for children. The church is located at 12th Street and Central Avenue. For more details about its Fall Music Series, call (831) 224-3819 or go to celticsociety.org.

### On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Five for Fighting released "Superman" shortly before 9/11, and the song became popular because its "lyrics resonated with people, bringing a sense of raw humanity and comfort to those who needed it most," according to CBS

#### ■ Trio is 'a pure delight'

Celtic music makes its return Sunday at 3 p.m. to St. Mary's By-the Sea in Pacific Grove when fiddler **Mari Black** performs with her trio, which features multi-instrumentalist **Colin Cotter** and bassist **Noah Harrington**.

**Jackie Pierce** of St. Mary's said Black was scheduled to play here three years ago, but the pandemic got in the

#### ■ Marotta Band plays Festa Italia

Besides plates of mouthwatering Italian food, Monterey's 90th annual Festa Italia serves up an impressive lineup of live music Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Custom House Plaza. The performers include **The Mike Marotta Band**, **The**

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Singer and pianist John Ondrasik (left), who goes by the stage name of Five for Fighting, performs Tuesday at the Golden State Theater in Monterey, fiddler Mari Black (center) takes the stage Sunday in Pacific Grove, and singer Pasquale Esposito performs Saturday and Sunday at Festa Italia in Monterey.



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# FOOD & WINE

## Vote for Woody's as U.S. best, Barmel Supper Club, and opening The Annex

LOCALS AND frequent flyers at Monterey Regional Airport know that Woody's is among the best restaurants to be found at any of the nation's airports. Now they can make their opinions count. A panel of experts working for USA Today and its readers choice awards nominated the local spot owned by chefs Tim Wood and Chris Caul as

flight, and for meeting friends or family for breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner and/or drinks. The food is always great — speaking to Wood's lengthy culinary career — the staff friendly, and the bar well stocked. And while travelers certainly fill its tables and bar seats, so do plenty of locals, even if they have no other business at the airport. And, as a bonus, parking is free for the first couple of hours with a ticket validated by Woody's.

### Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

one of the country's top 20 airport sit-down restaurants, and readers are invited to vote for their favorite, one vote per day, until Oct. 2.

"Longer layovers at the airport don't have to be a drag," the introduction to the vote reads. "Which airport sit-down restaurant would you most like to dine at?"

Open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, Woody's is the ideal place for plane spotting, killing time while waiting to pick up an incoming passenger or get on an outgoing

**Unusual**  
Such restaurants are fairly uncommon, especially since many are located in terminals after security, making getting to them without an airline ticket in hand impossible. Even eateries on the outside have to be special enough to draw customers willing to go to the trouble of visiting an airport just to grab lunch with a friend.

Many of the contenders for USA Today's awards are post-security spots and/or spinoffs of downtown institutions, like the Africa Lounge at Sea-Tac Airport in Washington, Cask & Larder in Orlando, Blanco Tacos + Tequila in Phoenix, Bud & Marilyn's in Philly and The Blue Door Pub in Minneapolis. All told, there are 20 nominees, but only three in California. The other two are at LAX (Border Grill) and SFO (Tomokazu).

Nominees were submitted by a panel of eight food and travel journalists, editors and writers, and the field was narrowed to 20 contenders by the newspaper's editors. To vote, go to [10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-airport-sit-down-restaurant-2023](https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-airport-sit-down-restaurant-2023). The winning restaurants will be announced Friday, Oct. 13.

### Snacking at the Supper Club

Barmel has gone through its iterations since Gabe Georis took over the downtown Carmel space a decade ago but has settled in nicely as a supper club that serves accessible, interesting fare and cocktails, and stays open late.

Closed Mondays but open until 1 a.m. weeknights and 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Barmel also offers Happy Hour from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and two tacos for \$5 during Taco Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to close.

Highlights of the bar's nicely curated menu include



Chris Caul (left) and Tim Wood own and run Woody's at the Airport, and their restaurant was nominated for USA Today's readers' choice awards. Voting closes Oct. 2.

patatas bravas — a dish of fried potatoes with spicy tomato sauce and aioli harkening back to Georis' Mundaka Spanish restaurant days — Dungeness crab tostones with cabbage slaw and plantain chips, and Niman Ranch beef sliders with caramelized onions and mushroom duxelles on brioche buns. The fish and chips are also worth a visit. The newest addition is creamy chipotle prawn pasta.

Reflective of the Mexican spot that replaced Mundaka, Pescadero, the menu also contains several Baja-inspired dishes, including nachos, tacos, Caesar salad and house-made chips and guacamole. Even though that restaurant has also closed and was subsequently taken over by the Supper Club, the tortillas are still made in house, too.

The beautiful bar has a story of its own. The historic

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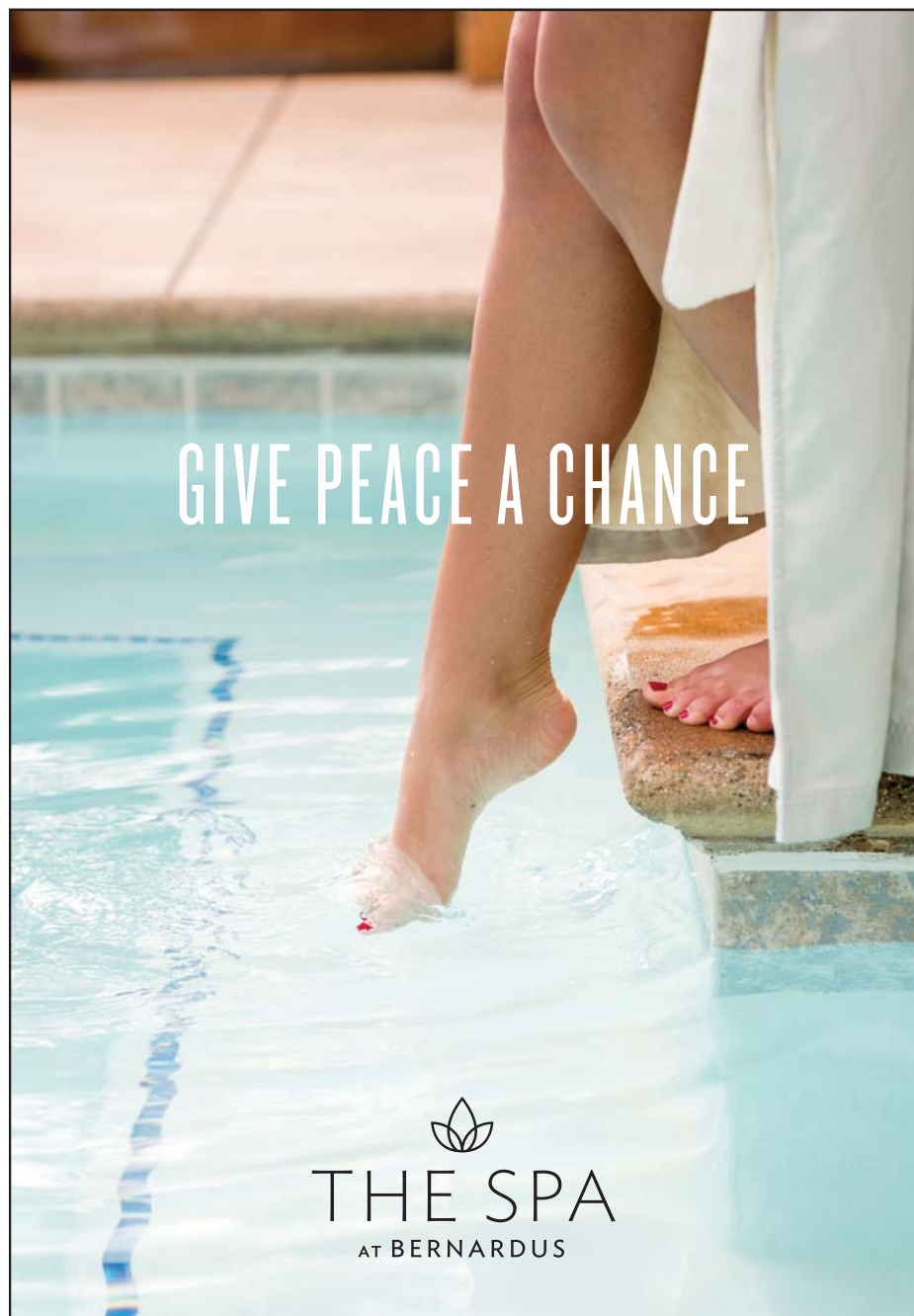
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# FOOD & WINE

## FOOD

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piece formerly belonged to San Francisco Bay area madam Sally Stanford and was located in her Valhalla bar in Sausalito. A former owner of the Carmel space brought the stunning carved piece here, and now, with it as the backdrop, bartenders turn out creative, deftly made cocktails crafted from the many spirits and other ingredients stocked there. Whatever your mood, there will be a concoction to match. Carlos Colimodio, formerly of Seventh & Dolores, manages the place.

For more information, including live music and other entertainment, visit [bar-mel.com](http://bar-mel.com). The bar is located in the back of the courtyard on the east side of San Carlos between Seventh and Ocean. Call (831) 626-3400 for more information.

### ■ Annex ribbon cutting

The Annex, the new winetasting space that opened in May in the small building behind the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, will host a Carmel Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration Sept. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m., with wine and small bites.

Open from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday through Monday, The Annex “offers a casual, comfortable experience” with a daytime menu of charcuterie, artisan cheeses, small plates and snacks to pair with an extensive wine list that emphasizes those produced by Folktale Group: Folktale Winery, Le Mistral, Ventana Vineyards and Common Thread. The spot offers café-style and lounge seating in a modern interior with a small bar, fireplace and wine shop, while a wrap-around patio provides an al fresco experience, with heaters and a firepit offsetting the often cool coastal temps.

RSVP for the free ribbon cutting and opening reception by emailing [events@folktalegroup.com](mailto:events@folktalegroup.com) or visiting [eventcreate.com/e/theannexopening](http://eventcreate.com/e/theannexopening).

### ■ PBFW preview

The Pebble Beach Company Foundation announced months ago that it will host Pebble Beach Food & Wine April 4-7, 2024, “bringing together the pinnacle of talent in the food and wine world for four days of culinary decadence,” but has yet

to announce what that entails.

So far, there is very little information on its website, and fewer than a dozen photos from previous years are posted as teasers on its new Instagram page, but visitors are invited to sign up for a newsletter.

“A full calendar of programming for the 2024 event, including the details on the Grand Tasting Tent, are forthcoming,” the announcement reads. “For tickets, packages and more information, visit [pebble-beachfoodandwine.com](http://pebble-beachfoodandwine.com).”

The now defunct Coastal Luxury Management — principally, David Bernahl and Rob Weakley — launched Pebble Beach Food & Wine in 2008. It became a massive four-day event, with a golf tournament, lunches, dinners, demonstrations, wine tastings, parties, after-parties and grand tastings spread throughout Pebble Beach and beyond, including Asilomar Conference Center, their former restaurant (1833) and the InterContinental Hotel on Cannery Row. It has not been held since the coronavirus pandemic hit in early 2020.

