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Post office deemed unsafe after car crashes into it

By MARY SCHLEY

A 74-YEAR-OLD Pebble Beach woman escaped injury when she crashed her Tesla into the front of the Carmel post office during the lunch hour Wednesday, narrowly missing a pedestrian before smashing into a brick planter with enough force to break the windows and damage the



A Tesla Model S driven by a Pebble Beach woman turned an entrance to the Carmel Post Office into twisted metal, broken glass and rubble Wednesday

structural integrity of the building.

According to Carmel Police Sgt. Michael Bruno, the woman, Rebecca Rousso, was parked in the handicap stall in the off-street post office parking lot directly across from the front doors on Fifth Avenue when she said the Model S "took off, sped forward about 40 feet out of control, missed a pedestrian in the crosswalk by approximately

> 1 foot and crashed into the front of the post office," causing severe damage to the building and the car.

> Rousso was not injured, nor did she appear to be impaired, and the pedestrian she nearly hit was shaken but also unharmed, according to Bruno.

Last week, too

The crash occurred a week after an elderly man ran his car into a wall at the Normandy Inn on Ocean Avenue when his foot slipped off the brake and hit the accelerator, totaling the Toyota Avalon he'd been driving and causing minor injuries to his wife, who was in the passenger seat.

But in this case, Bruno said the woman did not say she'd mistaken the gas pedal for the brake. "She was older and had some mobility issues and couldn't really explain

See CRASH page 14A

Court limits reach of housing mandate law

By KELLY NIX

A SOUTHERN California judge has ruled that a 2022 state housing law that requires California municipalities to ministerially approve applications to split single-family residential lots and allow up to four housing units on each doesn't apply to charter cities. The ruling could eventually have implications for several such cities in Monterey County, including Monterey and Pacific Grove.

SB9, which went into effect Jan. 1, 2022, dramatically lowered the bar builders face to subdivide property and exempts many housing projects from the rigid California Environmental Quality Act. The law was intended to alleviate the severe shortage of housing in the state.

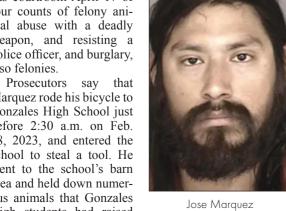
Man guilty of killing animals at high school

By KELLY NIX

A SOUTH County man who illegally entered a high school in the early morning hours and stabbed numerous farm animals belonging to students has been found guilty of the attack, which killed two lambs.

Jose Jesse Marquez, 31, was found guilty in a Salinas courtroom April 17 of four counts of felony animal abuse with a deadly weapon, and resisting a police officer, and burglary, also felonies.

Marquez rode his bicycle to Gonzales High School just before 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 18, 2023, and entered the school to steal a tool. He went to the school's barn area and held down numerous animals that Gonzales High students had raised since birth and stabbed them.



Marquez "repeatedly stabbed them eight to 10 times in

See GUILTY page 14A

Curtis A. Kin ruled in favor of five Southern California charter cities that filed suit against the state and Attorney General Rob Bonta alleging that SB9 is unconstitutional and invalid against charter cities.

But on Monday, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge

Charter cities

"After extensive briefing and two hearings" in a Los Angeles courtroom, "the court ruled in favor of the five charter cities," according to Aleshire & Wynder, the law

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Rebuilding slow after major wildfires

■ Just three applications for permits since 2016 Big Sur wildfire

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE DEVASTATING impact of wildfires on Monterey County's rural communities was made clear Wednesday when the county planning commission weighed in on a report detailing the damage to homes since 2015 — and the efforts to rebuild them.

The report comes in response to a request made by planning commissioner Martha Diehl, who was trying to identify where "rebuilding hurdles may exist." Diehl lives in the Palo Colorado area, where 57 homes were lost during the Soberanes Fire in 2016.

The report focuses on what the county has done to make rebuilding easier — and what it can do to improve upon those efforts. Over the past nine years, four major wildfires — the Soberanes Fire and the River, Carmel and Dolan fires in 2020 — destroyed 134 homes and burned down an additional 56 structures throughout the county. Of those 134 homes, 53 of them either have been rebuilt or are in the process of being rebuilt, the report indicates.

Hurdles exist

According to county records, 94 construction permits have been processed relating to the River, Carmel and Dolan fires. The River Fire burned 48,000 acres of between Salinas and the Carmel River, the Carmel Fire scorched 6,900 acres in upper Carmel Valley, and the Dolan Fire burned 148,000 acres in Big Sur.

Of the 77 homes destroyed in these fires, 50 homes have been or are being rebuilt," records show. "The remaining 44 permits were for repairs or replacement of structures other than the main dwelling."

Unfortunately, such information isn't available for

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Winds could delay May 27 highway reopening

By CHRIS COUNTS

CALTRANS REPORTED Wednesday that repairs to Highway 1 at Rocky Creek in Big Sur are moving forward at a steady pace, and May 27 remains the target date for reopening the road to tourist traffic.

But a spokesperson said the state roads agency is hesitant to move the date up, due to the likelihood of high winds, which could delay repairs, and the wear and tear the work is taking on heavy equipment.

"We're holding to a May 27 estimate for the reopening," Caltrans spokesperson Kevin Drabinski said. "Part

Sunday's Big Sur Marathon will have an out-and-back route. See page 9A.

wind and likely will continue to experience delays due to wind.'

Drabinski observed that those working over the side of the road in a basket must adhere to stringent safety standards — they had to stop last Saturday and Sunday due to

Photos tell story

"We have a 25 mph wind limit," he explained. "When you're drilling off of a crane-held basket over the side of the roadway, it's challenging."

Equipment failures could also slow progress, Drabinski warned. "We have experienced, and will continue to experience, some breakdowns in equipment," he conceded.

Drabinski described what has been done so far in an

effort to stabilize the site, where a large chunk of pavement in the southbound lane collapsed March 30.

"To date we've been able to install a series of vertical

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Workers install vertical dowels this week to help support the pavement along the Highway 1 near Rocky Creek Bridge in Big Sur.

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Sandy Claws

April 26, 2024

Unrequited love

She wanted another dog. A small one that wouldn't remind her of the one she'd lost. Yet pretty much anything with beseeching brown eyes, four legs and a tail, was going to present a trigger. Until, while living in Portland, she visited the Oregon Humane Society, where she met Toby, a tiny Chihuahua-Jack Russell mix who really was so different from Cheyenne, her Australian shepherd-Lab mix.

It seemed like love at first sight — but only for her. Toby, who'd been languishing at the shelter for too long, possibly developing a defeatist attitude, wanted nothing to do with her. Nothing. In a "turn tail" kind of

Maybe she didn't want a little dog after all.

Whether she'd decided to give up or just give it a minute, she went home and surfed the Internet for other, more willing strays. But she couldn't stop thinking about Toby.

So, she went back, only to find that Toby had a pending adoption, but not for long.

"When returned, maybe I was letting Toby know I truly was interested, committed even, for real," she



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By Lisa Crawford Watson



said. "This time, he came right to me, jumped up, and took a treat. Deciding I'd passed the test, I took him home."

This week, Toby, now 5, and his person came to Carmel from their home in Wisconsin to run the Big Sur Marathon. Well, she did. Toby is just along for the ride. But, since he seems to be enjoying Carmel Beach and the canine community as much as his person is, the pair has decided to come back to this place as soon as possible. Permanently.

"The first thing I'm going to do is register for the marathon next year," she said, "so I can run the normal course and take in the whole experience of that legendary route."



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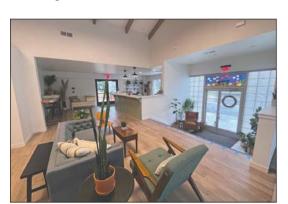


Overnight stay for \$55/night? Monterey Hostel is the place.

By KELLY NIX

THE ONLY hostel in Monterey County — which was forced to close during the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic — has reopened after a \$2.5 million renovation, and the new accommodations are more deluxe than ever.

If you regularly travel on Hawthorne Street in Monterey, you've undoubtedly seen the old hostel at 778 Hawthorne St., which operated for two decades before





PHOTO/MONTEREY HOSTEL

Monterey Hostel on Hawthorne Street offers a less expensive but comfortable overnight option for single travelers, couples or families, its operators say.

being closed in 2020. The Monterey Hostel building was fully renovated by its new owners and a grand opening celebration was held last weekend. It reopened to

"We gutted the property and reconfigured the interior," Monterey Hostel operator Ryan Oetting explained to The Pine Cone this week. "The former hostel had large dormitories with shared bathrooms in the hallway. We reconfigured the property to include smaller rooms with bathrooms.

We have 13 guest rooms with en suite bathrooms."

Most rooms have one queen bed and twin/twin bunkbeds and are geared toward families and groups of friends. The hostel can accommodate about 50 overnight guests. Anyone, from single travelers to families, can stay there.

"We have four dormitories with bunkbeds where a guest can reserve a bed in a dorm shared with other travelers," Oetting explained. "This option starts at \$55 per night."

Private rooms with bathrooms are around \$180 per night.

Rooms are themed after local parks and destinations such as Asilomar, Big Sur, Point Lobos, and Laguna Seca, and there are push-metered faucets and showers to encourage guests to save water. There are also kitchen and dining facilities so guests can prepare meals to save money while traveling. A perk is complimentary tea and coffee.

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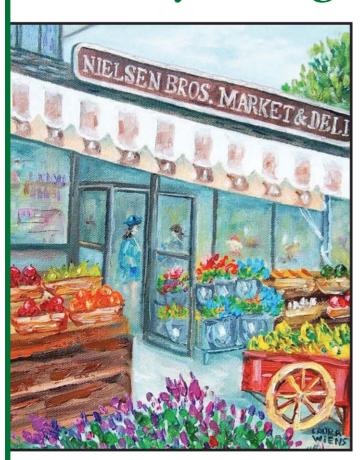
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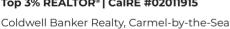
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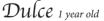
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Three eggs and an open front door

April 26, 2024

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.

The Carmel Pine Cone

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Pacific Grove: Parked vehicle at Union and Caledonia was issued a citation for expired registration.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Surf Avenue and at Central and 17th were marked for 72-

Carmel Valley: Stolen mail found on Miramonte Road. Victims were a 72-year-old male and two females, ages 57 and 32.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 33-year-old male from San Luis Obispo was arrested on Camino del Monte at 0127 hours for DUI. He was booked into Monterey County Jail and held on \$10,000 bail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 61-year-old female Camino del Monte hair stylist was arrested at San Carlos and Seventh at 1212 hours for public intoxication and probation violation. She was booked into the county jail and was also cited for bringing drugs into

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Parties exchanged

information for a non-injury accident at Ocean and Junipero.

Carmel Valley: APS cross report of suspected financial abuse by the family member of a Carmel Valley Road resident for non-payment of increased nursing home fees.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male on Ocean west of Dolores was placed on a 5150 WI [danger to self or others].

Pacific Grove: Report of fraud on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Property was found in front of the youth center on 16th Street.

Pacific Grove: Suspect fraudulently used the victim's credit card on Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism at Lovers

Carmel area: Rio Road resident reported the theft of an e-bike. The bike was taken overnight from a driveway.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report of physical abuse on Laureles Grade.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Carmel area: APS report of financial abuse involving a Fairway Lane resident.

Carmel area: A tourist reported theft of items from a vehicle on Rio Road.

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The gavel falls

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

March 26 — Criminal and civil charges have been filed against Nicolas Mejia Ruvalcaba and Ana Ortiz Ruvalcaba related to the illegal and unsafe housing at their property located in Royal Oaks in Monterey County, which was discovered by Monterey County local enforcement agencies in April 2023. Approximately 68 unpermitted, substandard, and unsafe dwelling units were erected at the property, which housed approximately 270 tenants.

The criminal complaint charges both Nicolas and Ana Ruvalcaba with three felony counts of tax evasion, one misdemeanor count for failing to secure workers compensation insurance, and seven misdemeanor counts related to unpermitted, substandard, and unsafe housing at the property.

The civil complaint alleges that Nicolas and Ana Ruvalcaba's illegal housing scheme constitutes unfair competition and seeks civil penalties, injunctive relief, and restitution for such practices.

An arrest warrant has been issued in the

criminal case and the defendants have been given an opportunity to surrender.

If you are a former tenant, employee, or other witness to this matter, you may contact district attorney investigator Sarah Jackson at (831) 759-6774 if you wish to share any relevant information.

March 29 — Victor Alcantar Zavala, 30 and a resident of Watsonville, was sentenced to 20 years in state prison by Judge Andrew Liu. The defendant entered pleas of no contest to one count of kidnapping, one count of assault with intent to commit rape, and four counts of sexually assaulting a victim who was drugged and/or unconscious. The charges constitute five strikes under California's three strikes law. In addition to his prison sentence, the defendant will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of

On April 10, 2023, Salinas Police Officers responded to an open line on a 911 call. The

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Hamburger eatery damaged in fire

By KELLY NIX

A FIRE that originated in the kitchen of a Carmel Plaza restaurant Tuesday afternoon forced its temporary closure, according to the owners and the Monterey Fire Department.

While customers were dining at Carmel Burger Bar at Junipero and Ocean at about 2:20 p.m., there was a report of smoke inside the building. All patrons safely exited. Firefighters arrived and discovered a fire behind the stove and in the wall and crawl space of the restaurant.

"Crews were able to contain the fire to the room of origin, which prevented the fire from spreading to the connecting businesses," Monterey Fire Chief Andrew Miller said. "No firefighter or civilian injuries were reported.'

Carmel Burger Bar will be closed for business until the damage has been

"We are working hard to get it reopened," Burger Bar operating and consulting partner Ashley Wolff told The Pine

Cone Thursday morning. "We are grateful the fire was not catastrophic and that it was caught early with just smoking."

Not suspicious

Twenty-five firefighters from Monterey Fire and the Pebble Beach Community Services District Fire Department responded with three engines and two ladder trucks. Four fire chiefs, a fire investigator from Monterey Fire, as well as Carmel Police, American Medical Response, PG&E, and the county health department, were also on

"The building sustained significant fire and structural damage," Miller said. "The cause of the fire is under investigation but not considered suspicious."

While Miller said the initial estimated loss amounted to about \$175,000, Wolff said she spoke to the insurance company for the restaurant Thursday but that it has not yet provided its own estimate of the damage.

Carmel Burger Bar opened for business in August 2022.



A fire this week that damaged the kitchen at Carmel Burger Bar has forced the closure of the Carmel Plaza restaurant until repairs and cleaning are completed.

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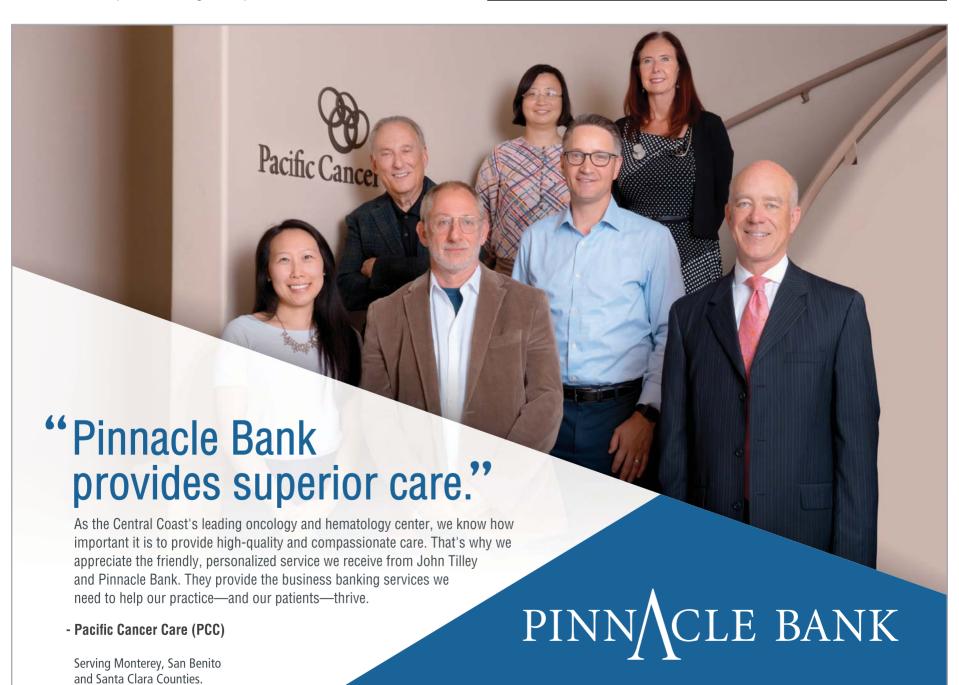
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■ Safety, price increases and complaints about the food

By KELLY NIX

A CONSULTANT hired by the state attorney general to investigate Forest Hill Manor in Pacific Grove has concluded that the owners have failed to honor residents' existing contracts, have not justified fee increases, stopped offering some health services, eliminated security personnel and failed to keep the facility clean, safe, sanitary and

After filing for bankruptcy, California-Nevada Methodist Homes — the former owner of Forest Hill — sold it to Pacifica Companies LLC in December 2021. As a condition of the \$30 million sale, state Attorney General Rob Bonta imposed 18 conditions on Pacifica, including following various reporting requirements, holding quarterly meetings with a community advisory board, and assumption of residents' preexisting contracts with the former

Monitor

The transaction also included the attorney general's appointment of a monitor to ensure compliance with professional standards of care and several other conditions. In a report completed in March, the monitor, consultant Terry E. Hill, found that Pacifica Companies LLC has failed to meet numerous obligations related to the purchase of the P.G. facility — now called Pacific Grove Senior Living — which is considered a "continuing care retirement community."

"In spite of its commitment at the time of purchase, Pacifica has exhibited disregard for the purchase and sale agreement provisions, the attorney general's conditions, and the governing laws and regulations," according to Hill, who is also a physician.

Contracts not honored

While Pacifica was required to assume and honor all contracts residents had with the previous owners, Hill found that was not happening and that the company "failed to acknowledge and honor multiple preexisting contracts.'

For example, in March 2023, Pacific Grove Senior Living's director insisted that a long-term resident who was temporarily in skilled nursing would need to move to the dementia unit at a different senior facility or would need to hire a one-on-one private caregiver if she were to return to her own room at the Pacific Grove Senior Living assisted living unit.

"The executive director was not aware of the resident's lifetime benefit of 30-days of routine skilled nursing care," Hill wrote. "He acknowledged this benefit only after receiving a letter from an attorney" with California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, a patient-advocacy

Though Bonta also required Pacifica to schedule and hold quarterly meetings with residents, Hill found that the meetings failed to occur in a timely manner.

"In Pacific Grove, the Forest Hill Residents Association began formally asking for a meeting in May 2023," Hill said. "The meeting eventually occurred on Sept. 13, 2023."

In February and March 2023, Pacifica sent letters to

residents at the Pacific Grove facility, advising them that fees would increase in May and June. However, Hill said that Pacifica did not abide by the rules for the increases, including not holding a meeting with residents to discuss the reasons for them.

"No explanatory meetings were held, and no justification for the fee increases was given other than 'increases in all costs," he said.

Pacifica, Hill said, also stopped providing residents with supportive health services, such as consultations with

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Pacific Grove Senior Living at 551 Gibson has not honored residents' contracts, a state monitor contends.



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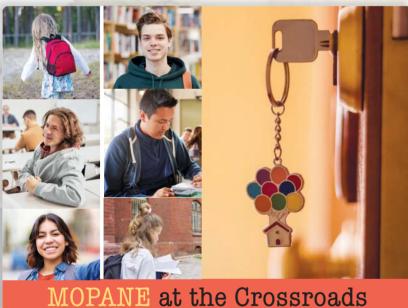




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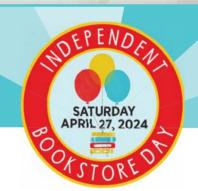
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Planning commission can't help equestrian center supporters

Dispute over

whether a contract

exists is a private

one, county says

By CHRIS COUNTS

THOSE WHO are trying to prevent the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center from closing pled their case before the Monterey County Planning Commission Wednesday. But they were told there was nothing the commission could do.

The Pebble Beach Company announced March 4 that it was shutting down the equestrian center, which turns 100 years old this year. The company cited the center's lack of profitability and the need for \$15 million of renovations as the reasons for the closure.

At Wednesday's hearing, county planner Anna Quenga told the planning commission that a 1984 agreement between the

Pebble Beach Company and the county required the company to operate the equestrian center — but only for 10 years. "There are no Del Monte Forest policies that require or allow the county to enforce maintaining operation of the equestrian center," she said.

Quenga also noted that in 2000, as part of a private

agreement between the Pebble Beach Company and Del Monte Forest Property Owners, a provision stated that "the existing equestrian center will not be taken out of operation or materially reduced in scope by the Pebble Beach Company until a new equestrian center on land owned by the company is fully operational," but she also said any dispute between the company and the residents group over whether that agreement is still in effect is a private matter.

"The county does not have a basis to intercede in the decisions of the Pebble Beach Company to close the equestrian

center," Quenga said.

Representing the Pebble Beach Company, former executive vice president Mark Stilwell told the planning commission that he agreed with Quenga's assessment.

Several supporters of the equestrian center spoke out against the closure during the hearing, including Thea Montella of Pebble Beach, who called the downfall of the facility "an orchestrated and deliberate failure."

'Monument' to horse culture

Another supporter, Ashley Kelly, called the center "a monument to West Coast horse culture." She contended the center has suffered from "slow motion demolition by willful neglect and mismanagement."

> Horse enthusiast Laura Fenwick urged the planning commission to halt the teardown of the center. "I'm just asking for more time for this before it's demolished," Fenwick said.

Supporter Lisa Baca, meanwhile, asked that a historical study be done on the center.

Planning commissioner Martha Diehl said she first rode a horse at the equestrian center when she was just 6. But she agreed there is little the planning commission can do regarding its closing.

"I'm aware of the situation and share the sadness," Diehl said. "A lot of things take a long time, and some of these decisions were made a long time ago — just because language allows something, it doesn't mean that it requires it. We're stuck with what's on paper."

Boarding services will continue to be offered through June 30. Equestrians will still be able to access Pebble Beach's trails, according to the company.

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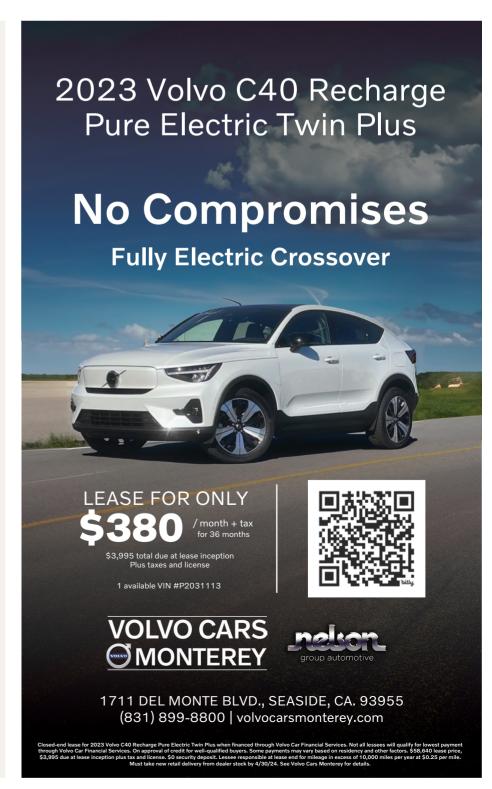
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Big Sur Marathon changes course

From Rio Road

to Rocky Creek

and back, with

Point Lobos

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE WORK crews continue to make progress clearing four major slides along Highway 1 to reopen all of Big Sur to visitors, Sunday's Big Sur International Marathon is about to make a literal U-turn.

Because road repairs have closed the southern half of the marathon's course along Highway 1, Sunday's race will start at roughly the same place where it traditionally ends - near Rio Road. As a result, those competing in the 26-mile race will run south for 12 miles before turning around just north of the Rocky Creek Bridge and heading back to town.

They will make a detour on the north-

bound trip into Point Lobos State Reserve, not only to hit the right distance, but to enjoy some additional scenery.

Starting at the end

The race will kick off at 6:15 a.m. for those who are a detour to participating in the marathon, 21-mile and relay races. "There will be a modified outand-back course starting and

finishing in Carmel," the schedule indicates. The starting line will be just south of

Next, those competing in the 11-mile race will start running at 6:30 a.m. The starting line is near the intersection of Highway 1 and Palo Colorado Road.

And at 7:05 a.m., those participating in the 5K and 12K races will leave from the finish line, with the 12K course taking a detour through Point Lobos.

Due to limited parking at the start/finish line, runners are "strongly encouraged" to ride buses to the site. Pickups start at 4 a.m. at a variety of sites in Carmel and Monterey. For more details, visit bigsurmarathon.org, and be sure to click on the red "Click Here for 2024 Modified Event

Information" link to get to the correct information.

"Taking the bus is the only way to guarantee you are on time to the event," race officials urged contestants. "Please plan to ride the bus.'

Due to the race, the morning convoy that lets locals and workers past the Rocky Creek Slide has been moved up to 4 a.m., Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans reported, with a hard closure at 4:45 a.m.

Very short window

For marathon officials, making major changes to the race with just weeks to spare was no easy task. Even under normal circumstances, planning a race for 10,000

runners with the support of thousands of volunteers is an enormous job. Not only did those officials need to remeasure and recertify the course, and get the plan approved by several agencies, but they had to get the word out fast.

"Just as major changing the course was the communication effort,

which was a massive undertaking," race director Josh Priester told The Pine Cone. "We had a very short window of time. If you think about the size and scope of this event, it's not easy to turn it around on a dime.'

Priester said much of the heavy lifting has been done, and he's eagerly anticipating the event getting underway.

"I've been so impressed by our team and how they made this happen," he added. "We're really excited for race weekend, especially now that it's right here, and we've overcome many of the challenges."

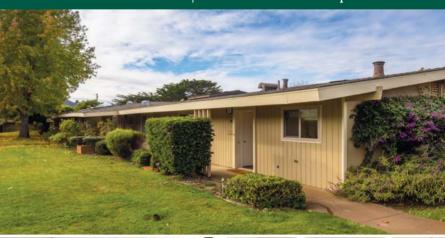
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rock dowels, which are inch-and-a-quarter rebar that we've put in 25 feet below the roadway," he explained. "Work has started that people have seen, where a crane hangs a basket of crew members, and they're putting the horizontal rock dowels through."

Once the horizontal dowels are installed, shotcrete will be sprayed on the vertical face of the site to add more

Drabinski said Caltrans is aware of how critical the project is to those who live or work in Big Sur, which is isolated by slides or road repairs. "We recognize that this roadway is an important artery for the economy of the community, and we look forward to the day when we can open it up to unrestricted travel," he said.

Work is also underway on installing a signal light.

"We're putting in a temporary signal," Caltrans emergency manager Zeke Delamas said. "As soon as the repair work is complete, we'll turn the road to one-way reversing

Delamas described the work site as "very challenging." "The photos really do tell the story," he added.

Convoys continue

Jessica Madueno of the California Highway Patrol said convoys will continue to pass through the construction zone each day at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., but they are limited to residents and workers. Madueno reminded both to bring proof of their residency or jobs when they are driving down the coast.

Also, this Sunday's early convoy will be moved up to 4 a.m. with a hard closure at 4:45 a.m., due to the Big Sur International Marathon.