“Pebble Beach has a century-long history of hosting iconic, world-class events, and we look forward to adding to that rich history in April 2024 with the return of Pebble Beach Food & Wine,” company CEO David Stivers said in the announcement. “Some of the best and most creative culinary minds in the country will be at Pebble Beach, showcasing their talents to an eager audience of food and wine enthusiasts.”

P.B. Co. has hired a company called a21, which specializes in “event operations, production, corporate sales, and

brand activations for live experiences,” to organize next year’s PBFW.

### ■ Chez Noir turns 1

Chez Noir, chef Jonny and Monique Black’s Fifth Avenue restaurant that was recently anointed with a Michelin star, turns 1 next month and is launching a new tasting menu format. Reservations went live Sept. 1.

Their four-to-five course menu will change weekly and “will be the best format” for showcasing the skills of Black and his team as they seek to provide “the best possible experience to all who dine,” according to their publicist.

Making the menu smaller and reducing the choices available to customers will also allow the Blacks to run a more consistent operation with better management of inventory and staff “while making way for the playful, spontaneous seasonality that inspires” them. The new prix fixe will start at \$125 per person and will always begin with assorted snacks like Black’s signature starter, Monterey Bay abalone skewers, followed by a choice of pasta dish, a choice of protein and a choice of dessert. A sample menu lists items like sweet corn agnolotti, hot-smoked wild king salmon and dry-aged New York strip, among other options.

Wine will be offered by the glass and bottle, but also in a \$75-per-person pairing curated by wine director Nate Cohen, while the restaurant’s petite bar is overseen

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Chef Jonny Black, co-owner of Chez Noir with wife Monique, will launch a new tasting menu format Oct. 1.

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Hidden Valley Music Seminar,  
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# WINE

From previous page

by manager Ashley Havens. The bar contains just four seats — the only spots in the house where guests can order food a la carte — that cannot be reserved.

Chez Noir is located on Fifth between Dolores and San Carlos, across from the Carmel post office, and is open from 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Visit [cheznoir.com](http://cheznoir.com).

## ■ Festa Italia food

Along with dancing, demonstrations, vendors and lots of live music, the 90th Festa Italia at Custom House Plaza Sept. 8-10 features plenty of food and drink.

"I just learned that they will have more items: Italian cookies, Lavazza coffee and Italian sodas," said Wendy Brickman, who handles PR for the festival. "Vegetarian pizza should be popular this year, too."

Another crowd favorite is the traditional large Italian arancini — balls of rice that are stuffed with sauce, meat and cheese and then rolled in breadcrumbs and fried. "They were introduced to our festival in 2008 and have been selling out every year since," Brickman said.

Vendors will also be offering sandwiches of steak and

sausage, calamari, fried shrimp, a variety of pizzas, pasta with meatballs and freshly made tomato sauce, and traditional cannoli with fresh ricotta filling.

A beer and wine booth will be available for those craving more than coffee and sodas, and new to the fest this year is a cioppino cooking demonstration by chef Tene Shake of Kokomo's/Grotto Fish Market Sept. 9 at 1 p.m.

For a full schedule and other details about the free festival, visit [festaitaliamonterey.org](http://festaitaliamonterey.org).

## ■ Changes afoot

To those who regularly peruse this column, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read everything, from soup to nuts, and for patronizing some of the spots and events I've highlighted over the years. Your trust in my words is an honor.

And to the many wonderful, talented, creative, enthusiastic, hospitable, friendly and tenacious — because that's what it takes to make it in this industry — restaurateurs, chefs, bartenders, winemakers, servers and others I've met while writing about the Peninsula's F&B scene, I'd like to say how much I've appreciated your taking the time to share your thoughts and visions.

Now, after 15 years, it's time to let a few others enjoy the privilege of writing Soup to Nuts and for The Pine Cone's readers to enjoy some different voices, instead of just hearing mine all the time.

I'll still have a hand in it as a more-than-occasional contributor, but features editor Elaine Hesser is taking the reins and will have a few of our skilled freelancers regularly writing pieces for the column. Pitches, announcements and other information can be directed to her at [elaine@carmelpinecone.com](mailto:elaine@carmelpinecone.com).

# MUSIC

From page 35A

**831 All-Star Band, The Anthony Lane Band** and singer **Pasquale Esposito**, who is well known for his candlelit concerts at Carmel Mission.

For more details, visit [festaitaliamonterey.org](http://festaitaliamonterey.org).

## ■ Live music Sept. 8-14

**Barmel** — singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Eighth.

**Bernardus Lodge & Spa** in Carmel Valley — pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Big Sur River Inn** — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), flutist **Tim Jackson** and friends (jazz, Sunday at noon). 46800 Highway 1.

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

**Cibo** restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodil-off Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

**Cuz's Sportsman's Club** in Seaside — **Vinyl Revival** (pop and rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Tony Miles** (reggae, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

**Cypress Inn** — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (pop, jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

**De Tierra Vineyards** tasting room — singer and guitarist **Ted Welty** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth, Carmel.

**Deja Blue** in Seaside — singer **Minor Williams** and others (blues and r&b, Sunday at 3 p.m.), singer **Darlene Coleman**, pianist **Scotty Wright**, bassist **David Daniel** and drummer **Leon Joyce Jr.** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

**Fernwood Resort** in Big Sur — singer and guitarist **Rey Wolf** ("swamp blues and jazz noir," Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

See LIVE page 41A

# CALENDAR

**Celebrate the 13th Anniversary of Joining Hands Benefit Shop**, featuring art and jewelry (located next door to Fremont Bank, Carmel Rancho Square). Enjoy cake and sparkling cider as you explore our beautiful art and jewelry. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Sat. [ifaithcarmel.org](http://ifaithcarmel.org) Questions? [joininghandscarmel@gmail.com](mailto:joininghandscarmel@gmail.com); (831) 293-8140

**Sept. 8-10 – Don't miss 90th Festa Italia at the Custom House Plaza in Monterey.** All are welcome at this free festive event. Enjoy three days of authentic and delicious Italian cuisine, live music, dancing, bocce, crafts, Italian-themed merchandise, fun and friendship. [www.festaitaliamonterey.org](http://www.festaitaliamonterey.org)

**Sept. 9 – Children's Therapy Center, Co. Grand Opening** begins 1 p.m. at 26619 Carmel Center Place, Suite 101, Carmel. Event features sensory yoga, structured play in sensory gym and guided sensory/fine motor activities from 2 to 4 p.m. and a prize drawing at 4 p.m. Refreshments served. This boutique pediatric occupational therapy clinic offers tools to empower families. RSVP at (831) 293-9899. Visit [www.childrenstherapycenter.com](http://www.childrenstherapycenter.com).

**Sept. 10 – St. Mary's by-the-Sea kicks off its fall Celtic Music Series with Scottish fiddling champion Mari Black, Colin Cotter and Noah Harrington**, at 3 p.m. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., 146 12th Street and Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. Advance tickets available at [www.celticsociety.org](http://www.celticsociety.org). For assistance call or text (831) 224-3819.

**Sept. 13 – Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series – The Bruton Sisters.** Join author Wendy Van Wyck Good as she discusses *The Bruton Sisters: Modernism in the Making*, the history and creativity of three local sisters and artists who advanced artistic modernism in the early to mid 20th Century with their influence and ties to Carmel and California art, design and architecture. 7 p.m. at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center & online. Register on our website: [www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org). Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: Free; \$10 suggested contribution. Questions? [afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](mailto:afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) or (831) 624-2811.

**Sept. 16 – Galante Vineyards September Sip & Savor Celebration** features food prepared by Showoff BBQ, music by Crossroads and a mobile hat bar provided by A Country Store. Event set for 3 to 6 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, 104 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley. Tickets are \$50 and \$65. RSVP [wine@galantevineyards.com](mailto:wine@galantevineyards.com) or call (831) 624-3800.

**Sept. 28 – Siembra Latinos Celebration**, 6-8 p.m. at Taylor Farms, 150 Main St., Salinas. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, music and tequila tasting at a strolling rooftop reception. The evening will include presenting the inaugural Alfred Diaz-Infante Award to Ernesto Vela, Ed.D. Group is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Monterey County Tickets: [siembralatinosfund2023.eventbrite.com](http://siembralatinosfund2023.eventbrite.com)

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**MARK** your calendar to attend this year's gathering for three days of Italian cuisine, bocce, music and fun.

**September 8-10, 2023**  
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Visit us at [FestItaliaMonterey.org](http://FestItaliaMonterey.org) for more information on our Bocce Tournament, schedule of events, and history of this great annual event.

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<b>Friday 3pm-9pm</b>	<b>FEATURING</b> Pasquale Esposito The Money Band Anthony Lane Band Tarantella Dancers	<b>SINGERS</b> Erasmo Aiello, Dave Marzetti, Rachel Marotta Halim, Anna Marotta Halim <b>ACCOMPANIED BY</b> Mike Marotta Jr., Dennis Murphy, Paul Tarantino, John Beron
<b>Saturday 10am-9pm</b>		
<b>Sunday 10am-6pm</b>		

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th 2023 • 3 PM**  
Doors open at 2:30 p.m

**St. Mary's is located at 146 12th Street and Central Avenue, Pacific Grove**

Tickets now available at  
**WWW.CELTICSOCIETY.ORG**

**\$30 ADVANCE / \$35 DOOR**  
Kids' pricing available too.

For more info call or text  
**831-224-3819** or [www.celticsociety.org](http://www.celticsociety.org)



PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231383 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRADING CHAT ROOM, 1 Arkwright Ct. #7, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Mailing address: 798 Lighthouse Ave #303, Monterey, CA 93940.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231382 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STOCK MARKET GUIDES, 1 Arkwright Ct. #7, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Mailing address: 798 Lighthouse Ave #303, Monterey, CA 93940.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231392 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HKC PROTECTIVE SERVICES, 685 Williams Ave., Seaside, CA 93955. Mailing address: 1263 Elm Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk.

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW

CASE NUMBER: 23FL000244 NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: MARIA C. MENESES YOU ARE BEING SUED. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: ANILLY L. MARENTES SANCHEZ. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner.

NOTICE - THE RESTRAINING ORDERS ON PAGE 2:

These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231433 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE MAIDS IN MONTEREY BAY, 2511 Garden Road, Suite C225, Monterey, CA 93940.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231458 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: B.C.E. INTERIORS, 24675 Dolores St., Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231483 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARMEL COAST, 113 White Oaks Ln., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231484 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE FAMOUS ENTERTAINMENT, 505 Williams Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231458 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE FAMOUS ENTERTAINMENT, 505 Williams Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

NOTICE:

You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff.