Madueno added that the CHP continues to turn back 20 to 25 carloads of visitors each day who are trying to drive south. She noted that the number goes up on weekends. But she said the overall number of tourists trying to access Big Sur is down from the past few weeks.

Big Sur Chamber of Commerce president Kirk Gafill reported that the convoy system has been a success. "It's still working very well to provide basic relief of getting supplies into the community," he said Wednesday.

Workers are hurting

Gafill said the closure of the highway has taken an enormous toll on Big Sur's workforce. An estimated 800 employees are either "unemployed or severely underemployed as a result of the closure and impacts on the businesses," he noted. "Employees have been out of work in many cases since March 30 — unemployment benefits are very important and helpful, but they only go so far."

An effort is underway to help them.

"We're being very well supported by the Monterey County hospitality industry that's rapidly coming together to create a fundraising effort, along with the Community Foundation for Monterey County," explained Gafill, who is also general manager of Nepenthe restaurant. "It's a very quick-moving effort by some of the major hotels and restaurants to create assistance on the Monterey Peninsula side for a fundraiser that can benefit individuals who are economically at risk right now in our community."

Despite the closure, Nepenthe celebrated its 75th anniversary this week. Meanwhile, another resort has found a creative way to welcome back guests.

"Post Ranch Inn is reopening today by bringing in guests by helicopter," Gafill said. "They have a unique opportunity to create some limited public access — it's a real morale boost and sign that recovery is imminent for all of us."

For now, Gafill is crossing his fingers that the state roads agency can meet its goal of reopening Big Sur to tourists by May 27, and that Mother Nature cooperates. "We're continuing to root for Caltrans and calm winds,"

MARATHON

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forecast calls for morning temperatures in the high 40s to low 50s, along with 10 mph winds and partly sunny skies.

One feature of Sunday's race that isn't changing is the annual Relay for Rachael, which raises money for lifelong local resident and noted fine art photographer Rachael Short, who broke her neck in a car accident 14 years ago, leaving her a quadriplegic.

Twenty-eight runners have signed up for this year's fundraiser, which seeks to collect \$70,000 to pay for Short's caretakers and physical therapy. For information, visit relayforrachael.com.







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firm that filed the suit on behalf of Carson, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Del Mar and Whittier.

The charter cities argued that SB9 meddles with their authority over zoning and land use that is guaranteed in the state's constitution. The constitution grants charter cities the exclusive right and privilege to enact local laws that carry out the needs and wants of its residents, the League of California Cities summed up in court documents it filed in support of the municipal plaintiffs.

The organization and the cities maintained that SB9 does not meet the conditions necessary for the state to override authority inherent in charter cities. It contends that SB9 fails to clearly articulate the matter of statewide concern it intends to address.

Kin found that while the state can override local laws to address issues of statewide concern, he said SB9's "lack of connection to affordable housing is evident."

"The court finds that SB9 is neither reasonably related to ensuring access to affordable housing nor narrowly tailored to avoid unnecessary interference in local governments," according to a report in the Santa Monica Lookout on the ruling.

Kin decided that SB9 is unconstitutional and violates the "home rule doctrine," in

which the state constitution allows cities to "make and enforce all ordinances and regulations in respect to municipal affairs."

Additionally, the judge said the California Legislature "cannot rely on a potential, eventual decrease in price resulting from increased housing supply to demonstrate that SB9 would increase the supply of affordable housing."

'Monumental victory'

Pam Lee, the attorney with Aleshire & Wynder who sued the state and Bonta over the housing law, called the court ruling "a monumental victory for all charter cities in California," according to reports.

Bonta's office hasn't said whether it plans to appeal the Los Angeles Superior Court ruling, which is only applicable to the cities that filed the complaint.

In Monterey County, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Marina, Sand City and King City are charter cities. There are 121 charter cities in California.

In January 2022, the Town of Woodside in San Mateo County declared the entire town a mountain lion sanctuary to avoid complying with SB9.

Bonta, who contends the law is a "critical component of state efforts to address housing supply and affordability in California," called the town's designation a "deliberate and transparent" attempt to skirt compliance with SB9.

The Woodside City Council in February 2022 reversed course and said it would accept SB9 applications.

Committee tackles bridge railings

By CHRIS COUNTS

In An effort to strike a compromise between local residents and Caltrans regarding the design of new railings along Garrapata Bridge in Big Sur — and find a balance between highway safety and historical preservation — a committee has been formed that will meet for the first time Friday in Monterey.

Created by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors March 29, the committee is made up of three people representing Caltrans, and three people representing the views of the Big Sur community.

Hot topic

Supervisor Mary Adams told The Pine Cone that while only one of the three selected to represent Big Sur actually lives down the coast — resident Janet Hardisty — the other two, structural engineer Gary Knott and construction project manager Stephen Lyon, were selected for their specific knowledge.

"They have the technical expertise needed to refute the current position of Caltrans," Adams said. "They speak the same language Caltrans speaks."

Adams warned that if the design

Caltrans is advocating for is adopted, it will eventually be installed on all of Big Sur's historic bridges. "They're all going to look exactly the same," she said.

The topic has sparked a debate in Big Sur because some don't like the fact that the new railings proposed for Garrapata Bridge would have smaller portals, which would reduce the flickering views of the ocean that motorists see through the historic railings when they cross the bridge. Locals want to see the look of the existing railings, which are in poor shape, preserved.

Some residents have argued the new railings aren't needed, but Caltrans the old ones are dangerous and must be replaced with ones that are thicker. In an effort to satisfy the concerns of residents, the agency created 11 different designs.

At a supervisors' hearing March 26, Caltrans asked supervisors to approve its plan, which the board previously turned down. The state roads agency then said it is planning to push forward with its plan—even if it's rejected by the California Coastal Commission. The plan was previously rejected once by the supervisors and twice by the county planning commission. The hearing is set to be continued May 7.

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Chambers set mixer at Laguna Seca

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

An "ALL-CHAMBER" mixer is expected to draw more than 200 people to the hospitality pavilion at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca May 2, when community leaders and business operators gather from 5 to 7 p.m. for a "celebration of speed and excitement."

The Laguna Seca SpeedTour, the first

race of the season, will be underway as members of the Monterey, Salinas, Pacific Grove and Carmel chambers mingle. Several historic cars will be on display, and the event will include music, a raffle, appetizers and drinks. The cost to attend is \$10 for chamber members and \$20 for everyone else. To sign up, go to members. carmelchamber.org/events and click on the "register" button for the May 2 event.

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Pacific Grove home's historic designation deleted

By KELLY NIX

ONE OF Pacific Grove's treasured and storied mansions has lost its historic status because the building is no

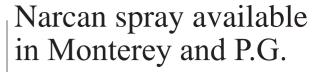
The LaPorte Mansion — a grand Queen Anne-style home built in 1895 — had been on P.G.'s historic resources list since 1992, but there is no way it can qualify for that status now.

"The subject property can no longer meet the evaluation criteria listed in the city's municipal code because the structure, being severely damaged by fire, was legally demolished and no longer exists," according to the agenda for Wednesday's Pacific Grove historic resources committee, which was scheduled to remove the home's historic designation.

The mansion at the corner of Lighthouse Avenue and 17 Mile Drive was heavily damaged on May 26, 2023, and was demolished Aug. 28 of that year after building official John Kuehl determined it was dangerous and uninhabitable. The cause of the fire is unknown but was not considered to be suspicious, fire investigators said.

Consultant Page & Turnbull originally found the property eligible for the local listing — and found it was also eligible for listing on the California Register/National Register — "because of its significant Queen Anne design expressed by intact stylistic features, forms and construction methods," the historic resources committee report said.

The owner has not submitted an application with the city to build another house on the property, Kuehl told The Pine Cone this week.



By KELLY NIX

IN HOPES of preventing opioid overdose deaths, the City of Monterey has made a life-saving nasal spray accessible to the public for free at several locations.

The Narcan Nasal Spray Now boxes were installed last week at the Monterey Transit Plaza, Monterey Police Department and Monterey Outreach and Navigation Center at 401 Camino El Estero. Narcan, the brand name for drug naloxone, acts to quickly reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, including from heroin, fentanyl, and prescription drugs. The spray has saved numerous lives in Monterey County.

Monterey said the decision to install the Narcan boxes came in response to "alarming statistics" from the state Department of Public Health, which shows that California drug-related overdose deaths in the second quarter of 2023 reached 10,985, which is just shy of the 11,002 recorded for all of 2022.

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homes burned down in the Soberanes Fire in Big Sur.

"Of the 57 homes destroyed in that fire, the county has records of three applications to rebuild homes," officials conceded. "More are likely to exist, but the records are not labeled or categorized in a manner that would make this information searchable.

While the report concedes that regulatory requirements are deterring homeowners from rebuilding, there are other factors that the county can't control.

"With the information available, rebuilt homes account for approximately 39 percent of the units destroyed, indicating that there are factors or hurdles to rebuilding after a fire," the report continued.

"Unfortunately, many displaced residents were either under-insured or not insured, and as a result, have no financial means to rebuild. Many sold their properties and moved away."

After the River, Carmel and Dolan fires in 2020, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved fire recovery guidelines "to support the processing of permits for the rebuilding of structures destroyed or damaged by the three fires" for up to 10 years.

"A matrix was created to streamline the process and ensure rebuilding occurred consistent with the regulations, minimizing future risks to the residents," the report adds. "This included expedited processes."

Too early to celebrate

Diehl said she was disappointed the county doesn't have data from earlier wildfires, but she's encouraged by how many homes are now under construction. "Whatever we're doing, we're doing it better because we're getting some rebuilds,"

But Diehl said property owners who lost homes in previous wildfires are still struggling to rebuild them.

"Only three of the 57 homes lost in the Soberanes Fire have been rebuilt," she reported. "While we celebrate success, let's make sure we don't leave people out.'

The Pine Cone reached out this week to several residents who lost homes in the wildfires. One local who did respond would only do so anonymously. He said the effort to rebuild his home has faced significant hurdles from the county.



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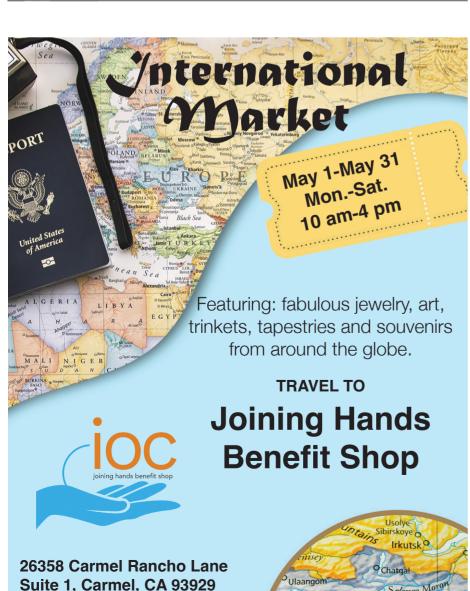
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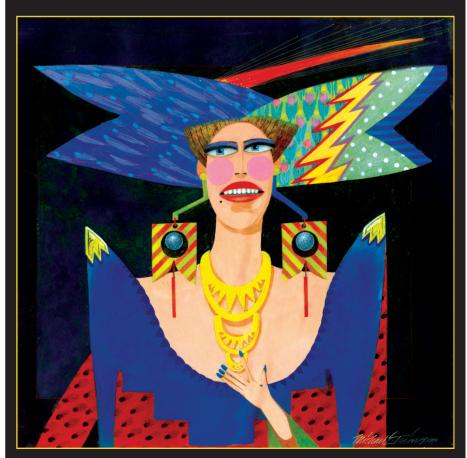


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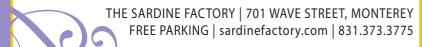
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the head and neck with such force their skulls were broken in multiple places," according to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

Two lambs died, while another lamb and one pig survived the heartless attack.

When officers caught up with Marquez, he refused to comply with their orders and threatened to attack one officer during the booking process.

Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Robin Duffy told The Pine Cone that while Marquez testified at the two-day trial — which was presided over by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Jennifer O'Keefe — he "did not appear to be remorseful" for his crimes.

Student may speak

Duffy also said that the Gonzales High students who raised the animals Marquez stabbed may speak at his sentencing in June.

O'Keefe found Marquez had committed a prior strike under the state's three strikes law, which calls for him to face life behind bars if he commits another felony crime that the state considers a strike.

Marquez faces 20 years and four months in prison when he is sentenced in June.

The case was investigated by Gonzales Police Department officers Miguel Perez, Corp. Nathan Cordoba and Sgt. Herbert Brown. District attorney investigator Rebecca Ayala also helped in the investigation.

For suspected animal abuse or neglect, the DA's office asks that you contact the office at (831) 755-5070 or call the local police department.

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exactly what happened," he said. "I think she was partially in shock."

Bruno said Jermel Laurie, the city's building official, examined the building and deemed it unsafe.

"Thankfully, nobody was hurt," Laurie said. "The Fifth Avenue entrance will be shut down until the windows are boarded up and shoring is installed for structural damage."

Other doors open

The post office can still be accessed via the Dolores Street entrance, and package pickup is being offered at the Dutch door in the box area where the service is typically offered on Saturdays, according to Bruno.

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"The lack of supportive health services is a violation of all the contracts for residents in independent living," according to Hill, who added that severe staff reductions since the sale have made the services impractical.

'Dissatisfaction'

State law calls for at least one staff member to be trained in CPR and first aid to always be on duty. But, Hill reported that "management could not say whether one of the caregivers with up-to-date training is always on the premises.'

While residents' contracts prior to Pacifica's ownership included a provision for a 24-hour emergency call system and security personnel, Pacifica eliminated all security after the sale. In March, it also stopped paying for camera monitoring. Neither Pacific Grove Senior Living nor an Oakland facility owned by the same company has been performing required emergency and disaster drills Hill found.

The consultant also said there was failure by Pacifica to keep the facilities clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair. While he said Pacific Grove Senior Living underwent a remodel last year, he noted the work was limited to painting and replacement of the flooring in both facilities, along with new furniture, and that it caused resident "dissatisfaction."

"In January 2024, a summary of issues compiled by the Forest Hill Residents Association expressed concern that 'basic plumbing, electrical, and heating needs go unaddressed while superficial décor is changed in ways that defy common sense," he said.

Hill also cited a "lack of safe,

comfortable, and homelike environment," including the "single most consequential decision" to replace carpeting with hard tile in the Pacific Grove facility.

"The tile floors appear slick and slippery, and in fact they are," he explained. "Residents' fall risk is exacerbated when the tiles are wet, which commonly occurs at the entrances of both facilities during rains."

Residents at both facilities are apparently not too fond of the food under the new ownership, according to Hill. While he said that an in-depth evaluation of food quality was beyond the scope of his report, he noted that "the sheer volume of often bitter complaints testifies to the deterioration of food quality since the sale of the two facilities to Pacifica."

The California Department of Social Services issues citations to senior care facilities that violate regulations. An attorney for Pacifica claimed that Pacific Grove Senior Living had received no citations from June to December 2023. But Hill said that was false, and that the agency in December issued a citation for "facility in disrepair.'

The ticket was due to leaking pipes, which caused a 20-by-10-foot puddle in the parking garage that was more than 1 inch deep.

Hill praised executives at the facilities for their help and transparency in tracking down documents for his assessment, and managers and frontline staff for their help.

Recommendations

He recommended that the state's attorney general require Pacifica to submit a "comprehensive plan of correction addressing" his 12 findings, including abiding by the purchase and sale agreement provisions, honoring provisions of residents' contracts, and paying all past, current and future invoices without delay.

"Once the plan of correction is implemented and Pacifica can provide written proof of compliance, the monitor shall issue a report to the attorney general and conclude his engagement," Hill said.



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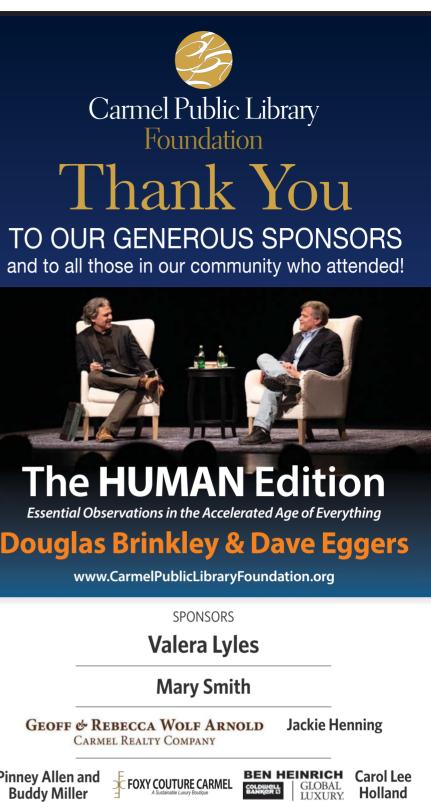
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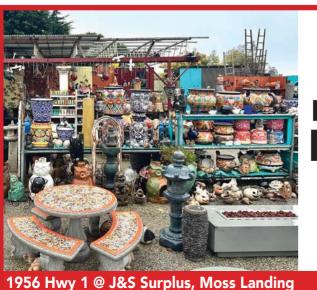
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said. Monterey Hostel has wheelchair accessible rooms, bathrooms with roll-in showers, and a new outdoor deck and ramp that connects the hostel building with accessible parking, public transportation and the nearby Monterey Bay rec trail.

aks, surfboards, and bicycles," Oetting

The previous owner, the largest hostel nonprofit in the United States, sold the building in 2020, not expecting a buyer to use it as a hostel again, said Oetting, who is also the executive director of nonprofit HostelingOn Inc., which he said was created to "preserve and promote the hostel movement.'

We partnered with a private developer who purchased the property with the intent

to lease the building to HostelingOn and help preserve a hostel in Monterey Bay," he said. "The property owners have been long-time owners and operators of other hostels and are advocates for the hosteling

Guest reception has been very positive, Oetting said. The hostel had a full house during last weekend's grand opening, and he predicted a busy summer.

The former Monterey Hostel was beloved by the neighborhood and guests for the 20 years it operated," he said. "The staff cared deeply about sharing the beauty and history of Monterey with travelers. I've been fortunate to host guests already who had stayed here previously and have heard many stories about the amazing experiences they had in the former hostel. I'm proud we can carry on their legacy in a newly renovated space.'

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phone operator heard someone whispering, "help me." Officers were able to locate where the call was coming from and found the defendant driving a vehicle with an incoherent and partially clothed Jane Doe in the back seat. She told the officers that the defendant had drugged her, causing her to black out, and she awoke to him sexually assaulting her in his vehicle.

Doe and the defendant had met online. She had met him in person once before, in a public place, and he had behaved appropriately, so she felt safe meeting him in person again.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Detective Ciro Barboza and supported by victim witness assistance program manager Alma Sanchez.

April 11 — David Merino Ramirez, 32, was sentenced today to 15 years to life in state prison after a jury in February convicted him of murder and vehicular manslaughter.

Judge Rafael Vasquez imposed the sentence.

On Aug. 21, 2020, around 9 p.m., Ramirez was driving northbound at speeds exceeding 80 mph on Metz Road between the cities of Greenfield and Soledad. Due to his excessive speed and level of intoxication Ramirez lost control, striking a dirt embankment and flipping his car upside down. His passenger, Noe Santillan, 26, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash by first responders.

California Highway Patrol Officers arrived on the scene shortly after the crash. After conducting a series of field sobriety tests, police determined that Ramirez was under the influence of alcohol. A subsequent breath test showed that he had a blood alcohol level of .17 percent, over twice the legal limit.

Jurors also heard that Ramirez had suffered two prior convictions for driving under the influence, in 2015 and 2019. They also heard that when he was sentenced on those cases, he was warned that operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol is inherently dangerous to human life, and that should he continue to do so and a person were killed, he could be charged with murder.

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Motorcycle show to draw enthusiasts to Quail

By MARY SCHLEY

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m A}$ RIDICULOUSLY fast Italian motorcycle and a Hall of Fame motocross racer will be celebrated at the Quail Motorcycle Gathering. Quail Lodge's annual homage to all two-wheeled machines is set for May 4, and Gordon McCall, who founded the event, is excited.

For one, Ricky Johnson — "an amazing, dominant force in his heyday of motocross," McCall said — will be named a Legend of the Sport, an honor bestowed on a hero of motorcycling each year.

And Ducati's 916 — the 1990s-era Italian sportbike widely considered to be among the most beautiful ever designed — is celebrating its 30th anniversary at the Quail, but the marque will show up in other ways, too. Two more recent winners — including the bike that racer Josh Herrin rode to claim the top trophy in this year's Daytona 200



MARION 'SUE' PORTWOOD RENZ September 5, 1936 ***** March 14, 2024

Sue died peacefully in Paso Robles on March 14th with her beloved daughters, Kelley, Kathi and Kari, by her side. Sue was born in Detroit, Michigan to Melvin Morris and Mildred Frances Hammons. At a young age she moved with her mother to North Hollywood, where she attended and graduated from North Hollywood High. During this time, she met and married our father, Raymond E. (Gene) Portwood, (preceded her in death) on June 15, 1955. In 1966, the family moved to Concord, California, where Sue began to have a love for politics. She began to become a part of small campaigns and eventually was a large part of campaigns for mayors and senators in our area.

In 1985, Sue married John Renz and moved to Pacific Grove, California. She was very proud to work at the Cannery Row Company and loved going to the Sardine Factory every Friday night. She also continued her love of politics and became involved with Pacific Grove City Council and was the president of Feast of Lanterns as well as other committees for local

Sue is survived by her children, Kimberly Portwood (preceded her in death), Kathi Gamberutti, Kari (Bryan) Hermanson, Kelley Portwood and Kristina Portwood; four grandchildren, Jacqueline (Bobby) Zwinge, Amanda Portwood, Joshua (Natalie) Hermanson and Brieana Hermanson; nine great-grandchildren, Charlotte Davenport. Nora Zwinge, Annabelle Zwinge, Gracie Moore, Zsasz Portwood, Xander Hermanson, Cole Hermanson, Ruby Hermanson and Adelaide Hermanson. She is also survived by her partner, John Renz.

We love you Momma, Grandma, Gigi ... you will be truly missed, but we know that Kimmie has you now.

We are thankful for her nurses, Nanette, Samantha and Michele, who watched over our mother in her final days as if she were their

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Pacific Grove Monarch Sanctuary or Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

A Celebration of Life will begin at noon on June Ist at Meals on Wheels, 700 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Interment at Mission Mortuary and Memorial Park in Seaside.

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— will be on display, "right off the track, battle scars and all," McCall said.

An enthusiast himself, McCall said he relishes the gathering each year. "Motorcycles of all kinds showing up from all over the country, along with the great people who own and share them, is always a highlight for me," he said, especially as they show and tell their stories.

Rainey, too

Peninsula resident, three-time world champion and national championship series head Wayne Rainey will be there to promote July's MotoAmerica races at Laguna Seca, according to McCall. The national motorcycle racing series is always exhilarating — and was the first group to race on Laguna Seca's brand-new surface last year.

And Paul d'Orleans, described by McCall as "perhaps the most knowledgeable person that I know in the vintage motorcycle circles," will be announcing the show alongside chief judge Somer Hooker from Tennessee.

The event will also host more than 10 traditional judged classes, including American, British, Italian, Other European, Japanese, Competition On Road, Competition Off Road, Antique, Custom/Modified, Choppers and Extraordinary Bicycles and Scooters.

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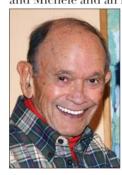
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A life well lived. Phil was an architect, skier, backpacker, and a lover of music, good wine and

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Nolan, Brigitte, Carla and Pixie. He was a treasured friend who embraced you as family. It was important to him that he pass on his legacy not only to his immediate family but also to his cherished nephews, Michael, David Marc Mantelli and their families.

Phil grew up in Truckee, California and graduated from Truckee High School. He served in Korea as an Army MP. After his return, he graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in architecture. He practiced in California, Hawaii, Nevada and Alaska. After retiring to Carmel, he became a world traveler whose adventures were memorialized in his sketch books.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 27th at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Carmel Valley, California.

POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject at Ocean and Lincoln was acting odd and making people uncomfortable. Subject warned per the caller's request.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A dog was found loose in the roadway at Mission and Eighth. The dog was taken to the finder's work until the animal control officer could arrive. The dog was scanned for a microchip, and the dog owner called the police. The dog had escaped out of a hole in the fence. The dog was returned to the owner, who was visiting the area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident at Lincoln and Fifth was boiling three eggs and stepped out of the residence briefly. The resident then noticed the front door was cracked open. The resident stated someone entered unit to use the bathroom. This person has reported several similar incidents in the past..

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 53-year-old male from Nashville was arrested at Ocean and Carpenter at 0103 hours for DUI. He was transported to Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check on a resident at Mission and Vista.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Gift cards and \$1 found in the area of Guadalupe and Mountain View.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a barking-dog complaint on Mission Street. Area checked, and the caller and the dog owner were contacted. No violation at the time of contact. Information discussed with the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported a male and female yelling at each other in the area of Ridgewood and Junipero. The male was throwing clothes out of the truck or at the female. All involved subjects left in a black flatbed truck, and no clothing was located in the area. No further information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended wallet found in the sand at Carmel Beach. The officer was able to contact the owner, who said he would be coming by on April 12 to pick up the wallet in the afternoon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report of a sighting of a large healthy-looking coyote walking down the street at San Antonio and Ocean at 0953 hours.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from an unlocked vehicle on

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from an unlocked vehicle at Junipero and Sixth. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Goldendoodle detained at Junipero and Ocean. Returned to owner.

See **LOG** page 8RE

Volunteers needed for Sudden Oak survey

PART OF a larger push to slow the spread of Sudden Oak Death through California, a researcher leads an effort this weekend to chart the progress of the pathogen in local forests. Known as the Sudden Oak Blitz of Carmel, the annual event relies on volunteers to find examples of Sudden Oak Death on oaks and laurels. The sampling starts on Friday and continues through Tuesday.

The Discovery Center is located at 4860 Carmel Valley Road. For more details, visit sodblitz.org.

Lawrence William (Bill) Riddell

1933-2024

Bill Riddell, age 90, Del Rey Oaks, CA, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on April 3, 2024.

Bill was born in Manteca, CA, and grew up in Pacific Grove where he formed many lifelong friendships. A Korean War veteran, he served in the Navy in the Pacific. He became an early software pioneer, first employed as a



computer programmer for Stanley Aviation, and then working in computer hardware sales for NCR in Denver, CO. He founded his own software company, Softpack, in the 1970s in Fort Collins, CO. He would reside in Colorado for many years, later employed in the banking industry, and becoming an avid skier, hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman. He volunteered with the Colorado Ski Patrol and helped establish PARTNERS, a youth mentoring program in Fort Collins.

Earning his private pilot's license, he delighted in flying Cessna aircraft in the western states and Alaska, honing an expertise in mountain flying. Bill returned to his Monterey Peninsula roots in the 1980s and became active in the local chapter of Lions Club International where he once served as president. He also enjoyed playing golf at local courses where he previously caddied as a teenager, including Pebble Beach. Bill loved football, rooting in equal measure for the San Francisco 49ers and the Denver Broncos. With his wife, Donna, he enjoyed traveling with regular visits to

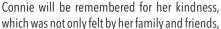
their vacation spot in Genoa, Nevada, and trips to Europe and the western states. A storyteller by nature, he liked to find the humor in daily living and leaned toward positive outcomes in life situations.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of nearly 25 years, Donna; his son, David, and his wife, Lucille, of Punta Gorda, FL; his son, Steven, and his wife, Jan, of Fort Collins, CO; as well as two grandsons, Benjamin and Jonathan, and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service is being planned. He will be interred at California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery near the Fort Ord National Monument.