EXENCION DE CUOTAS:

Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a petición de usted o de la otra parte.

who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231455 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRIME BUILDING, 278 Esquiline Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231492 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OLD TOWN VINTAGE FLAIR, 202 Main Street, Salinas, CA 93901.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231483 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARMEL COAST, 113 White Oaks Ln., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231483 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARMEL COAST, 113 White Oaks Ln., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

SUMMONS

(Citación Judicial) CASE NUMBER: 22CV003174 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (Aviso al demandado) SYED SAAD, HERTZ VEHICLES and SYED AND DOES 1 TO 10 YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (Lo esta demandando el demandante) OSCAR E CONTRERAS

NOTICE:

You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff.

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:

You are served as an individual defendant. Publication Dates: Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1, 8, 2023. (PC 828)

the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231411 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIFE COACHING WITH GARY, 22471 Estoque Place, Salinas, CA 93908.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231492 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OLD TOWN VINTAGE FLAIR, 202 Main Street, Salinas, CA 93901.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231483 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARMEL COAST, 113 White Oaks Ln., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231483 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARMEL COAST, 113 White Oaks Ln., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee Sale No. 8269 Loan No. 20210702 Title Order No. 91226668 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/12/2021. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231476 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KRISTY COLLETTE, 142 Boyd Way, Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231468 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Paradise Gardens, 2346 Alisal Rd, Salinas, CA 93908.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231473 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUNSHINE FLOWERS, 2346 Alisal Road, Salinas, CA 93908.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231471 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COSMIC COLLIDER, 2346 Alisal Road, Salinas, CA 93908.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231493 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HKC PROTECTIVE SERVICES, 685 Williams Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231472
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REVELRY FARMS, 2346 Alisal Road, Salinas, CA 93908

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231505
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: My Kind Studio, 305 Crescent Way, Salinas, CA 93906

(See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 28, 2023 (PC 919)

ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 20, 1999.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231601
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ishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231469
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: POSIBL Project, 2346 Alisal Road, Salinas, CA 93908

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 23CV002769

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231609
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE HERITAGE SHOP AT PEBBLE BEACH, 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231609
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE HERITAGE SHOP AT PEBBLE BEACH, 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231598
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PEBBLE BEACH KIDS SHOP, 1500 Cypress Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231416
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Paini, a nail studio, 3855 Via Nona Marie Suite 202f, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93923

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231446
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SIMPLE LIFE 831, 140 W. Franklin St., Ste 203-46, Monterey, CA 93940

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231596
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DEL MONTE PRO SHOP, 1300 Sylvan Road, Monterey, CA 93940

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231592
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MEN'S SHOP AT PEBBLE BEACH, 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231435
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ABOVE FREQUENCY, 3785 Via Nona Marie Suite 108 PMB 1004, Carmel, CA 93923

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231485
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, 1906 Princeton Ct, Salinas, CA 93906

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231605
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231592
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MEN'S SHOP AT PEBBLE BEACH, 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231604
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.

Public Notice
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231535
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, 1906 Princeton Ct, Salinas, CA 93906

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and/or other misc. items.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20231485
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY CHIROPRACTIC CARE CENTER, 829 Cass St., Monterey, CA 93940

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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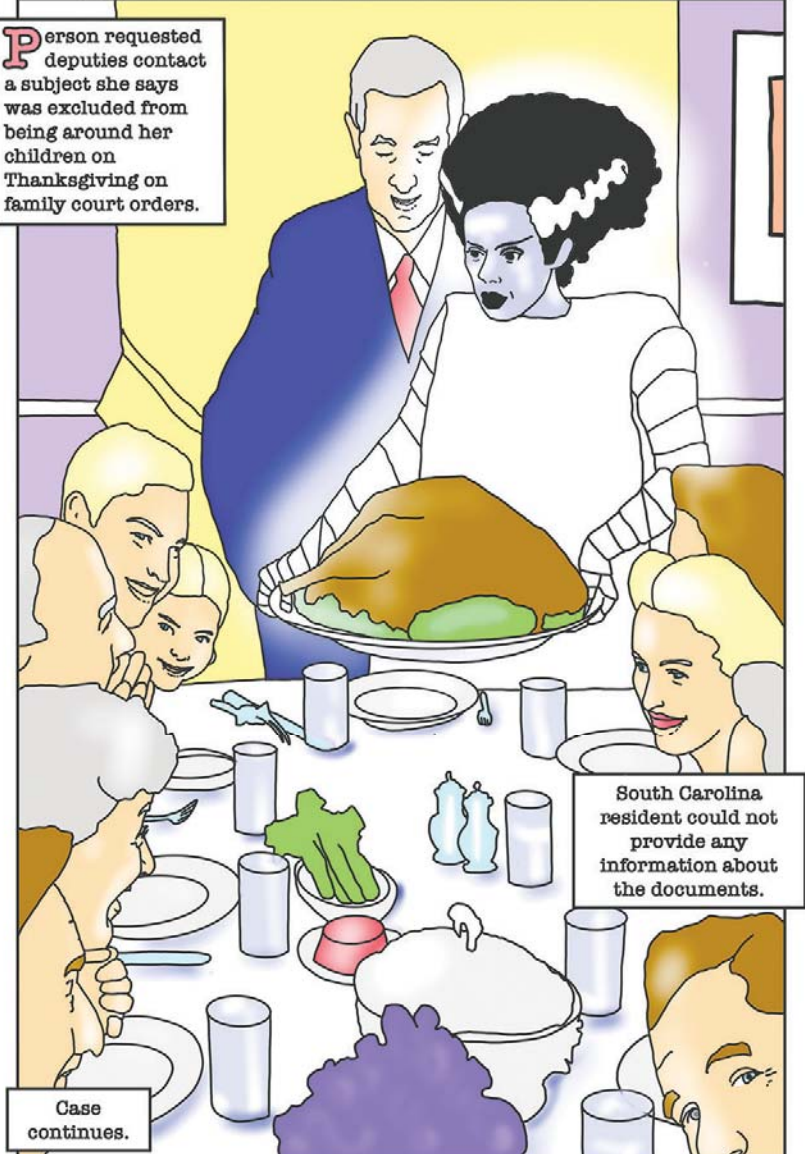
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South Carolina resident could not provide any information about the documents.

Case continues.



# MORE MUSIC

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**Midici Pizza** in Monterey — saxophonist **Arman Sangalang** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

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

**Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa** — pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Monday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (“well known classics and under-the-radar gems,” Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

**O’Callaghan’s Pub** — **Monterey County Line** (country and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In The Barnyard

shopping center.

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

**Puma Road at Portola Plaza** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Kris Angelis** (Friday at 6 p.m.), **Cement Ship** (acoustic rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Linda Arceo** (Sunday at 5 p.m.) 281 Alvarado St.

**Rancho Cielo** in Salinas — a fundraising “Jazz at the Ranch” music series continues with a show by **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Star Band and Vocal Ensemble** (Friday at 7:30 p.m.). 710 Old Stage Road, ranchocieloyc.org.

**Rio Grill** — singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Sunday at noon). Crossroads shopping center.

**The Sardine Factory** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

**Salty Seal Pub** in Monterey — **Mixtape** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (classic rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Coastal Commission** (reggae, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

**Sly McFly’s** in Monterey — **Jon Griffin & The Lightfighters** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Pacific Jack Band** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

**Tarpy’s** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (“well known classics and under-the-radar gems,” Saturday at noon), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68.

**Trailside Cafe** in Carmel Valley — saxophonist **Roger Eddy** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

**Twisted Roots Wine Tasting Room** in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 12 Del Fino Place.

**Wild Fish** restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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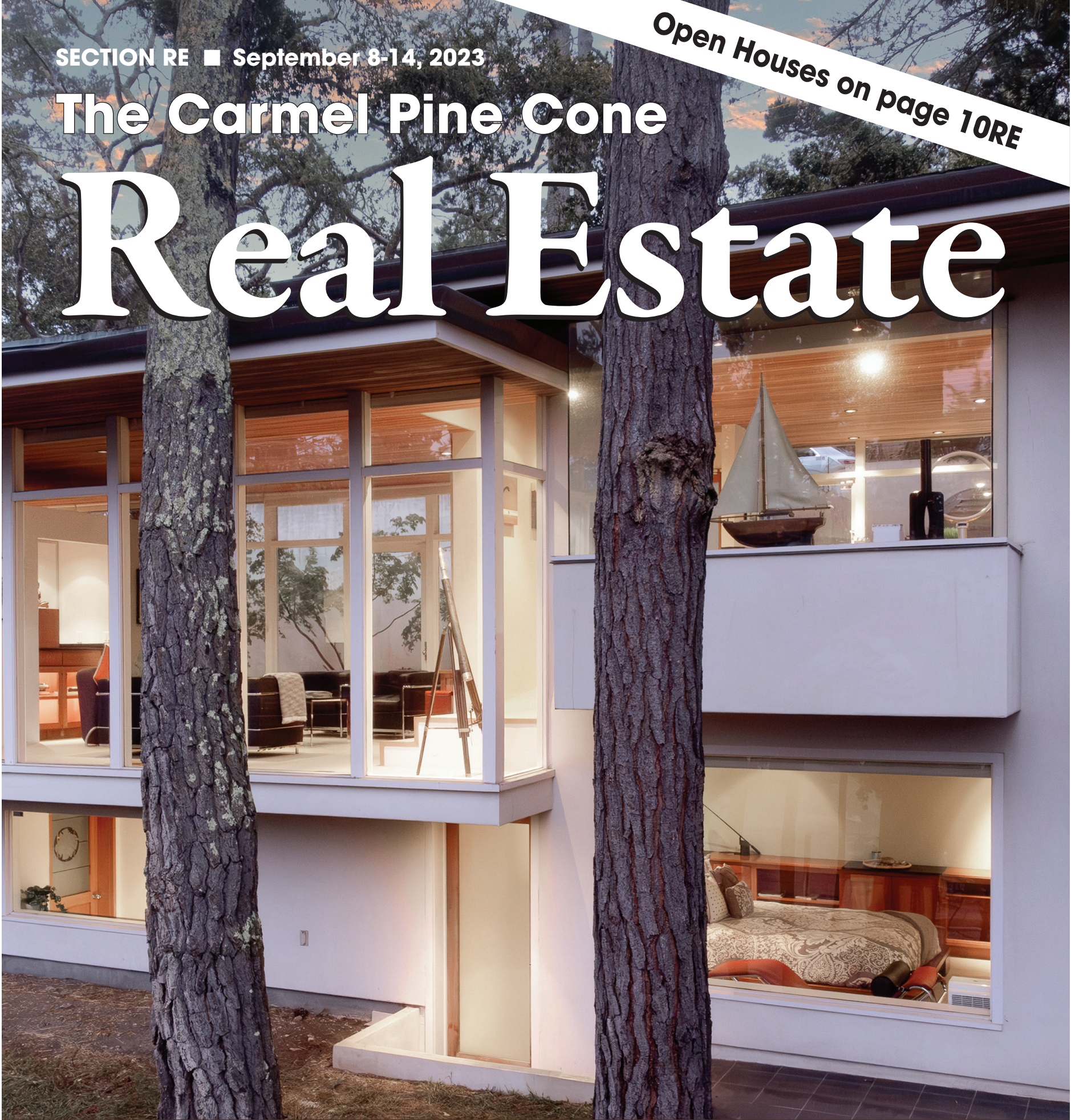


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# The Carmel Pine Cone

# Real Estate



■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel, is presented by Jamal Noorzoy of Carmel Realty Company and Renee Catania of Monterey Coast Realty (See Page 2RE)



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**Ocean Avenue, 3 NE of Guadalupe Street — \$1,395,000**

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**24834 Guadalupe Street — \$1,855,000**

MCF Gift Fund Inc. to Amir and Elmira Saleh  
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**Lobos Street — \$2,000,000**

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# To the pretty girl who smiled at an old man across the parking lot

SOMETIMES COLORFUL human interactions are painted on a canvas as mundane as a parking lot — an asphalt jumble of hurried comings and goings as impersonal and tepid as “have a nice day.” And then a pretty girl smiled at me as she left the coffee shop and headed across the parking lot to her car. These three thoughts occurred right away: “Who was

you,” but she was gone before I could untie my tongue and get the words out.