Connie Shelstad

Connie Shelstad passed away peacefully in her home in Pacific Grove, California on March 29, 2024. She was 84 years old.

Connie was born in December 1939 in Malta, MT to Leornard and Rosina Shelstad. She was the eighth of nine children. Connie lived most of her childhood in Chinook, MT. She worked locally after graduating high school and then packed up and moved to San Francisco with her best friend. She began her career in accounting there and then moved to Monterey in 1979 and eventually settled in Pacific Grove. She worked for more than 40 years, both as a controller for a hotel management company, Chatmar Inc., and then started her own accounting business. She helped many local small businesses with her detailed work, advice and support.





but also by anyone needing a helping hand, canine or human. Her generous heart led her to volunteer. She began walking dogs at local shelters and then became involved with local rescue groups. She served as one of the founding board members of Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. Always touched by special needs and senior dogs, she would foster and often adopt, providing a loving home for the rest of their lives. She always said, "It's not about what dog you want, it's about what dog needs you." She also served both as a board member for Nancy's Project and transported food to the migrant workers in the Salinas Valley. She also loved her time volunteering with Meals on Wheels, delivering meals for nine years.

Connie is preceded in death by her parents, Leornard and Rosina Shelstad; her siblings, Leona Teske, Don, Curt, Phyllis Miller, Patsy Mitchell and Keith. Connie is survived by her brother, John Shelstad of Chinook, MT and sister, Betty Morris of Billings, MT and many nieces and nephews,

A celebration of Connie's life will begin at 2 p.m. on May 9th at The Grill at Point Pinos, 79 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove.

Memorial donations are welcome at Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, P.O. Box 51554, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

ADELAIDE BARBARA 'BOBBY' JENSEN

Adelaide Barbara "Bobby" Jensen passed away peacefully at the age of 89 in the early morning hours of March 7, 2024. She was in the comfort of her own home and in the presence of her loved ones. Bobby was born September 10, 1934, in Oahu, HI, to Alice and Adam Perry.

Bobby spent most of her formative years in Hawaii. At age 7, she witnessed the bombing of Pearl Harbor and sought

shelter near her home at Fort Shafter. When she was 18 she met and married Raymond Quinones who was in the United States Navy. When he got out of the Navy, they settled on the Monterey Peninsula where Raymond was born and raised. They had two daughters, Toni and Denise. In 1971 their marriage dissolved, and they went their separate ways.

Soon after, Bobby's introduction to Carmel was through her sister-in-law working as a cook at the Red Lion Tavern. It was there



that she eventually met Tom Jensen, a local bartender who would later become the love of her life. Bobby then started waitressing and they both worked at some of the local restaurants, including The Briar House, Los Laureles Lodge, La Playa and then part ownership in Toots Lagoon. They then went on to own Monte Vista Video, Hacienda Video and two additional stores in Salinas.

Later in life, they moved to Hacienda Carmel where they found a little piece of their own paradise. There they not only found a place to call home but a community full of camaraderie, support, love and friendships

Bobby lived a long fulfilling life, leaving behind a legacy of warmth and acceptance that touched the hearts and lives of all who knew her. She radiated love, kindness and beauty.

She is survived by her two daughters, Toni Fletcher (Rick Slater), Denise Phillips (Ed); her stepson, Peter (of Denmark); grandson, Michael Keck (Kristin Panarra); and granddaughter, Marie (of Denmark); greatgrandchildren, Isabella and Valentin, (of Denmark) and her nieces, Victoria (John) and Katie (Jack).

She was prededed in death by her parents, Adam and Alice Perry; her husband, Tom Jensen, and her niece, Karen Samora.

A celebration of life will begin at 2 p.m. on June 8th, 2024, at Hacienda Carmel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests to please donate to one of your favorite charities.

Bobby will be deeply missed and is forever in our hearts.





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SCOTT MONTGOMERY CROWLEY

1969 - 2024

Scott Montgomery Crowley, 54, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family and loved ones on April 19, 2024. He valiantly fought pancreatic cancer for 20 months.

Scott was born July 17, 1969, in Orange CA, to James Edward and Marybeth Meis Crowley. Scott graduated from Rancho Santa Fe School (1984) Torrey Pines HS (1988) and the University of the Pacific (1994), majoring in business. Scott devoted 25 years of his career working for the Crowley Car Company. His lifelong passion for rare and exotic cars culminated with the creation of Autostrada, an automotive business, with his sons Robert and Grant.

Scott married the love of his life, Jenifer Robyn Jordan, on July 20, 1996, in Rancho Santa Fe. They welcomed two beautiful sons, Robert Edward (26) and Grant Jordan (23) and lived in Rancho Santa Fe and Encinitas, CA. Anyone who knew Scott knew that he was undeniably the most dedicated husband and father.

Spending time with his beloved family meant more than anything else in the world to Scott. They loved traveling to Hawaii, Europe, Exumas, San Jose del Cabo and more, creating so many special family memories. Scott loved playing pickleball with his friends and family and attending San Diego Padres games as a lifelong fan. Scott was a fierce and loyal friend that you could always count on. He lit up every room with his smile and laughter and he will be deeply missed by his family and dear friends.

Scott is survived by his wife of 27 years, Jenifer; sons, Robert and Grant; parents, Jim and Marybeth; brother, Sean (Michelle) and sister, Carri Olin (Matt); in-laws, Marion and Brian Jordan, Sierra Sympson (Kellen), Dan Avis (Gina), Brandon Ensley (Paige) and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday April 27th at Horizon Christian Fellowship in Rancho Santa Fe with a reception to immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Lustgarten Foundation – Pancreatic Cancer Research at www.lustgarten.org.

Peninsula high school track stars expect to shine in postseason tests

TIME WAITS for no one, especially after somebody fires a starter's pistol.

California's best high school track and field athletes are putting final touches on their speed, conditioning, technique and focus in preparation for championship meets at the league, section, and state levels that loom over the next four weeks.

Postseason tests begin Friday for schools in the Pacific Coast Athletic League, which will compete at four separate venues for division bragging rights.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

- Gabilan Division schools (Carmel, Palma, Notre Dame, King City, Salinas, Rancho San Juan, and San Benito) will convene at Hollister for their championship
- Mission Division schools (Stevenson, Alisal, Watsonville, North County and Everett Alvarez) will be at



Bella Ortega, a junior, is the No. 1 pole vaulter in the PCAL and second all-time in the Carmel High record book

North County High.

- Cypress schools (York, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Trinity Christian, North Salinas, and Seaside/ Marina) will compete at Seaside High.
- And the Santa Lucia Division athletes (Santa Catalina, Gonzaless, Pajaro Valley, Greenfield, Anzar, Ceibu, Oakwood, Kirby, Pacific Collegiate, Pacific Point, St. Francis SC, and Monte Vista Christian) will be at Monte Vista Christian High in Watsonville.

Field events begin at 4 p.m. and track at 5 p.m. at

Padres are deep

If 2024 performances — times, heights and distances — are an indication, the Carmel Padres are likely to make headlines, not only at the Gablian Division meet, but also at the PCAL and Central Coast Section championships.

"I think this team, like all Carmel High teams, doesn't lack for confidence," said Carmel coach Ralph Ward. "For them, right now, their mindset is all about pushing themselves toward achieving personal bests and also challenging school records, if possible."

> Carmel athletes are ranked among the top three in the PCAL in eight events, and among the league's top eight in 18.

> Mack Aldi, a junior, is the PCAL's fastest runner in the 800 meters (1:54.16) and the 1,600 (4:26.88), and is the school record-holder in both.

Aldi a title contender

Aldi is also a serious contender to win the CCS crown in the 800, where his time is second-best in the section, two-hundredths of a second behind Carson Hedlund of Pioneer.

On the girls side are two No. 1-ranked Padres: Bella Ortega is on top of the PCAL (and No. 4 in the CCS) with an 11-foot pole vault, and Jadyn Lome is tied with nine others with a 4'-8" best in the high jump. Both are juniors.

Ashton Rees, also a junior, ranks No. 2 in the PCAL in both the long jump and triple jump; Bodhi Melton, a sophomore, is No. 2 in the league in the 1,600 (trailing only Aldi), and No. 3 in the 800, and Ava Ghio is the league's second-fastest in the 3.200 and seventh in the 1.600.

Multiple other Padres also are in position to



Stevenson junior Anna Kosmont has the PCAL's second-fastest time this year in the 100-meter dash.

medal at the league meet.

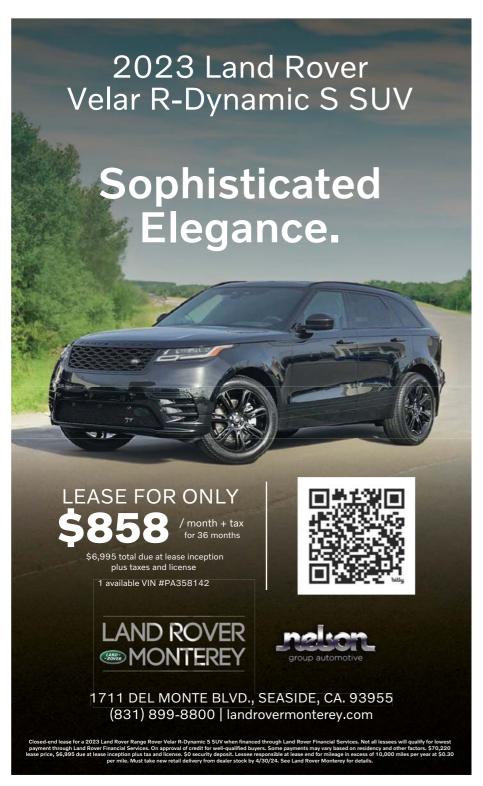
"We've had a pretty young team over the past couple of seasons, and I think what you're seeing in the rankings is that our kids are maturing as athletes," said Ward, whose top competitors are still underclassmen. "They were talented as freshmen and sophomores, but now things are coming together for them because they're bigger, stronger, faster and more mature."

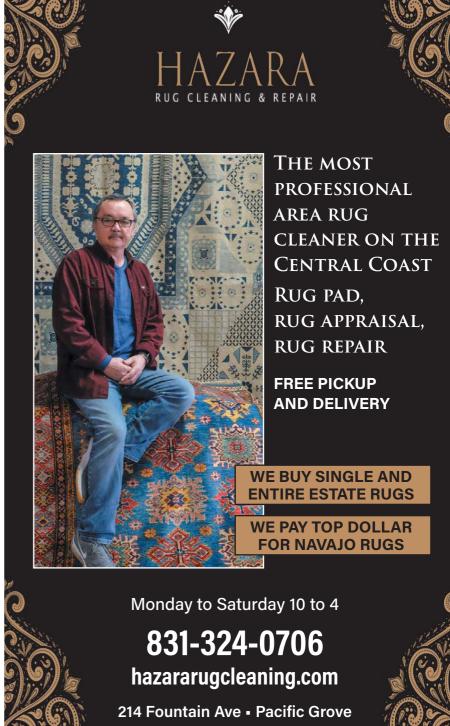
Quite a sprinter

Stevenson's best bet for a lofty medal on the girls side of the PCAL Championships is junior sprinter Anna Kosmont, whose 100-meter dash time (12:58) is second best to North Salinas freshman Clara Adams (12:39).

Stevenson boys occupy the top three spots in the high

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Carmel High's Mack Aldi (top), a junior, is the PCAL's fastest in the 800 and 1600 and a CCS contender in both events. Stevenson currently has the three highest-ranked high jumpers in the PCAL, a list topped by junior Kekoa Williams (above).

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jump in the PCAL at this point: No. 1 is junior Kekoa Williams (6'-4"), and tied for second in the PCAL are senior Nile Glover and sophomore Cooper Olin (both at 6'-2").

Glover also stands third best in the long jump for the Pirates.

On the girls side, sophomore Siobhan Ong's 10'-6" in the pole vault is third-best in the league, and Katrina Bauer, a junior, is a strong bet to place well in the triple jump, where she's ranked No. 4, and the long jump, where she's No. 6.

Other Peninsula schools

Pacific Grove has the league's third-fastest 4-by-100 relay team (John Klevan, Oliver Ottmar, George Hatfield, Travis Travaille), and Ottmar is also the PCAL's fifth-ranked high-jumper.

Monterey senior Kate De Los Santos is No. 2 in the league in the girls long jump, and teammate Serenity Banchs, a junior, ranks No. 3 in the discus.

Isiah Bivens, a senior, is No. 3 in the boys 300 hurdles for the Toreadores.

Santa Catalina and York have no athletes ranked among the top 10 in the PCAL this season.

PCAL Masters, then CCS

High placers from this week's division championships move on to the PCAL Masters (May 3 at Pacific Grove High). That's the qualifying meet for CCS Championships,

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which are scheduled May 11 (semifinals) and May 18 (finals) at Gilroy High.

■ Alumni watch

Trosky sparking Oregon State: Former Carmel High standout Jabin Trosky is the fifth-leading hitter this season for the Oregon State Beavers, who are ranked No. 9 among NCAA Division I baseball teams with a 30-9 overall record.

Trosky, a shortstop and second baseman, is batting .333 in 20 games (13 as a starter) as a redshirt sophomore, with a .426 on-base percentage, three extra-base hits, and 10 RBI.

Defensively, he has committed just two errors in 56 total chances and has turned nine double plays.

Toole a starter at Villanova: Trent Toole, a 2023 graduate of Stevenson School, has appeared in 31 games (all as a starter) as a freshman middle infielder at Villanova University in Philadelphia. He has four doubles, 10 RBI, four stolen bases, and a .370 on-base percentage.

Defensively. Toole has committed six errors in 136

Defensively, Toole has committed six errors in 136 chances for a .958 fielding percentage for the Wildcats, who have a 14-23 overall record.

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Editorial

Employees' self interest

IF SOMEONE takes a job based on certain promises — such as that they will show up on time, work for a certain rate of pay and always do their best — are they being forced to do those things?

According to a workers' rights group, the Fair Labor Association, everyone has "the right to enter into and terminate their employment freely." Nevertheless, there are millions of people around the globe who are either enslaved or forced to work under conditions that are close to it.

Among the abuses such workers suffer, the group says, are things like working against their will or for no pay, being required to work excessive hours or to meet unrealistic production quotas, not being given rest between shifts, or being subject to unsafe working conditions, harassment or sexual abuse.

But, as we said at the top, what about something related to the ordinary course of business that you promise to do when you're hired? Is making such a promise a violation of your rights, even if you do it willingly?

This week, the Biden administration announced a new rule nullifying all non-compete clauses, which many companies require workers in jobs involving proprietary or confidential information to accept when they are hired. And millions of workers voluntarily make these promises every year.

Examples of workers who are asked to sign non-compete clauses as a condition of employment are sale reps who know about products lines and prices, technology professionals who work on software and patent applications, and senior executives who have access to corporate planning and financial information, along with creative professionals, research scientists, management and financial consultants and many other types of workers. All of them have access to on-the-job secrets that would be very useful to their employers' competitors. Accordingly, such employees are routinely asked to agree, upon accepting a job, not to take a position with a competing company for a certain period of time after leaving.

We know about such things because we asked Google, a company with many trade secrets and which undoubtedly has thousands of employees bound by non-compete and non-disclosure agreements. Same thing with all your favorite tech companies. Their businesses could not exist if they couldn't keep secrets from competitors.

But hold on, says the Federal Trade Commission, which this week ruled that all non-compete clauses are illegal.

"Non-compete clauses keep wages low, suppress new ideas, and rob the American economy of dynamism," said FTC Chair Lina M. Khan. "The FTC's final rule to ban non-competes will ensure Americans have the freedom to pursue a new job, start a new business, or bring a new idea to market."

But are all employees in this country children who can't be trusted to make decisions based on their own self-interest? Are the rights of software engineers being violated when they take jobs at Apple and promise they'll go through waiting periods before they can take similar positions at Facebook, Meta or Hewlett Packard? Are product managers at Kellogg's, Boeing or Paramount being oppressed if they have to promise they won't suddenly leave for General Mills, Airbus or Columbia Pictures?

We think the idea is ridiculous — along with the entire concept that employees, especially in high-level jobs, can't be trusted to make their own decisions about what is good for them.

When the FTC sticks its power-hungry nose into the minutiae of employment contracts and workplace conditions, it doesn't protect workers' rights, it harms them.

BEST of BATES



"The economy's improving. I've got two jobs."

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Mark Bayne, Carmel

Likes the 143 units Dear Editor,

I was pleased to read about the proposed redevelopment of the Carmel Convalescent Hospital into 143 housing units.

Looking back just a few years in local news, in 2011 the Save our Carmel Neighborhoods Coalition crushed the proposed development of 46 condos on this same site. At that time, the loss of 46 homes was considered a "victory" for the community. I'm thrilled common sense is beginning to prevail and the latest political trends lean towards increasing the supply of housing.

Now if we could just underground the power lines ... maybe that's too much common sense.

Phillip Dunsford, Pacific Grove

Wrong style Dear Editor,

I was pleased to see that someone finally has a plan to stop the deterioration and restore the Carmel Convalescent Hospital. Like many locals my age, I was born in that hospital. So were my cousins and my sister. It has always held a special place in my heart. It saddened me to see it deteriorate for so long.

I do wish, however, that the old Spanish tile roof and the exposed timbers were kept in the proposed design. As it is proposed, it loses most, if not all, of the old Spanish style that typified traditional Carmel style. The proposed look just doesn't say, "Carmel" to me.

Patrick Lovejoy, Pebble Beach

New police station Dear Editor,

If a picture is worth a thousand words, the recent tour of Carmel's Police

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Fields of fluffy white cotton are less fun than snow-covered hills

MAYO AND Karlene Ryan's home near Mission Trail Park is for sale, and they know they can trust the realtor. Their son, Mark Ryan — of Carmel Realty's Brocchini and Ryan team — is on the job, and he thought Pine Cone readers might want to know about his dad's remarkable history as a skier. Turns out there's more to his story than snow-covered slopes, but it's as good a place as any to start.

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

Mayo Ryan — whose first name was his mother's maiden name — was born in 1935, the third child of a homemaker and a John Deere tractor dealer-turned-cotton farmer in Fresno who had 4,000 acres to his name.

Ryan attended Bullard Elementary School, and, at age 12, he and some classmates were invited to go skiing at Badger Pass Ski Resort in Yosemite National Park. It turned out to be the beginning of a lifelong love affair with the sport and a way to celebrate his birthday each winter. This year, at 89, he hit the slopes again at a favorite spot — China Peak Mountain Resort, northeast of Fresno — and has the photos to prove it.

"I never missed a year skiing in 77 years," he said proudly. Amazingly, he didn't break a bone until he was 84. "It was my own fault," he said. "I was skiing off the beaten track at China Peak all alone, and hit a patch of ice. I went up in the air and broke my arm when I landed." He called for help and the ski patrol got him safely off the mountain.

Ranch in Carmel Valley

Ryan said he attended Fresno High School for three years but transferred to St. Ignatius high school in San Francisco for his senior year. His older brother had attended there, but Ryan's move was all about a girl.

His father had gotten him a summer job working for a family friend on a cattle ranch in Carmel Valley, and Ryan liked spending his free time at Seabright Beach in Santa Cruz. He met a girl who was attending a Catholic school in Marin, and they started dating. When he got back to Fresno, he told his parents he wanted to

go to St. Ignatius to be closer to the young lady, and they agreed. The relationship didn't last, but Ryan got his diploma and went to college at the University of San Francisco and Fresno State. He majored in agronomy and was a running back on the football team and president of his chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity. Ryan completed a hitch in the Army Reserves; he took basic training at Fort Ord and completed fur-

ther training at Fort Hunter Liggett.

Skiing remained his favorite sport, and he enjoyed competing. As a college freshman, he was named Most Outstanding

Skier at the Fresno State Winter Carnival, winning the downhill and the slalom. Ryan raced in slalom, giant slalom and downhill competitions well into adulthood at Badger Pass, Squaw Valley, Dodge Ridge, Mammoth Mountain and other resorts.

Sweetheart of Sigma Chi

In 1956, he saw Karlene — then in high school — walking down the steps outside St. Therese Catholic church in Fresno, and they got acquainted. Once she went to college, "She was the homecoming queen, and the sweetheart of Sigma Chi. It was hard to date her," he said. But he managed, and they married in 1961. Karlene is an artist and author who's written many inspirational and children's books, Ryan noted, as well as a talented interior designer.

Their four children, Mayo Jr., Mark, Tara and Timothy (who died in an auto accident when he was in college), came along in 1963, '64, '65 and '66. When Ryan took over his father's cotton farm, he continued to ski in the winter, when things were quieter at work. He took his family, and his kids all learned to love the sport as much as their dad.

During hot Fresno summers, they vacationed in Carmel, renting a house on Scenic Drive for \$400 a month. Ryan purchased a home on Carmelo between Ninth and 10th, where a path led straight down to the beach, and then had a house on Santa Lucia. He and Karlene continued to visit regularly, even as their "nest" gradually emptied.

Ryan said that farming got him involved in water use, and he served as secretary, treasurer, tax collector and assessor of the

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Longtime real estate broker Mayo Ryan pauses on the ski slopes at China Peak Mountain during an outing to celebrate his 89th birthday in January.

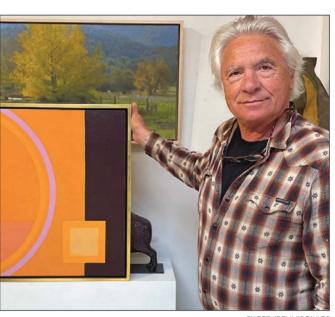




Gallery owner, businessman, problem-solver — he paints, too

To EXPLAIN how his Carmel gallery has survived 35 years through four serious economic downturns, Chris Winfield bows toward his artistic father, who never met a challenge he feared.

"My dad was a really good teacher (26 years as a college art instructor), and one of the things he taught was creative problem-solving," said the proprietor of Winfield Gallery, which opened in the Crossroads shopping center in 1989 and relocated in 1994 to its current location on



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Chris Winfield, known for colorful flat-plane abstract paintings, owns Winfield Gallery, which celebrates 35 years in business this year.

Dolores Street between Ocean and Seventh avenues.

The city's oldest galleries are the Carmel Art Association (founded in 1927), New Masters Gallery (1974), Weston Gallery (1975) and Photography West (1980). Winfield Gallery ranks No. 5 on the list, thanks in part to a school of thought passed down from father to son.

The Space Window

"Dad would be working some commission, and somebody would say, 'You can't do it this way,' and his reaction always was, 'Oh, yes I can.' And I'd see him figure out a way to do it. That's what I learned from him," said Winfield, who was born in Paris, where his father was studying with artists Leo Katz and Stanley William Hayter.

Rodney Winfield (1925-2017) was a celebrated American designer, painter, sculptor and jeweler, best known for the spiritu-

ally themed stained-glass artwork (often three-dimensional) he created for churches and synagogues throughout the country.

Among his most famous pieces is the Space Window, a stained-glass commemoration of the Apollo 11 moon landing. He installed it at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. in 1974.

Chris, 24 at the time, helped create that piece and many others as an apprentice in his father's St. Louis studio.

The firstborn of Rodney and Betty Winfield's three artistic children, Chris thrived as a youth in the family's creative environment, then earned an art degree in 1973 from St. Louis-based Washington University.

A younger brother, David (who passed

in 2008), studied at the Chicago Institute of Art and became an artistic woodworker.

'You and my sister ...'

Their little sister, multimedia artist Robin Winfield, majored in fine arts at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., (Class of '79), and moved to the Monterey Peninsula with her parents in 1994. Since 2009, she has owned and operated the Robin Winfield Gallery off Ocean Avenue, between San Carlos and Dolores, just steps

from her brother's business.

Chris, 74, created jewelry and developed his signature flat-plane abstract paintings in St. Louis, New York City, Provincetown, R.I., and

Cape Cod.

He was living in Wellesley, Mass., in 1982 when he began dating a coffee-shop waitress, Leslie Johnson (now a Sotheby's real estate agent in Carmel Valley), who told him, 'We don't have anything in common, but you and my sister would hit it off.'"

Leslie's sister, Andrea Johnson (Carmel High '72) married

Chris Winfield 42 years ago and brought him to the Monterey Peninsula in 1988. He opened his first gallery in the Crossroads the next year.

"I had no business background, no clue what I was doing. I was just making stuff up as I went along," Winfield confessed.

What he did have was the "creative problem-solving" model his father had instilled throughout Winfield's apprenticeship. He wasn't afraid to ask questions of experienced people in the industry — dealers, museum directors, other gallery owners — and parlay their advice into his own solutions.

He commissioned a freelance writer and professional photographers to create feature stories about the artists he repre-

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

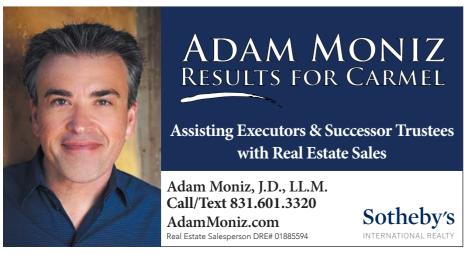
sented, several of which landed in influential magazines — some as cover stories. He pitched his artists to museums and scheduled shows. If necessary, he personally helped the venues set up exhibits he had arranged.

Economic storms

He also was innovative when the economy dipped into recessions in 1990 and 2001 (eight months each time), 2007-2009 (18 months) and in 2020, when the U.S. economy experienced a 19 percent decline in gross domestic product during Covid.

"The scariest time for me was between 2008 and 2009, because I had just hired

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an assistant for more hours, more days and more money than any employee I'd ever had," he said. "When the economy crashed, she pretty much said, 'You can't afford me anymore,' then moved to Southern California to take care of her mom, who had early-onset Alzheimer's. I wound up working seven days a week for the next eight or nine months.'

When the pandemic forced businesses to lock their doors in 2020, Winfield Gallery survived through a combination of good fortune and innovation.

The luck? Winfield shares the front part of his 2,500-square-foot gallery with a wine-tasting bar, which, because of its agriculture permit, was permitted to keep its doors open to sell bottled wine.

"Consequentially, some of my longtime clients were able to sneak into our gallery, and we were back there working, sending out email blasts to clients on our mailing list, trying to make everything as easy as possible for them," he said.

'A breath of fresh air!'

One impact of the pandemic was that art-seekers became more interested than ever in shopping online. Winfield typically sold three or four pieces per month through his e-mail promotions — sales that helped keep the business afloat.

We were also getting messages from people all over the country, telling us, 'Oh, I love getting your blasts ... what a breath of fresh air! They're so uplifting!" he remembered.

The artwork at Winfield Gallery has always been a menagerie, untethered to any specific theme or medium. Winfield, whose bachelor's degree is in multimedia, embraces all types of paintings, from photographic realism to abstract, ceramics and sculptures, large and small, from Old World traditional, to playfully oddball, and jewelry.

Roster of 60 artists

The roster of nearly 60 artists he represents is national and international, but also rich with celebrated local luminaries like David Ligare, Pamela Carroll, Warren Chang, Annette Corcoran, Mari Kloeppel, and Andrea Johnson,

among others. And the gallery's collection includes one or more pieces from about 80 other artists.

A recent email blast from Winfield Gallery humorously reminded its recipients that, "Chris Winfield also paints!"