### Beautiful connection

The universality of a smile bridges the gap between generations. I’m guessing ours was at least 60 years. My inquisitive mind creates stories around unexpected events. Years of separation dissolved in a single shared moment across a parking lot and drew us together.

Her smile was not an invitation. A reflection of my mug in the shaving mirror proves that. Besides,

she kept going and never looked back as she walked to her car. Maybe she saw the years etched in my face like the lines of a well-read book, saw me navigating the modern world with a sense of familiarity and a smidgen of disillusionment. (A much more dramatic word than “confusion.”) Later, did she tell her friends about the surprised look on the face of the old man she saw? Did she laugh about it? Is mine the

face that launched a thousand quips?

That’s not the story I want to take from that brief encounter. I like to think that someone as charming as she instinctively understood the beauty of human connections. And, like the Last Duchess in Browning’s poem, “she has a heart — how shall I say? — too soon made glad.” I was not the first or only person that day to be favored by her. I harbor no illusions that her smile spoke of anything more than our shared humanity.

After all, it’s not often that attractive young women show an interest in older gentlemen, unless those gentlemen happen to have “shipping magnate” attached to their names.

I couldn’t let her smile go. The transitory encounter left an indelible mark on me. In this supercharged era, the generational gap can be a barrier to understanding our differences. The simplicity of her smile bypassed the obstacle of time. It was as if she injected helium into my body and whatever suspicion was there was lifted right out of me.

The pretty girl’s smile reminded me that, regardless of age, there is always room for shared joy, for new connections, and for appreciating the importance of the present and how special every day is.

There is a meme making the rounds on social media about a man who unexpectedly lost his wife. While golfing with a friend, chatting about nothing, he asked what his friend’s dinner plans were. He

was told, “My wife wants me to make my homemade chili and cornbread, but I don’t feel like stopping at the store.” They were silent for a few moments, until the widower quietly said, “Make the chili.”

The talk was no longer about dinner. It was about going out of your way to do something for someone you love because at any moment, they could unexpectedly be taken from you.

### Invite the world

So smile at a stranger. Make the chili. Use the good china, put linen napkins on the table, stop saving that bottle of wine for a special occasion. Today is a special occasion, especially when someone smiles at you.

People ask where my column ideas come from. I don’t know, and I hope never to find out. I don’t want that goose to run out of golden eggs. I enjoy sitting outside coffee shops looking at the world. If you look close enough, you’ll see mini-dramas happening all over the place. Sometimes you become part of the drama, and if you invite it in, the world will come to you.

So to the girl who smiled at an old man as she came out of a coffee shop and left an indelible mark on his heart — a smile that lifted his spirit and gave him a greater appreciation of the one person in his life who always makes him smile and makes every day a special occasion — thank you.

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By JERRY GERVASE

she? What was she thinking? Why did she smile at me?”

The unexpected encounter happened so quickly, I wasn’t sure the smile was meant for me. It was a lovely smile without the slightest hint of coquettishness. It barely changed the contours of her face, yet it was one of those quirky, unscripted moments you find in a Billy Collins poem.

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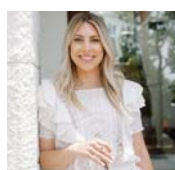
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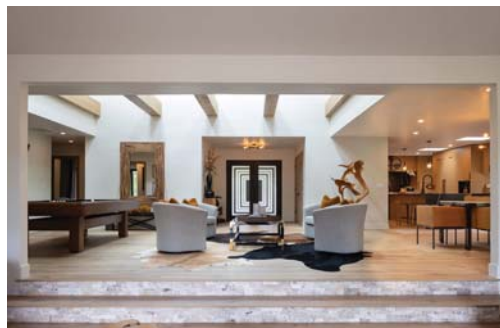
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## She finds her inspiration where medicine and creativity meet

By ELAINE HESSER

**FOR EVERY** product that's patented and makes a fortune for its inventor, there are thousands that never make it past a fleeting inspiration or a little bit of tinkering in the toolshed. What makes the difference?

You could ask Dr. Gail Lebovic of Pebble Beach. After a few minutes of conversation with her, it's obvious that she's pretty darned smart. An hour later, when her energy hasn't flagged, it's clear that the surgeon, inventor and entrepreneur has applied that dynamism to her parallel careers.

### Welby, Kildare, Lebovic

Her persistence and willingness to overcome obstacles must have come — at least in part — from her family. Her parents came to the United States from Czechoslovakia after World War II, when both were orphaned. The young adults arrived on the East Coast with excellent work ethics and zero knowledge of English.

Her father was a tailor who ended up "working in several New York sweatshops," Lebovic said. But he and his wife enrolled in English classes and saved half of everything they earned. When they'd had enough of toiling away for others, they partnered with her father's brother to start a clothing manufacturing company.

They ended up in the Los Angeles area, where they invested in real estate and Lebovic's mother opened a clothing store. "It's the classic American dream, right?" said Lebovic.

The couple never pushed their children toward specific careers. "All they ever cared about was us getting an education," she said. She'd seen Drs. Kildare and Welby on television, and after she was injured doing gymnastics at 14, she said, "I was in love with my orthopedic surgeon." She decided that practicing medicine — which looked "so organized and deliberate" — was exactly what she wanted to do.

She didn't think of herself as a trailblazer, although in high school she petitioned the administration to let her take wood shop instead of



*INNOVATE* cont. on page 12W Dr. Gail Lebovic of Pebble Beach is a surgeon who has more than 50 patents to her name.

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# W O M E N I N B U S I N E S S

## Developing and enlarging their spheres of influence is hard work

By SALLY BAHO

**YOU HAVE** likely heard the word “influencer” and moved on with your day thinking it was something the younger generations were talking about. But it’s much more than an internet trend. In fact, being an influencer can be a lucrative business in which people make brand decisions because they trust someone they see online. Essentially, an influencer bridges the gap between consumer and producer, making marketing more personal, as well as informative.

Because this all happens online, it seems new, but it isn’t that different from the days when celebrities like Bing Crosby (who briefly had a brand of ice cream) or Bob Hope (“The Pepsodent Show”) entertained audiences and suggested products made by their sponsors. Their modern-day counterparts have to build their own reputations and followings and then figure out how to leverage them for financial success.

Locals Caroline Chambers and Kathryn Donangelo each run successful online businesses focusing on cooking. In essence, they’ve created national marketing and advertising companies they operate from home.

Chambers, a professional recipe developer, uses social media platforms like YouTube, TikTok and Instagram to target specific audiences for well-defined markets. For Chambers, it’s home cooks.

Donangelo is a professional food blogger and photographer who writes and manages Kathryn’s Kitchen Blog, which features “easy recipes that anyone can make,” with especially fun ideas for holidays, like Valentine’s Day Oreo Love Bugs or Easy Easter Bunny Cake.

### A little background

Chambers and her husband — a former Navy SEAL who attended Stanford Business School — are from North Carolina and moved here in 2017 after falling in love with Carmel.

She owned a catering company in San Diego, worked as a freelance recipe developer and authored, “Just Married: A Cookbook for Newlyweds,” a hardbound volume with beautiful photography and friendly advice — like a good friend is right there, in your kitchen. Chambers has three sons, ages 5, 4, and 1.

Donangelo is a Monterey native and daughter of Dominic Mercurio, who owns Café Fina on Old Fisherman’s Wharf in Monterey. “Nonna cooked all the time,” she said of her grandmother, and she has been surrounded by traditional Italian food her whole life. She and her husband — another Monterey native — have two daughters, ages 2 years and 3 months old.

### How it works

Chambers has two sources of income — a weekly subscription-based newsletter called, “What to Cook When You Don’t Feel Like Cooking,” and sponsored content on Instagram. The newsletter has over 90,000 subscribers, of which more than 16,000 have paid subscriptions. Paid subscribers receive weekly recipes, while unpaid subscribers get one per month.

Her approximately 134,000 followers on Instagram come to see photos, stories and videos. Short posts might contain anywhere to one to 10 photos with some text, usually about something she just cooked.



Caroline Chambers has written a cookbook for newlyweds and has an online newsletter with more than 90,000 subscribers.

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# W O M E N I N B U S I N E S S

## Selling dreams — and communities you'll want to call home

By ELAINE HESSER

**THEY MAKE** their jobs look like so much fun. When Sotheby's realtors Kate Gladney and Kathleen Randazzo talk about work, their smiles go all the way up to their eyes, and a hearty laugh isn't far away. It's hard to believe they're discussing work that involves millions of dollars in real estate deals annually, with all of the accompanying stress.

Randazzo, who hails from Texas, acquired some of her grace under pressure at the Rio Grill, where she worked for 20 years as a server and bartender, beginning shortly after she came to the Monterey Peninsula, along with her sister, who lived in Pacific Grove.

Gladney's backstory began in Michigan, where she earned a master's degree in theater arts. Stagecraft, she discovered much later, translated well to staging and presenting houses. She also worked as a theater and English teacher in her home state. In another of her careers, she was a serial entrepreneur, and had a successful stint working in Silicon Valley.

Randazzo left the Rio Grill and opened her own business, Leave it to Me, a concierge service for people with second homes here. She'd stock refrigerators, clean and freshen the houses and make sure everything was ready when the owners arrived to enjoy a few days, weeks, or months by the sea.

It taught Randazzo a lot about marketing, but she ended

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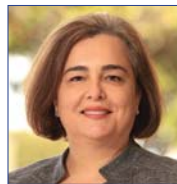
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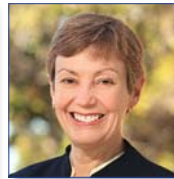
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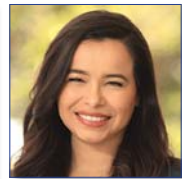
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## Heaven is a quiet afternoon and a shop full of books

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON



**KELSEY BOYTE** is big on books. When she was growing up in Sacramento, her mom would drop her off at Barnes & Noble and say, “I’ll be back in an hour or two” — words she hardly heard as she began browsing books as if they were delicious treats.