"I loved art school — I loved using my eyes and my hands," said the artist, who favors geometric figures in his vibrantly colorful abstracts. "I came out of Washington University with a very strong background in drawing, color theory ... very good fundamentals.

"My brother, a couple of years younger, went to the Art Institute of Chicago, where their approach was more like, 'Hey, man, just do your own thing.' He never got that basic training, because everybody there was doing a free-for-all.'

Artists who influenced him as a painter included Josef Albers and Hans Hofmann.

Winfield laughs aloud as he describes the studio where he paints — a "tiny junk room" in his Corral de Tierra

"The bike is in there, and the kitty litter ... all kinds of stuff," he said. "I set up a lazy susan that allows me to spin all of my paintings, so I don't have to move them."

'There's no money in art'

Winfield's art is part of the collections at Triton Museum (Santa Clara), Crocker Museum (Sacramento), Monterey Museum of Art, Santa Cruz Art Museum, Berkley Art Museum, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, National Steinbeck Center, and multiple other venues

With help from his indispensable assistant gallery director, Molly Cybuck, Winfield still finds time to paint several days a week, but most of his energy goes toward the gallery he loves.

Chris and Andrea are parents to three adult daughters, Laramie and Lauren, both large-animal veterinarians, and Sienna, a Salinas nurse.

"None of them are artists. They all told me, 'Dad, there's no money in art," he said with a smile and shrug.

Andrea Johnson, who specializes in nature-themed acrylic and watercolor paintings, shows her work at the gallery and is also a member of the Carmel Art Association, as was her mother, Barbara Johnson (1927-2021), who was an abstract expressionist painter and printmaker.

Visit winfieldgallery.com for additional information, and to view images of the artwork created by the artists exhibited there.

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He also became a real estate broker, working with transactions involving tens of thousands of acres of farmland and large agricultural concerns statewide. He served

as co-chair of the California Agri-Business Action Committee and was a board member of the California Cotton Planting Seed Association.

His time as president and board member of Poverello House in Fresno was particularly meaningful to Ryan. The nonprofit ministry to the city's poor and homeless was founded in 1973 and has grown to provide food, shelter, showers, laundry and social services to thousands of people daily.

"I always enjoyed service," said Ryan, who was also on the boards of St. Agnes Medical Center and St. Agnes Medical Center Foundation in Fresno. He and Karlene attend weekly services at the Carmel Mission.

Just for fun

Inevitably, though, the

conversation came back to skiing. Ryan, a longtime member of the Far West Ski Association, said he never considered becoming an Olympian in the sport, because "to be

an Olympic skier, you have to live (at a resort). You have to ski almost every day." Instead, he has had fun skiing throughout most of the Western United States -Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley, Heavenly Valley, Northstar and more in California, and Aspen, Steamboat Springs and other spots in Colorado, as well as Sun Valley in Idaho and several resorts in Utah.

He's also hit slopes in British Columbia,



When Mayo Ryan heads downhill on his skis, he's relying on the form and skills he learned as a 12-year-old. Of course, he's practiced and perfected them over the last 77 years.

> Canada, as well as Switzerland and Austria. It's rarely a good thing when someone's still going downhill, but for Mayo Ryan, it's a way of life.

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Weston Collective honors student-photographers with contest, exhibit

UP AND coming photographers from throughout the region will be honored May 2 at 6 p.m. when the Weston Collective hosts its 20th annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at its studio in Seaside.

The event was previously presented by Sunset Center's Marjorie Evans Gallery and the Monterey Museum of Art.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

"This is the first time we will be hosting the exhibition at our studio," executive director Zach Weston told The Pine Cone. "We are excited about hosting it at the location where we conduct our youth and adult photography programs."

The contestants are elementary, middle, high school and college students from Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties. The youngest is nine. About 30 will receive cash scholarships, with the top prize winner receiving \$1,000.

The entries will be judged this coming Saturday by a panel of professional photographers including Rick Murai, Kim Weston and Michelle Magdalena.

A display of images from the contest can be viewed at the gallery May 4 and May 11 from noon to 4 p.m.

Dedicated to teaching young people about traditional and digital photography, the Weston Collective has awarded over \$130,000 in scholarships since it was started. The studio is located at 1713 Broadway in Seaside.

'Tales of Summer'

Pacific Grove painter Beau Frank shares his latest work when "Tales of Summer" opens Friday at Gallery MAR North. The gallery, on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth in Carmel, invites the public to a reception for the artist the same day at 5 p.m.

Frank described his latest paintings as "a gentle reminder to slow down."

"When you take away status, wealth, things, never-ending schedules and to-do lists, you're left with an exuberant life — one that can be filled with the love of self, others, and an appreciation of nature," he explained.

The show is the first presented by Gallery MAR in its new space north of Ocean Avenue. The gallery also operates in a space on Dolores south of Ocean.

"We are so pleased to inaugurate this additional gallery," gallery director Thomas Cushman said. "Beau has an ability to imbue his paintings with sophisticated, complex emotion, while also referencing this area's remarkable natural landscapes." gallerymarcarmel.com.

■ Dawson Cole welcomes group show

Celebrating "Color & Form," Dawson Cole Fine Art welcomes a group show with an artists' reception Saturday

Besides sculptor Richard MacDonald, which the gallery is known for representing, the exhibit includes pieces by painters Elise Remender, T.S. Harris, Craig Alan and Larisa Safaryan. The latter includes eggshells in her work.

"Discover the fascinating world of art through the lens of these talented artists," the gallery said. "Each artist brings a distinct voice and vision to the collection, creating a vibrant tapestry of creativity and expression.'

The display continues through May 26. The gallery is located at Lincoln and Sixth in Carmel.

■ Mental health, art & kids

Raising awareness about the mental health challenges that young people face, Sunset Center presents its 4th annual Mental Health Awareness pop-up exhibit in its lobby Wednesday, May 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

More than 200 pieces by teen artists will be displayed, and awards will be handed out. The event features live music by guitarists Ayden and Bryce Kanter.

"This powerful exhibition features original drawings and paintings created by talented teen artists from Monterey County and beyond," according to a description of the show. "Each artwork is accompanied by the artist's

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Painter Erin Gafill has a new book out about her great-great-grandmother, artist Jane Gallatin Powers (left), and will sign copies of it at two events Friday. "The Ride" by painter Beau Frank (above) is included in a new show at Gallery MAR North.



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department led by Chief Paul Tomasi and public works director Bob Harary opened my eyes to the deplorable conditions of our police station. I had no idea how cramped, inadequate and patched-together the spaces were or the lack of privacy for interviews and adequate storage for items recovered during an investigation.

The men and women who are tasked 24 hours daily, 365 days of the year, with ensuring Carmel's safety deserve far better than what they currently have. When they report to work, they need to know that Carmel values them by providing a safe, comfortable, and up-to-date building that meets their needs.

Without a doubt, Carmel needs a new police department. Cindy Lloyd, Carmel

Expensive gas Dear Editor,

It's time to phase out California's expensive "summer blend" of gasoline. When first mandated, there were still hundreds of thousands of older cars (1960s & 1970s) on our roads. Today, those cars are gone and those remaining are owned by hobbyists & collectors and are driven sparingly. Over time, new vehicle emissions have become cleaner and the ever-increasing numbers of hybrids and EV's on our roads are contributing to a lessening need for this special formulation of gasoline.

By the way, we should also rescind the special California-only catalytic converters for the same reason. California motorists pay two to four times the price for replacement catalytic converters than what drivers in other states pay. Let's get California in step with the rest of the nation and give our income-stressed working families a break at the gas pump and at the repair shop.

Mark Carbonaro, Monterey

Native plants Dear Editor,

Thank you for the article on the importance of planting native vegetation to sustain our native pollinators. The annual wildflower show by the California Native Plant Society is a marvelous showcase for our state's plant biodiversity. Not only would I encourage the planting of native vegetation in our gardens but I would strongly advise against planting non-natives. As one who volunteers for organizations that restore native habitat, I have seen the havoc that non-native species wreak upon our local plant environment. As lovely as they may be in your garden, they have a habit of spreading beyond.

Examples of plants that are spreading far and wide into our wildlands: French Broom (genista), Cape or German Ivy, Purple Pampas Grass (jubata), Sweet Alyssum (lobularia maritima), Pride of Madeira (echium candicans). Many volunteer hours are spent on eradicating these invasive species and also others which are not necessarily planted in gardens for their visual appeal. Please be aware of unintended consequences when choosing plants for your garden!

Helen Ogden, Pacific Grove

Sewage rates Dear Editor.

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In-home occupational therapy isn't just about getting you back to work

By ELAINE HESSER

IF YOU want to understand occupational therapy, it helps to think of "occupation" in its broadest sense not necessarily a job or career, but anything that occupies someone's time. That helps explain why professionals in the field work with infants and retired seniors as well as people in the primes of their lives.

Chad Snyder, an occupational therapist with Central Coast VNA & Hospice, said that physical therapists are primarily concerned with how people move and get around, while OTs focus on day-to-day activities, social interactions, and, yes, work. "We like to say that the physical therapists get you where you're going, and we cover what you're going to do when you get there," he explained.

At home

While some occupational therapists work in hospitals and rehabilitation facilities, Snyder functions as part of a VNA home healthcare team, usually with a physical thera-

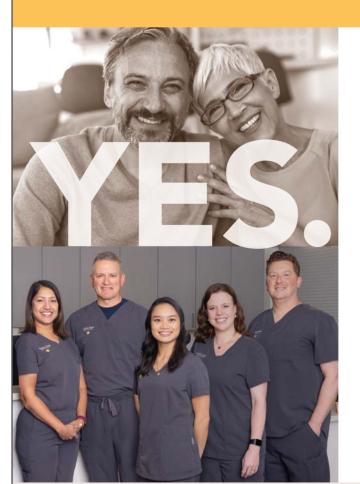
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THERAPIST con't. page 36A Occupational therapists help patients learn — and often re-learn — common tasks like tying shoes.

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It's a child's job to play, grow and learn — and these grownups can help

By ELAINE HESSER

WHY WOULD kids need occupational therapy?

After all, they're not punching time clocks or digging ditches. However, occupational therapy encompasses all sorts of daily living activities, even if one's "occupation" is learning to crawl or eat.

There are two relatively new facilities and programs on the Peninsula offering pediatric occupational therapy -Children's Therapy Center, behind the Crossroads shopping center (childrenstherapycenter.com), and a children's feeding clinic at TheraSens, an occupational therapy center on Garden Road in Monterey (therasens.com).

The center at the mouth of Carmel Valley, which opened in 2023, is owned and managed by Brittney Weinerth, who has been running a similar clinic in Almaden for several years. A 2010 grad of San Jose State University, Weinerth said she had been commuting from the San Jose area to Monterey County for a job she enjoyed — working with kids in county schools — but the drive became too much. She was also frustrated by the limits that schools and insurance companies put on the services she provided. And, she said, she'd always wanted to own her own business.

Fine and gross motor skills

With her staff, Weinerth works with kids on issues from fine motor skills, like buttoning shirts, to gross motor skills, which use large muscle groups throughout the body. Some people have trouble with bilateral coordination (getting both sides of the body to work together), while others have sensory processing disorders, easily becoming overstimulated or seeking more stimulation than they're getting, for example. Correcting poor posture, showing how to brush teeth, and teaching someone to use a toilet are also things an occupational therapist can help with.

Weinerth said that many of the problems her clinic works on were once seen as simple disobedience or disrespect, but science has shown that if underlying issues are addressed, the problems can be solved more easily.

For example, a toddler who doesn't want to sit at the dinner table with the family probably isn't trying to be "difficult" — they may just be getting overstimulated, which makes them feel unsafe. Imagine driving in a bad rainstorm at night, with the windshield wipers going, things blowing across the road and the headlights of on-





Brittney Weinerth (left) runs Carmel's Children's Therapy Center, while Emiliano (right), is a satisfied client of a Monterey feeding clinic.

coming traffic, and you can probably empathize.

When Weinerth and her staff treat children, it might not look that different from preschool or school recess, but there are specific goals and strategies underlying all the fun. As she wrote on her website, "we believe that children learn, grow and develop through play." She continued, "It is important to note that our play is very purposeful and intentional. At all times during our 'play'-ful interaction with a child, there is a reason we are doing what we are doing. Sometimes it's to build rapport, sometimes it's to build a skill, sometimes it is to regulate their nervous system and sometimes it's to build motivation.'

The clinic is self-pay, so Weinerth can avoid the constrictions insurance companies often put on care. She said she's also happy to brainstorm with parents about where they can find additional services and resources for their children.

Feeding Emiliano

Emiliano is a great example of how kids and families can benefit from occupational therapy. Now nearly 1 year old, Emiliano, who was born at 27 weeks, is a wonder of

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Approximately one in five adults in the United States lives with a mental health disorder, according to a 2023 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and less than half of them receive mental health services.

Whether or not you are currently struggling with mental health challenges, it is important to take proactive steps to take care of yourself. Here are five tips to practice every day.

1. Value yourself

Self-love is important. Treat yourself with kindness and respect and try to avoid self-criticism. Make time for your favorite hobbies or do something special for yourself. Get outside and plant a garden, get a massage, or try something new that you have always wanted to try.

2. Take care of your body

When you take care of yourself physically, you also take care of yourself mentally:

- Eat balanced, nutritious meals
- Practice healthy sleep habits studies show that lack of sleep contributes to high rates of depression
- Avoid smoking, drugs, and alcohol
- Drink plenty of water
- Exercise physical activity can decrease depression and anxiety, and improve your mood
- Practice mindfulness relaxation exercises and meditation can improve your state of mind and your outlook on life

3. Surround yourself with good people

A support network can make all the difference. Relationships are important to our mental health. Make plans with supportive family members and friends, or seek out activities where you can meet new people, like a class or support group.