“It felt so safe to tuck myself away in the stacks and get lost in a good book,” she said. “Besides being a really great way to pass the time, reading books began to give me a kind of agency, an understanding of actions and consequences, and a broader sense of the world.”

As much as she loved whiling away the hours in a bookstore, it never occurred to Boyte that she would one day own one.

But this spring, Maria Roden and Jane Pakis, who had established Olivia & Daisy book shop in Carmel Valley Village in 2021, were looking to sell. They wanted to find someone who loved reading and sharing their favorites with others, and they found that person in Boyte, 33. She’d moved with her young family from Denver to Carmel Valley Village in 2020.

Olivia & Daisy was named for Pakis and Roden’s miniature donkeys. Boyte and her husband, Shawn Boyte, own the production company, Bean Dog Films, borrowed from their three-legged dog’s nickname. She was taken with the idea of buying another business with an animal-inspired name.

But there was more to the story than a good title. Boyte believes one of the best ways to become part of an established community is to find and, in this case, buy, the local bookstore.

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Kelsey Boyte, the new-ish owner of Olivia & Daisy in Carmel Valley, believes that bookstores like hers can help create community.



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## Starting from an idea and finishing with a beautifully designed space

By LISA LAPIN

**THE ABILITY** to draw inspiration from the natural beauty surrounding Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula, among unusually creative people, makes this region an ideal place to practice professional design, according to two local women in the field.

“This is such an artistic community, with so much talent to be able to collaborate with, in terms of artists, furniture makers, architects and contractors,” said Noelle Micek, an interior designer who moved her business from the East Bay to Carmel in 2019. “I didn’t have this in the first decade of my career, and it really energizes me.”

### Creative community

Jana Caron, who has been practicing interior design in the region for 38 years, concurred. “I enjoy talented people, and design really benefits from teamwork,” she said. “This area truly has the most creative engineers, contractors and architects. And combine this community with the beauty of our surroundings, from the agricultural land in the interior, to the hills and the ocean — it all really inspires me.”

Both women lead and operate their own interior design businesses out of Carmel studios, where they specialize in residential design, from new construction to large- and small-scale renovations. Both said they ideally work on projects from their inceptions — when clients are having their first visionary conversations — as part of a team developing plans hand in hand with architects and contractors.

“It’s my favorite way to work,” Micek said. “When you consider design at the outset, you can hone in making way for all of the details, the grout spread for tile,

the way the baseboards are going to merge with the tile, the placement of windows in a nook for a bed.”

Micek and Caron each described the same discipline needed to juggle a creative profession that involves multiple clients and suppliers, hundreds of daily decisions and a multitude of details. “Perseverance and hard work” are important, Caron said, along with strong organizational skills and passionate commitment to clients and family.

Caron, married for 39 years to Randolph Byrd, has three daughters and is now enjoying her grandchildren. John and Noelle Micek have a daughter, 13, and a son, 10.

“I set boundaries for myself,” Micek said. “I commit to my clients at the outset that I’m available to them Monday through Friday, 9 to 5, and I really stick to it. With clear communication, it’s never a problem. I hold myself to that, so I have time to go watch the kids’ baseball and tennis and be with my family.”

Micek began her career in finance, working for eight years for Goldman Sachs in San Francisco. When she got married, and then renovated her first home, colleagues at Goldman started asking her to help them design their places.

### Days at the office

“The more I did, the more word of mouth spread,” Micek said, until she left finance to start her own residential design business in 2009.

In 2019, John and Noelle Micek moved their family to Carmel, where they have

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Noelle Micek worked for eight years at Goldman Sachs. She discovered interior design was her true calling when friends and colleagues admired her home and asked her to help design theirs.



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the home economics class expected of young women in the late 1960s and '70s. She completed her bachelor's degree in physiology and anatomy at Cal in 1979, followed by

a master's in endocrinology before finishing med school at George Washington University and doing her surgical residency at Stanford.

Somewhat surprisingly, upon arriving at Stanford in the late 1980s, she was told that if she wanted to do surgery,

she should go into obstetrics and gynecology. "I hated it," she recalled. But when one of the men dropped out of the surgical program, she was allowed to transfer in and became an oncologic surgeon specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer, including reconstructive work.

While she was in medical school, though, Lebovic's inventive side emerged. She developed a small notebook formatted to help her — and eventually her classmates and even instructors — keep track of all the patients they saw. "My dad started selling them to medical schools," she remembered.

Since then, Lebovic has pursued medicine and innovation with equal enthusiasm. "I love doing surgery. There's nothing like it. I've practiced for over about 20 years now. But I was destined to do this stuff, too."

"This stuff" is a collection of inventions and companies she has developed and sold. She holds more than 50 U.S. patents and said they all began pretty much the same way — she'd see a problem and imagine a solution, thinking, "People need this and I can't believe no one's thought of this."

### Squishy swab

Lebovic's most recent innovation is NasoClenz, initially marketed at Carmel Drug Store on Ocean Avenue and Central Avenue Pharmacy in Pacific Grove. It comes with a specially shaped, pleasantly squishy swab (it resembles a swirl of soft-serve ice cream) and an anti-bacterial gel intended to clean out the nose once or twice a day, "Just like brushing your teeth," Lebovic said.

The inspiration came from her surgical experience. Believe it or not, she said, you can significantly decrease the risk of postoperative infection by keeping the inside of the nose clean. She explained that if you went down to the beach — or anywhere, really — and swabbed people's noses, you'd find harmful bacteria in 40 percent of them.

Lebovic noted that most people touch their noses and faces frequently, and if that leads to bacteria being transferred from the nose to a wound, it increases the risk of infection.

The process of developing the gel — one that would kill harmful bacteria without drying out or harming the nasal passages — was a long one, Lebovic said, but they found a formula that gets the job done safely. And as it turns out, cleaning the nose is also helpful for people who haven't had surgery.

Why test market it on the Monterey Peninsula, with its

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## Carole Strauch Heinrich

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Carole Strauch Heinrich was raised in Memphis, TN, in a large family with four siblings before she attended the University of Oklahoma. At the university she met her future husband Ben Heinrich and they later moved to Carmel with their son Grant in 1976. Here she worked as a stockbroker and subsequently as a mortgage broker and in 1987 she achieved the designation of Certified Financial Planner®, the highest designation among financial planners and built an extensive clientele with her easy-going manner and professional attitude. In 1990 Carole started her career as a licensed Realtor and together with her husband built a successful Real Estate business. Her team is consistently in the top 1% of Coldwell Banker agents Worldwide. Ben and Carole enjoy living in Carmel Valley with Puddin, their Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. Puddin is proud to be The Heinrich Team mascot and Head of Security.

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Instructional photos show how easy it is to use Dr. Gail Lebovic's invention, NasoClenz.



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enviable air quality? “We have a lot of people with allergies here,” she said, adding that 84 percent of those folks find improvement if they swab twice a day.

If you use a neti pot or saline rinse for your sinuses, Lebovic said that cleaning the lower part of the nose with NasoClenz before rinsing prevents pushing the stuff in the lower nose further into the respiratory system. The product also helps people who use CPAP devices for sleep apnea to feel more comfortable.

While many of her other medical inventions are quite technical, the Mammopad is easy to understand. Beginning in middle age, women should have annual or bi-annual mammograms. After the first one, it’s a little surprising so many of them do it again.

For the uninitiated, the screening involves sandwiching the breasts, one at a time, between two glass plates. There’s frequent repositioning and adjusting in what feels like a bizarre game of Twister, as scans are done from several angles.

Before each image, the breast is compressed between the plates. Patients describe the sensation as anywhere from uncomfortable to downright painful.

In fact, said Lebovic, “Pain was one of the top three reasons women wouldn’t go for their mammograms. They’re afraid of pain, a diagnosis and the cost. Mammograms are a lifesaving procedure. That was my whole career.” She and engineer George Herman, with whom she’s worked with for more than 25 years, developed a special foam that is invisible to x-rays and won’t interfere with imaging, and used it to make cushioning pads that she says have benefited more than 100 million women.

(Since she invented the Mammopad, newer technology — 3D mammograms — has begun to become more widely available, eliminating most of that unpleasantness.)

**Always learning**

Every innovation comes with tons of research and learning new things, which Lebovic said she enjoys. She also navigates the patent system and the FDA’s policies and procedures (with help from attorneys), sets up businesses to make and sell the product, and comes up marketing plans to “tell the invention’s story” to potential customers.

Although she’s done well for herself as an inventor, Lebovic insisted, “I don’t think about the money part. I don’t start with, ‘I want to make a lot of money.’” She

said that while practicing medicine has been rewarding — “I make a difference one-on-one as a surgeon” — her inventions, help millions of people. She’s won numerous awards from medical, educational and business groups for her work.

When she’s not here, walking along the beach or going

for bicycle rides, Lebovic also enjoys homes in Texas and New Zealand. She’s still licensed to practice medicine in California and Texas, and said she keeps busy helping people who call her for advice on navigating the healthcare system. Maybe she can come up with some innovations to help the rest of us do that more effectively, too.



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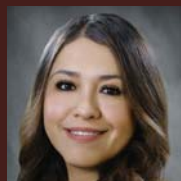
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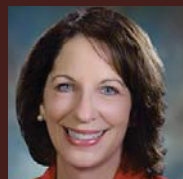
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She also produces live or recorded videos that last from 60 to 90 seconds.

These might walk people through a recipe, such as cottage cheese pancakes, and could be sponsored by a dairy company, for example. The specifics of the contract with the sponsor are negotiated by a manager — similar to an agent — who also solicits sponsorships on Chambers' behalf and earns a percentage of the take.

Factors that affect sponsorship include the size of her following and how people interact with the content, perhaps sharing with others or "liking" it. Chambers explained, "Marketing in the past was a radio ad or billboard, and you heard it in your car or passed it on the highway. Social media sponsorships and ads are from someone you know and trust, who has tried out the product for you and is saying it is as good as the company says."

Donangelo generates income through an ad revenue company, which places ads on her blog and, in return, receives a percentage of the take. The amount she makes depends on page views and content clicks.

For example, Kathryn's Kitchen Blog gets 2.5 million page views a year. That following depends not only on providing quality content, but on people being able to find her blog. She has to select and define keywords for her posts and use other technical tools to make them effective and easier to find.

As you might imagine, she spends a great deal of time using software to research keywords, so her content reaches more people. She may be also promoted by her sponsors or featured in places such as Costco Connections or BuzzFeed, a website that says it highlights the best digital content on the internet.

Being featured or mentioned by prominent internet figures or celebrities will boost a website's "domain authority," a score that ranks its relevance for a specific



subject or industry. For example, Kathryn's Kitchen Blog was featured on "The Pioneer Woman," a popular food and lifestyle blog by Food Network celebrity Ree Drummond, and that helped Donangelo's blog gain popularity.

### Consistency is key

Both Chambers and Donangelo have schedules for when they publish their content. Neither is a willy-nilly "when I feel like it" operation. Chambers' weekly newsletter goes out every Sunday. Before this, she has deadlines of Wednesday and Thursday she has to meet for her photographer and editor.

Donangelo prepares her content weeks to months in advance and automates posts

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Kathryn Donangelo (top left) has a kitchen blog with recipes for family meals as well as treats for parties, like easy cupcakes made from scratch. Behind the scenes, there's a lot of technical work to make sure people can find her blog, which helps her to get more sponsors.

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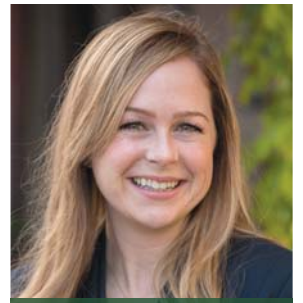
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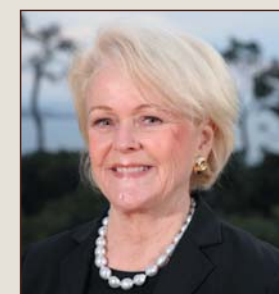
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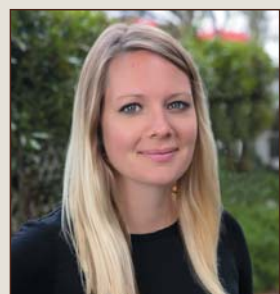
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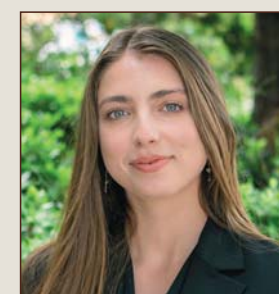
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# W O M E N I N B U S I N E S S

## They created a place to put in a day — or a week, or a month — at the office

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

**FOR GENERATIONS** of young people graduating into their working lives, there's been a notion that they have to "pay their dues," which usually meant things like getting to the office before the boss and being the last to leave, not to mention attending meetings, making deadlines and working hard to achieve someone else's vision.

Whether it's because they saw the stress in their parents' work lives or because they grew up in a world with a different point of view — or because the internet has made remote work an everyday option — people born after 1980 are thinking outside the office box. That's resulted in new kinds of businesses and ways of housing them, like The Pearl Works in Monterey.

Peninsula native and a graduate of Pitzer College in Southern California, Alora Daunt, 28, was in San Francisco, running a teahouse-yoga-studio-event space, managing 50 volunteers and living her best life. Then the pandemic hit and canceled that career.

Her mother, Heidi Daunt, branch manager for Treehouse Mortgage Group, had purchased the two-story building that houses her office at 288 Pearl St. in Monterey and was redesigning the space to create a contemporary work environment. She invited her daughter to collaborate with her and together, they invented their own wheelhouse.

The result is a new enterprise, The Pearl Works, a configuration of co-working and meeting rooms that still houses Treehouse Mortgage Group — plus a lot of other



If you work from home but need a quieter place to think or an impressive conference room for a meeting, mother-daughter team Heidi and Alora Daunt opened The Pearl Works, where they rent office space.

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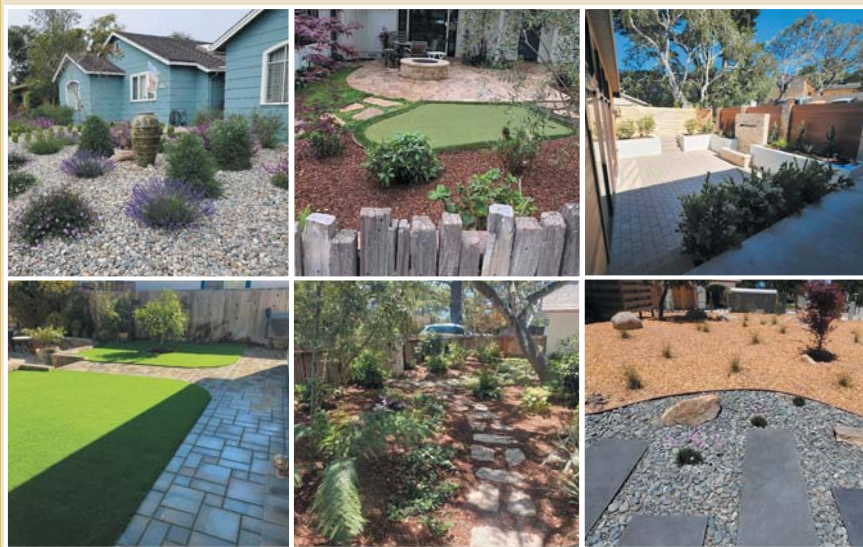
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# W O M E N I N B U S I N E S S

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to publish a new one every Monday. “I love the flexibility I have with blogging, because I can do it while being a stay-at-home mom,” Donangelo said. She gets up before her family and works on her blog — with a cup of coffee — and like many moms, said she gets a lot of work done during the kids’ nap time. “I treat my blog like a business because it is one,” she said.

**How it started**

The pandemic helped both women launch their

enterprises. Chambers’ recipe development business slowed down, and sheltering in place gave her time and space to brand herself and develop more tasty dishes — along with all the instructions so that her followers could make them at home.

“I started cranking out recipes on Instagram. I called it ‘Quarantine Kitchen,’ showing people how to use what was in their pantries and substitute ingredients,” Chambers said.

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The photographs that Carolyn Chambers uses on social media platforms are more difficult to get right than you might imagine. Staging food so it’s attractive is just one part of running her business as an influencer.

## WHEN EVERYTHING NEW IN YOUR CLOSET IS OLD — ON PURPOSE

By SALLY BAHO

“I HAVE always been a creator, entrepreneur and thrifty type of person” said Alli Mayorga, the Thrifted Queen, a vintage, lifestyle and home decor blogger and social media influencer who has made a business of repurposing thrift store goods and inspiring others to do the same.

She started by posting her thrifted goods to social media in 2018 and received an overwhelmingly positive response.

“I began to grow a following and realized pretty quickly that I could find a way to monetize it,” she said. In 2019, she left a full-time job in advertising sales to pursue a blogging career. Her Instagram account has more than 18,000 followers, and she partners with brands such as Martha Stewart Craft Paints, San Diego Hat Company, LeCroix — and many others — for paid collaborations.

To further monetize (make money from) her blog and social media, she shares affiliate links, meaning that when someone buys one her affiliates’ products, she gets a small cut.

Mayorga is a Pacific Grove native who lives in P.G. with her husband and 3-year-old son.

Visit her website at [thriftedqueen.co](http://thriftedqueen.co), where you can also find her blog. Or follow her on Instagram at [@thriftedqueen](https://www.instagram.com/thriftedqueen).



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She enjoys empowering people to cook at home. “Teach a man to fish, rather than give him a fish,” was my philosophy,” she said. “Anyone can follow a recipe, but if you understand how ingredients work together, you can cook,” she said. Her style is to open up and let people into her life — centered around feeding her family — and she quickly garnered a loyal following.

Donangelo was working full-time at a local hotel



Kathryn Donangelo’s brand is simple, homespun food that’s easy to prepare and serve. Her online presence has roots in her Italian family’s cooking and her experience as a mother of two young children.

when tourism took a nosedive. The hotel closed and its employees were furloughed. At home and eager to work, Donangelo shifted her attention to her blog. She listened to podcasts and took online courses on photography and blogging. She studied keywords and search engine optimization, applied what she learned, and watched her blog

grow in online success and presence.

Caroline’s newsletter is at [whattocook.substack.com](http://whattocook.substack.com) and you can visit her website at [carolinechambers.com](http://carolinechambers.com), or follow her on Instagram at [@carochambers](https://www.instagram.com/caro chambers). You can find Kathryn’s blog at [kathrynskitchenblog.com](http://kathrynskitchenblog.com) or follow on her Instagram [@kathryns.kitchen.blog](https://www.instagram.com/kathryns.kitchen.blog).

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The gallery features works from Ashley Bennett-Stoddard, the daughter of Bob Bennett, who has been deeply involved with art her entire life.

Ashley apprenticed with her father creating bronze sculptures and has been creating unique sculptures and paintings for the last 28 years.

Adding to the gallery's prestige is Artist in Residence, Nicole Cromwell, whose work resonates with California's coastal beauty. As an artist and nurse, she has always been fascinated by the healing power of art and has a desire to promote healing and wellness through artistic expression. Nicole's work merges seamlessly with the gallery's ethos.

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up doing a lot of cleaning and fixing things herself when service people didn't show up. It made her understandably skittish about letting her success be dependent on other people's efforts.

In 2006, when Randazzo got her real estate license, she said, "I didn't want to team up with anyone." However, as often seems to happen when someone says, "I'll never do that," Randazzo, Gladney and a third realtor — Marcia Bowhay, now retired — decided to join forces at John Saar, where they all worked.

Their diligence brought them together. They were always in the office, hard at it, which drew them to the idea of a team, as they realized they could either remain competitors or work with each other. About nine months later, John Saar Properties joined Sotheby's, where the women continued combining their efforts.

They've been together about 12 years in all. "We're partners in everything," said Randazzo, sharing the work and the rewards.

**Houses have feelings**

They talk happily of former clients who have become friends. And of course, there are the houses, which the realtors insist have their own personalities. "You have to listen to the house," said Gladney, as Randazzo nodded to her partner and interjected, "She's the house whisperer."

"When we get a home, we bring it back," said Gladney. Back from what? The pair often deal with estates that were left in trust for adult offspring. When they don't want their parents' houses, the buildings are left unoccupied. "Houses don't like it when you leave them alone. They get sad," posited Randazzo. They have the home cleaned and staged — a little or a lot — "blowing it full of fresh life," as she put it.

Sometimes, they risk doing the job too well. Randazzo recalled one seller who

had "great taste" in furnishings and decorating. "I just tweaked it a little, just a few things," and after seeing the results, the client decided she didn't want to sell. (She put the house on the market the following year.) There have been other, more challenging obstacles, though.

"Kate, you need to write a book," said Randazzo, turning the spotlight on her partner, then suggesting, "There was a skunk..." Gladney picked up the story. She had arrived at a house without a key. The seller didn't have one for her, but said she could probably get in through an open window, which Gladney did (all in a day's

work, you know). Then she noticed one of the heating vents was "bumping up from below."

Upon investigation, Gladney found a skunk trying to make its way inside. With an open house scheduled the next day, she contacted a pest control company that said it would take care of it. When she returned the following day, the skunk had been trapped — miraculously, without detonating its payload.

Unfortunately, the trap was blocking the side door Gladney was using for access, but

*'She's the house whisperer'*

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Sotheby's realtors Kate Gladney and Kathleen Randazzo love all the beautiful homes around here, including this gem in Carmel-by-the-Sea they sold for \$5.5 million.

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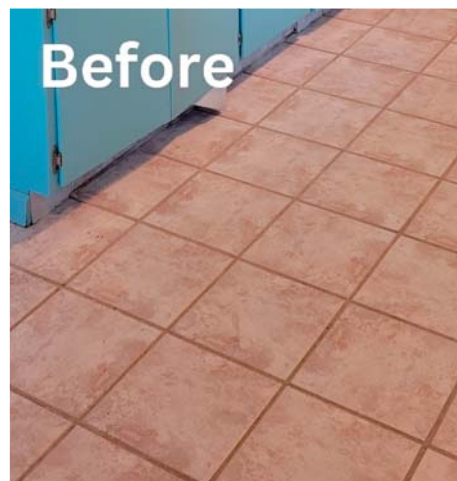
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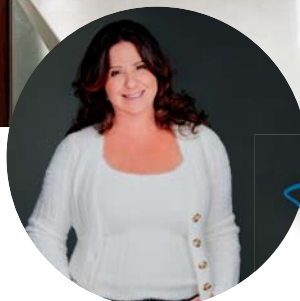
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“I stumbled into this part of the world — this community — like many during the Covid era, while reorienting goals and priorities,” she said. “I was blown away by what a unique place this is, so when I heard Maria and Jane were looking for someone to pass the store on to, it felt like something I’d like to keep alive and to build upon, as a way to be in service to this community.”

**Everyone has a story**

Three years after moving here, Boyte is still pleasantly surprised to have found and been embraced by a community, where she and her family so quickly felt at home, they wanted to hug it back. Olivia & Daisy is her opportunity.

“At a point in my career, having run Bean Dog for almost a decade — a very creative endeavor, yes, but also beset with a lot of politics and administration — I was hungry to get back to people, to hear their stories and help them sleuth out others.”

Boyte is happy spending time each day hearing about one person’s trip to Africa, another’s mom’s health, or a struggle with a teen, all in what she hopes is a safe place to build and become part of the community.

“When my customers share something with me,” she



Olivia & Daisy bookstore owner Kelsey Boyte believes strongly in the power of books.

said, “I want them to know, ‘I’m with you. I have my hand on your back.’ Books are a wonderful vehicle for that. There’s a book that will meet you where you live and remind you you’re OK, or transport you when you need to get out of your own brain.”

A book, she said, can change your life. In its pages, you

can see and feel seen.

Boyte recalls when two boys — whose mom was shopping at Jerome’s Market next door — came into Olivia & Daisy. Each grabbed a book, sank into the couch and

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## MAUREEN HONG, O.D.

Dr. Maureen Hong, O.D. was raised right here on the Monterey Peninsula. She is a graduate of UCLA and received her Doctor of Optometry degree with honors from the Southern California College of Optometry.

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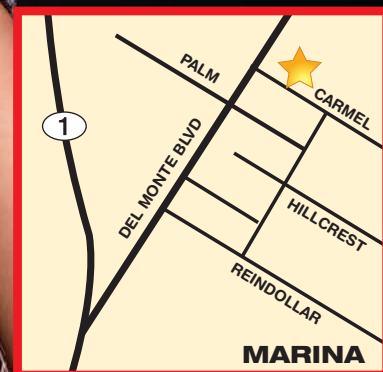
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she figured out a way to squeeze herself through another window that was also unsecured. The open house went on without anyone knowing how close it had come to being a real stinker of a day.

Randazzo had a similar experience after driving to Oak Hills (along Route 156 between highways 1 and 101) to see a home. When she got there — it’s about a 40-minute drive, depending on traffic — there was no key in the lock-box. A phone call confirmed that she could get one the next day, but she didn’t want to make a second trip. She spotted a dog door and just shimmied inside.

**Working and waiting**

For all the fun and laughter, though, selling real estate is hard work, something would-be agents often underestimate. “It’s a real job with real hours. We put a lot of time in our office and going to events,” said Gladney.

“You have to be motivated and tenacious,” agreed Randazzo. “We couldn’t wait for business to come to us.”

They said establishing initial word-of-mouth publicity for themselves took about three years. “But we never had a

sense we weren’t going to make it,” said Gladney.

Randazzo and Gladney are serious about supporting their clients and providing them with reliable, trustworthy service. “It’s a big responsibility — this is people selling their biggest asset,” Gladney said. From setting the right price to making sure a seller accepts the best offer, it’s all about details.

Technology has simultaneously made their jobs easier and more difficult. “Look at e-signatures,” said Randazzo, referring to the ease with which documents can be completed without having to fax, mail or deliver them.

They were also early adopters of the online sales video. When they represented a 1924 Spanish colonial in Pebble Beach with a secret passage hidden behind a bookshelf, the realtors came up with a simple love story acted out to music — no dialogue — in which characters in period costumes left little notes for each other in various rooms, all while highlighting the home’s features.

Online presentation is convenient, but requires a lot of attention to detail. “You better do a really good job and make sure the house stands out,” said Gladney.

*‘It’s a big responsibility — this is people selling their biggest asset’*

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Houses like these sold by Randazzo and Gladney in Quail Meadows (left) and Pebble Beach are valued for their surroundings, but the interiors have to be special, too.

## Kathleen Grace

is of Native American ancestry from the tribal band of Costanoan/Ohlone Indians of California. She has recently returned back to her home and to the Monterey Peninsula, after living in New York City for over 20 years. She is energetically masterful at creating healing as she journeys to the mystical Spirit world in order to dissolve limitations and trauma caused from ancestral lineage and soul wounds. She is the founder of Internabeauty LLC., with worldwide teaching, healing, lecturing and speaking on the changing times of our world today and how it affects our well being.



Although gifted from birth with intuition, Kathleen utilizes her gifts in many ways and has been a celebrity esthetician for over 40 years. As a way to honor her native heritage she has created her own line of all natural, anti aging, luxury skin care products featuring ingredients indigenous to California specifically. Internabeauty has now been officially launched in retail stores and is

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## MOPANE at the Crossroads



**Susie Bauer** has worn a lot of different hats in her life but her latest could best be described as “entrepreneurial philanthropist”. Susie has always liked creating her own jobs and Mopane at the Crossroads is no exception. After a life changing trip to Botswana in 2019 with her husband, Richard, they both came back with a new sense of purpose.

In order to help their friends, Debra Stevens and Scott Jackson, and their newly formed elephant orphanage, Elephant Havens, they decided to rent a small empty space at the Crossroads in Carmel and start a retail project to promote fostering the orphaned baby elephants to help offset their food expenses. It soon morphed into a full blown shop featuring Women’s Fair Trade handmade goods from over 30 African countries. It didn’t stop there, though. Susie’s restaurants in Dallas, SUZE and IRIS also had a philanthropic and artistic bent, sponsoring a monthly fundraiser for a different local organization. She decided that was also a good way to engage the entire Monterey Peninsula community, helping local causes as well as the African craftspeople. Mopane donates 2 hours one Sunday a month to have a fundraiser in the store, including wine, food and music and then tops it all off by giving them 10% of the monthly sales.

Carmel is now home to Susie and Richard and their two dogs, Etta and Riley as well as Willie, a chocolate palomino Morgan horse. Come by Mopane at the Crossroads, 200 Crossroads Blvd, Carmel, CA. and say “Dumela”.



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started reading.

“When I saw those boys, I thought, ‘This is my best day so far,’” she said. “This is what I want this store to be about, a place where a kid will find his way in and get lost in a book. We even got into a conversation about what they’ve read and what they like.”

Ironically, with two businesses, a husband, a dog, a 4-year-old son and another on the way, Boyte doesn’t seem to have a lot of time to read. Still, she finds it, even if it’s at the very end of her day.

“Right now, I’m about to start ‘Tom Lake,’ by Ann Patchett,” she said. “I’m also 30 percent into about six other books. I’m trying to keep a feeling for what’s new and relevant, and what’s coming out, to share with my customers.”

That includes one of her top picks. “I try to keep 10 copies of ‘We All Want Impossible Things,’ by Catherine Newman. I recommend it so frequently because it’s probably the best thing I’ve read.”

Boyte also recently finished, “Birnham Wood: A Novel,” by Eleanor Catton, and “The Covenant of Water,” by Abraham Verghese, “an epic read, this deep dive, a beautiful book,” she said.

“In the summertime, people come in looking for something lighter, a 200-pager, not a tome. Although I did read ‘Demon Copperhead,’” a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Barbara Kingsolver. Boyte is a diehard fan of the author.

“What I love about Kingsolver, such a dynamic writer, is every time I open her books, I’m excited to learn. Her use of language is so exquisite; she takes me down a different path every time. ‘Demon Copperhead’ made me work.”

Along with “Demon Copperhead,” Boyte is pleased to present another Pulitzer winner, “Trust,” by Hernan Diaz, for a great side-by-side pairing.

### Paving her way

Born and raised in Sacramento, Boyte moved to Los Angeles to earn a degree in international relations at USC.

“My generation grew up with such exposure to global conflict and injustice,” she said. “I went to school so passionate about it, I thought I’d be working in the State Department by the time I graduated. But I was also taking English classes as my minor, which encouraged my creative side and introduced me to the power of language and writing to influence people’s minds and inspire change.”

After college, the Boyte,s feeling more called to nature than to the nation’s capital, moved to the mountains of Denver, where they formed Bean Dog Films. She started a blog about her observations on life, attracting 100,000 visitors a month. It reinforced her belief in the power of language to encourage and remind people to step out of

their own words to find they aren’t alone.

Today, as she stands in her bookstore, Boyte recognizes that she is becoming part of the neighborhood. She’s learning its own stories and legacy, and combining them with her vision of what Olivia & Daisy can be as a community resource.



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They worry that prospective buyers believe they know everything about a property from a website, however, and the agents are extremely reluctant to sell a home to anyone who hasn't seen it in person. "They could think it smells funny, the stairs are too steep, the dog next door barks and they don't want that," Randazzo said. The highest offer isn't always the best one, either.

"You have to vet the offer. Do they have the money to back it up?" She also said that some buyers can tie up the property for long periods and then back out — they try to spot them, too.

It still comes down to people and relationships. "When you move somewhere, it's important to have a sense of community," said Randazzo. "We're bringing people into our community. We like being with them and seeing what they've done" in their lives.



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family and had always spent considerable time. Noelle works with a procurement manager out of her cheerful studio at Fifth and Junipero, where she can spread out samples and meet clients. She described her approach to residential style as “classic, tailored and fresh.”

Whether she is working on a mid-century modern home or a French Country-style house, “the common thread is to create inviting, peaceful spaces,” Micek said. “I believe in finding the right scale, not overcrowding a room, and creating calm and peace.” Her work often incorporates natural materials, an abundance of creamy white and splashes of blue. “Many of my clients love blue, and it’s a peaceful color.”

Caron began practicing interior design in 1980, after graduating from the California College for the Arts with

a degree in interior architecture. She grew up in Corral de Tierra and credits her father with her choice of profession. “He remodeled our modest country home into a large, beautiful, spacious, ranch-style house,” Caron said. “I grew up with the whole process, the merger of creativity, design and art.”

Over her career, Caron has designed some interiors for commercial and hospitality properties, including Carmel restaurants and the historic 1920s Spreckels headquarters of D’Arrigo Brothers, growers of Andy Boy produce. She

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Jana Caron inside a Tehama home where she designed the window treatments and textiles.

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is a partner in the Consignments by the Sea home furnishings store in the Crossroads shopping center. But her mainstay is residential design, where she has projects that range from structural remodels to textile design.

The back of Caron's car is filled with fabric, stone and tile samples, as well as the occasional accessories or window treatments. "You really need to see things in place, with natural light," she said. She described her design style as "organic contemporary," with attention to texture, custom fabrication, woods, stone, rocks and woven fabrics.

For a new traditional farmhouse home atop a ridge in Tehama, Caron employed an array of textiles, from bedding to fabric wallcoverings to window treatments, to complement and reflect the dramatic vistas and oak

woodlands. Embroidered white flowing curtains in the master bath, for example, do not compete with the exterior views. A masculine office bathroom featured wall coverings with unexpected metal rivets. In a den, the location of blackout window shades takes into account the positioning of a pop-up TV.

#### Community involvement

Caron and Micek each rely on the talents of local furniture makers for custom work, lighting and upholstery. They source materials locally whenever possible and are admirers of the work of local artists, whose paintings and other creations are also used.

They're also active in the community, as volunteers in areas well beyond their immediate business. Micek is on the board of the Monterey Symphony, among other service

groups. Caron has been active as a 4-H leader, in equestrian organizations, and in numerous community causes.

They say they derive great satisfaction from working with other women.

Caron has mentored many young designers and regularly has college interns working with her. She said she loves to help others launch in the field and coach them as they develop.

Micek credits much of her early success to finding and taking part in a strong professional community. She recommends that any woman starting out in business, no matter the field, find ways to join networks of others in the same field. She joined several design industry groups, and still takes part in an interior design group that meets monthly.

"There is so much information and advice out there," Micek said. "Women are really generous about sharing what they know. We share best practices, bounce ideas off of each other, share advice on specialized vendors. I find that women business owners are often happy and willing to help other women business owners."

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businesses, as needed.

“The Pearl Works is a membership organization, configured on monthly terms, like a subscription,” said Alora. “We begin by meeting with a prospective member to tour the space, chat, do a vibe check, discuss their work style and what they’re up to in the world. Then we look at which membership tier will work best for them, whether it’s a private office, dedicated desks within a shared space, or just a day-use pass to drop in or schedule a meeting space.”

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As the company grows and the Daunts learn more about people’s needs, the spaces can easily be reconfigured to accommodate their clients. Everything’s modular, everyone’s flexible, and everybody’s open to change.

The first story of the building has an open floor plan with a collection of sit-or-stand desks, as well as an enclosed conference room with a custom table made from a slab sliced from a tree that had been hit by lightning. Its central scar is filled with a swirl of resin in cool colors, like a river running through it. Crafted by custom woodworker Brian Steckler of Carmel, the

table is functional and beautiful.

Additional artwork includes various pieces from Emerging Art Alliance, whose mission is to support underrepresented artists. The Pearl Works hosts regular art openings for the organization.

“The Pearl Works is a flexible working space, by design, where people can come to concentrate,” Alora said. “But it’s also a place designed to bring people together. If we’re not going to church every Sunday or we’re not heading out to the country club, The Pearl Works is a whole other space in which to build community, find people we jibe with.”

This may mean business meetings, but it may also include a book group, bridge club or writers guild. This is a place where people who need to gather can do so. It’s also a space where people who need to concentrate can step through a glass door and into an ADA-compliant “phone booth” space to get something done.

**Build it and they will come**

The most productive form of marketing The Pearl Works has been word of mouth.

“People find us,” Alora said. “We use Google and social media, but it’s all very organic. I also write a blog about what we do, which is another way to connect with

the community, a contemporary way to let people know what’s happening.”

If you Google “Wild Land Workshop,” a “rustic landscape architecture studio,” the contact information reads, “Our office. In the middle of nowhere.” Yet when she

wants to work quietly to get something done, landscape architect and owner Marie Goulet tucks into a private office space at The Pearl Works.

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"I don't have time to clean, organize and maintain an office space," Goulet said. "I wanted to be able to work in a bigger community and benefit from events and interaction, but also have the spatial flexibility if I need to add or reduce staff space, as well as the flexibility of how I use my time. I love it here."

While employers have had a hard time

re-staffing their companies post-pandemic, the market for flexible workspaces, which provide places for that fluid workforce to operate, has been growing.

"The coworking industry has been very supportive," said Heidi, "helping us develop into a kind of spontaneous community culture whose diversity of clients and flexible setting have created an environment that is fostering collaboration beyond what we could have imagined."



Alora Daunt (right) was left jobless during the pandemic, but now offers the work-from-home crowd access to private office spaces or meeting rooms when they need them.

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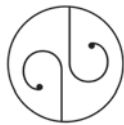
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For as long as Kim can remember, her love for floral design has been inherent. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley she spent a year abroad in Paris which further ignited her passion for floral design. Soon after, she gifted her sister with her wedding florals and it was then she went abroad to the South of France, where she studied floral technique. Upon returning, she opened the doors to her flower atelier, Fleurs du Soleil. Her extraordinary floral designs at weddings, events and resort venues have created a highly sought after service in an area where spectacular events demand spectacular floral designs.

In 2017 Kim expanded her business by taking over the remodeled Myrick's building next to El Estero Car Wash at 598 Fremont St. in Monterey. Her vision of expansion has encompassed a European-Urban style retail floral and lifestyle store featuring grab & go arrangements & wraps, contemporary gifts, home goods, one of a kind furniture and daily deliveries.

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## JILL ALLEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DOROTHY'S PLACE



Twenty years ago, I came to Monterey County to live among beautiful planted fields, a gorgeous coastline, and warm, wonderful friends that cherish the bounty here. I also came to make a difference in how the less fortunate live here. Dorothy's Place is where I choose to make a difference, and every day, I join 40 team members and lots of volunteers as we nurture nearly 1,500 people yearly that are without shelter. Their passion to serve fuels me daily!

Today, I envision a stronger Monterey County that can provide housing for all. My goal is for Dorothy's Place to be a part of that solution through interim and permanent supportive housing that meets the needs of our unsheltered neighbors.



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## RANDI ANDREWS AVANT GARDEN AND HOME



Randi Andrews owner of Avant Garden and Home in Carmel Valley Village.

Avant Garden and Home became a reality, over 20 years ago. A gift shop for your home, your garden and yourself. She created a store that was inviting and whimsical, filled with the unexpected. She loves being a shopkeeper and being part of this community. "We represent many local artist and artisans. I love supporting businesses even smaller than my own". Stop by and meet this cute little boy, Gus. Well, he's not quite this little anymore.

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## JACQUELINE GACAYAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DOROTHY'S PLACE



"We build relationships with the forgotten people of our community," says Jackie Gacayan, the Dorothy's Drop-In Center Program Director. Jackie refers to the growing number of unsheltered people in Monterey County.

"We provide hospitality for everyone who comes through our doors, including those who may not be welcomed anywhere else due to their appearance, and sometimes their behavior. Our Community Health Workers greet our guests with a welcome smile and hospitality.

As we see more people who are aging and living outside, we see more challenging health issues. We work to assist our consumers in getting to proper medical and mental health care. Our forgotten community deserves our respect, and we are happy to serve them."



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## DEBBIE LEMOS LEMOS 76



Debbie Lemos, a 76 Service Station dealer in Carmel. She became involved into the family business in 1992. She proudly credits her father-in-law as her mentor that established the business in 1961. With all the challenges in the gas, oil and corporate industry today her hard work and perseverance continues to keep Lemos 76 going strong. Lemos 76 celebrating 61 years locally owned and operated.

Debbie is very involved and gives back to the community in many ways. Her business management, marketing skills, work ethics as well as her high standards and loyalty for her customers, employees and the community were a contribution to be prior recipient of the Carmel Chambers' "Small Business Award" and The Golden Pine Cone voted Lemos 76 as "Best Gas Station" the last 7 years and "Best Repair Shop" on the Monterey Peninsula. Being involved in an established entrepreneur family business has given her an opportunity to turn challenges into opportunities for women leaders, what is normally a male-dominated industry.



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## JULIETA BORGES PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DOROTHY'S PLACE



As the Kitchen Director at Dorothy's Place, Julieta wakes up early five days a week to create a miracle at Dorothy's Kitchen, that is, 300 hot meals daily, breakfast and lunch, in what is so much more than a "soup kitchen". Julieta guides a team of five professionals, and many volunteers, making "from scratch" meals, with one eye on nutrition, and the other on appeal. "We carefully prepare our meals to have a high protein content, lots of local fruits and veggies, low sugar and low salt, but what good is that if people don't like what they see or smell? Good looking meals served with respect and a smile are the perfect prescription for people that need to feel better about themselves!"



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Dr. Kristina enjoys her free time with her husband and 3 boys, biking, surfing and hiking with their Great Dane and Bull Dogs!



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A San Jose State University alumni earning a B.S. in Graphic Design, Laurie prides herself as an experienced and creative "solopreneur" and stays up-to-date in her field through seminars and classes.

Laurie is active in the community: 2023 Board Chair for the Arts Council for Monterey County; Past President for Professional Women's Network of the Monterey Peninsula; PWN's 2015 Woman of the Year; Leadership Monterey - Class of 2015 and former Service Unit Manager for Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast.

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## DR. LOLY HOGANS TORO PARK ANIMAL HOSPITAL



Dr. Hogans obtained her undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences at the University of California, Davis. She graduated in the top of her class from the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis and she has loved every step of her career. She was a co-founder of Harden Ranch Veterinary Hospital in Salinas and ran the hospital for over 25 years before moving on. Dr. Hogans completed a Don Low Fellowship at the University of California, Davis in abdominal ultrasound. She also has special interests in ophthalmology, dentistry, and internal medicine. She loves being in a profession where she can be active, use her creative side, and learn something new every day, all while helping to prevent disease.

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## DR. LINDSEY ROCKWOOD TORO PARK ANIMAL HOSPITAL



Dr. Rockwood was born and raised off highway 68 and after being away at school for many years, she returned to the immediate area. Dr. Rockwood completed her prerequisite courses at Colorado University, Boulder and UC Davis. Dr. Rockwood graduated from UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 2008 and has been practicing on the Monterey Peninsula ever since. She has been the owner of Toro Park Animal Hospital since 2014. Her special interests include acupuncture and rehabilitation, soft tissue surgery, dentistry and oral surgery.

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