4. Set realistic goals

Decide what you want to achieve and work toward your goals in steps. Whether you want to start exercising more or quit smoking, set achievable goals that will help you get there. Aim high, but be realistic and don't let setbacks keep you from your end goal.

5. Get help when you need it

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Making a vaccine that may hurt less and work better

By SALLY BAHO

DR. CRAIG Wright and his colleagues at D4 Labs in Pacific Grove just received their first patent for a Covid vaccine using technology they spent the past four years developing. D4 Labs — inconspicuously located on Grand Avenue — is a 4-year-old, privately owned biopharmaceutical company turning out some noteworthy inventions. The lab is run by a six-person team, including CEO Cheryl Assemi, Wright, the chief scientific officer, a local research scientist, Jacob Hoadley, and Emily Wright, Craig's daughter and the company's medical writer. There are also two technology consultants.

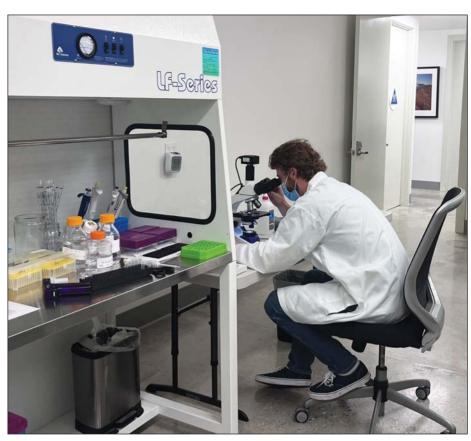
Craig Wright is an infectious disease specialist who has spent his career not only treating patients, but also taking breaks from patient care to conduct research to advance research into infectious disease and drug delivery (how medicine gets into the body). In the 1980s, as a young doctor in the Army, he did AIDS research at Walter Reed National Army Medical Center.

Problem to solve

He has more than 20 U.S. patents for his inventions, particularly in drug delivery. When he moved to California about 20 years ago, he wanted to work on West Coast diseases, like tick-borne illnesses and Valley Fever (a type of lung infection), "diseases we don't have a vaccine for," Wright said. But he found a need for patient care and ran an infectious disease clinic that he still operates, seeing patients three days a week. Meanwhile, his research took a back seat until the pandemic hit, and he saw a problem he wanted to solve.

Said Emily, "My dad is really good with pattern recognition and understanding how the amino acids (proteins) come together to build the virus." During the pandemic,





(Left) Dr. Craig Wright is chief science officer for D4 Labs in Pacific Grove, where a new Covid vaccine was recently developed and patented. Research scientist and P.G. native Jacob Hoadley (right) is hard at work at D4.

the father-daughter duo realized that the SARS-Covid-2 virus was mutating rapidly. "We became obsessed with tracking it," Emily said.

Wright started working on a vaccine in the first six months of the pandemic. The goal became to design one that could be effective against a mutation. "This has been a struggle in public health," Emily said, "by the time they approve a new vac-

cine, we're already onto another variant." But they continued to track the mutations and eventually isolated the right combination of mutations that, when injected into someone's system, would offer protection against the virus. This led to the patent.

The patent

His invention has three components. First, there is the vaccine itself. Wright and

his team worked with the proteins involved to make it easier to deliver than other Covid vaccines on the market. The second component of the patent is the adjuvant, a substance that increases the vaccine's effectiveness. "It's like using primer before you paint, it's an ingredient you add to the vaccine," Emily explained.

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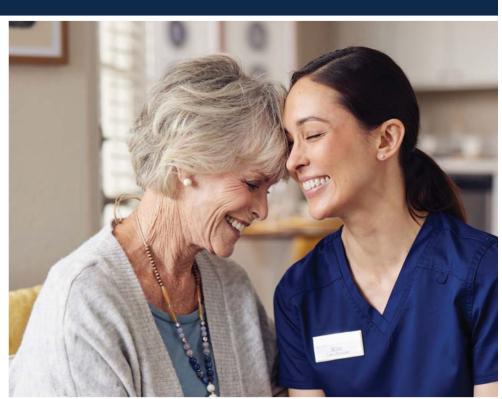
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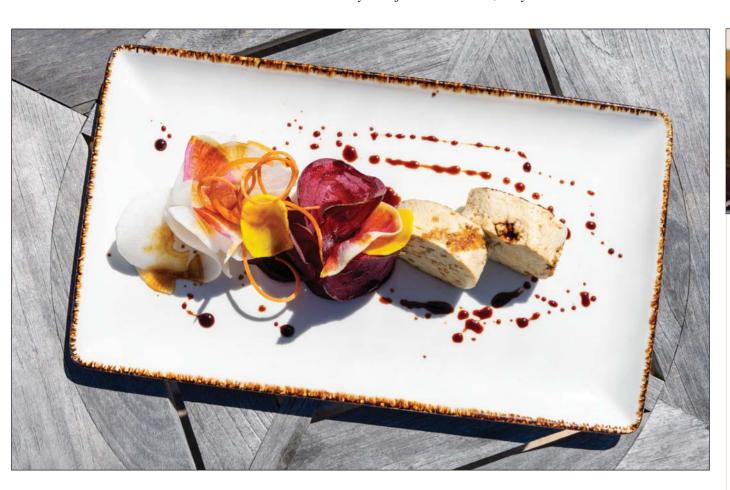
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YOU MAY think you can't have a fancy meal without breaking the calorie bank, but it doesn't get much fancier than Pebble Beach and Spanish Bay, where chef Pablo Mellin of Roy's has created this flavorful, simple and light meal.

Here are some tofu basics, in case you've never tried cooking with it: It's made from soybeans and usually comes in blocks, packed in water and sold in the refrigerated section of your grocer's produce department. Once opened, you can keep uncooked portions in a sealed container in the refrigerator for up to a week. Just cover it in tap water, which you should change every day or so. You can also drain it, wrap it tightly in plastic and freeze it. Tofu comes in various degrees of firmness, which should be indicated on the label. For this recipe, you'll look for the extra-firm variety.

One half-cup serving has about 22 grams of protein per serving and no cholesterol. There are about 11 grams of mostly "good" fat, as well as calcium, iron, manganese, copper and vitamin A.

Mellin made some extra-special plating choices, including adding an edible flower and some shaved beets. He also cut it into disks, rather than dicing it or slicing it into strips. You can easily find lists of edible flowers online — the ubiquitous nasturtiums among them — and put together some greens and brightly colored vegetables on your plate, too.



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Red pepper flakes, to taste

14 ounces extra-firm tofu

Bring all ingredients except the tofu to a boil in a pot. Once the mixture comes to a boil, add the tofu to the pot. Cook about three minutes per side. Remove tofu. Continue boiling the remaining ingredients un-



Chef Bio

PABLO MELLIN is chef de cuisine at Roy's Restaurant, where he has dedicated an impressive 31 years of his career.

Mellin has worked in other notable establishments, including the Hog's Breath, where he began as a line cook, and the Sardine Factory in Monterey, where he continued to hone his culinary skills. His achievements have not gone unnoticed. He was named Chef of the Year by the Monterey County Chefs Association, and he has earned awards at multiple food festivals.

Mentors have played a significant role in Mellin's culinary journey. He said that chefs Rod Uncangco, Yoichi Saito and Roy Yamaguchi have imparted valuable techniques and ingredient combinations that have enhanced his culinary repertoire.

Don't be surprised if he brings a little of the unexpected to the table: he once served roasted crickets at a cooking demonstration, to the surprise — then delight — of the audience. And not only does he work in one of the most beautiful settings in the world, he may be at the only restaurant where your Asian-fusion dinner can be followed by the music of bagpipes on the dunes.

A perfect meal: Mellin favors the open fire-grilled Kobe ribeye steak with yuzu-shallots butter sauce. He appreciates the bold flavors inspired by Polynesian culture and is drawn to creating meals with ingredients like lemongrass, ginger, soy sauce, and spicy flavors inspired by the Pacific Rim. These ingredients fuel his creativity and passion for culinary experimentation.

til reduced to a thick sauce. Meanwhile, cut the tofu into bite-sized strips or cubes

Drizzle the reduced sauce over the tofu and serve with a side salad.





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modern medicine. A baby is considered viable outside the womb at 24 weeks, while a normal pregnancy is 40 weeks, and any birth before 37 weeks is considered premature. Still, 85 to 90 percent of preemies born as early as Emiliano survive.

He was his parents' first child. His mother said she felt movement in her belly and assumed it was the baby kicking.





Natalie Sanders

But her doctors at CHOMP said that she was in labor. She was flown to UCSF where she and her 2 1/2-lb., 13-inch-long son spent the next six months.

Dad spent Monday through Thursday home in Seaside, going to work and taking care of another family member who was ill. Friday through Sunday, he went to San Francisco.

You may think that once a premature baby is stabilized, the clouds lift, the angels sing and all's well. But that's not the re-

ality. Among many possible problems is difficulty getting adequate nourishment by mouth, which can have several causes, including an inability to coordinate swallowing and breathing. That's where the monthly feeding clinic — a partnership between



Now about 1 year old, Emiliano was born at 27 weeks and had difficulties eating. His parents said the folks at the feeding clinic in Monterey helped him and alleviated their anxiety.

TheraSens and Central Coast Language & Learning Center, a private practice speech pathology clinic — comes in. It was co-founded by Jennifer d'Attilio, a speech language pathologist with the language center, and her friend, Natalie Sanders, an occupational therapist.

Although Emiliano has a feeding tube, his sessions with the OT at the hospital had been progressing well and he was taking food by mouth. The doctors thought it was just a matter of time before the tube could

Once Emiliano and his mom got home, however, he lost ground, requiring more tube feedings. His parents were tired and anxious, and they got a referral to D'Attilio, since one of a speech language pathologist's focuses is helping children who have

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pist and a nurse. He said that working with people in their homes is beneficial because he can see the actual challenges they face.

It also means that he must gain his patients' trust and confidence. Even though visits are scheduled and he has identification, it's often a big step for an elderly person — especially one who lives alone — to let someone into their home. Snyder, who has been a therapist for 12 years, said he genuinely cares about each patient, so being friendly and establishing rapport isn't something he fakes for his job.

"You have to really care. If you don't care, you're in the wrong profession," he said. And the help is more than physical. "I'm coming in a funky period of their life. I'm someone smiling at them."

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Once he's broken the ice, Snyder has a look around the home, but he's not judging collections of tchotchkes or a carpet that's seen better days — "I've been in beautiful, big, well-maintained homes and I've been in tight little fifth-wheel trailers," he said, He's evaluating safety and functionality.

"I look at things like: How many steps are there? Is there a railing?" He also sees tripping hazards and whether the level of lighting is sufficient for someone to move around and get things done safely. Is there a walk-in shower, or is there a tub to step into? Is there a bench in the shower?

Have some coffee

Many of his patients must relearn or rethink tasks most of us take for granted, so Snyder will ask them to do a little mental "time-traveling."

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"I ask how things were in the past. How did they make coffee? How did they bring it to the table?" While he won't ask someone to brew a pot ("unless they want some," he laughed), he'll have them mime the steps — going to the sink, filling the coffeemaker with water and so on. He may do the same thing with meal preparation, telling the person, "We're going to practice our acting skills," and asking them to demonstrate how they'd make lunch. He may suggest moving things around, eliminating hazards and making things easier to reach.

"You don't learn everything in the first visit," he said. "You triage what's really important," like making sure the person can safely use the toilet. He'll discuss adaptive devices and resources like medical alert systems that signal for help when someone falls, special commode seats, and grocery delivery services. He said occupational therapists may visit once or twice a week for about an hour, then maybe every other week, until the person is able to func-

Snyder also addresses some of the person's mental and social needs — do they have things to look forward to? Are they anxious? Are they motivated?

That motivation goes back to the relationship, Snyder said. If he can learn what's meaningful and important to his client, he can align occupational therapy goals with their personal goals, whether that's working in the garden or playing with the grandkids.

A lot of creative thinking goes into home therapy, too. For example, if someone is having trouble scooping out their cat's litterbox, Snyder will ask, "Does the box have to be on the floor?'

Maybe it can be put on a table that the cat can get to and that's at a comfortable height for safe cleaning. Then, he said, he'll even strategize how to hide it, so it's not an eyesore.

Although he always has his patient's best interests in mind, Snyder said there's very little he or anyone else can "make" a mentally competent adult do. He'll talk with relatives (when authorized by the patient) and with the rest of the care team to address any concerns he observes — like poor nutrition or a need for more help in the home — but the person can make their



Chad Snyder

own decisions. "A lot of people don't listen to us," he said.

Firsthand knowledge

Snyder learned about occupational therapy firsthand. "I'm a satisfied customer," he said. He had earned his bachelor's degree from Chico State and was working in hospitality. One night, his car was hit head-on by a drunk driver in a vehicle going more than 100 mph. The list of broken bones alone was staggering. He spent a month in intensive care, and it took him a year to learn to walk again.

"I was like one of my patients. I had this life before, and I didn't want my family to have to do personal things for me."

"I hung onto every bit of dignity I had," he said, as his occupational therapist taught him ways to become more independent. Then he went back to school to become an occupational therapist, a job he says is still largely unknown or misunderstood.

"Nobody dresses up like us on Halloween," he said. "But people learn about occupational therapy through personal experience."

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The third component of the patent is the administration of the vaccine. Most vaccines are given intramuscularly — the needle goes into a muscle, like in your arm, and leaves you sore for a few days. This one is delivered subcutaneously, or just beneath the surface of the skin.

"For people who don't like getting shots, subcutaneous shots might be the answer for them. They're not going to hurt your arm as much," Emily said. "One of the things we're really excited about is the adjuvant, because the adjuvant can be used with several different vaccines for viruses," she added.

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As a company, Emily said, D4 Labs is interested in innovating vaccines to make them more appealing and accessible. Making adjuvanted vaccines will make them

A local lab has patented a new Covid vaccine.

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'Adjuvanted vaccines stimulate a greater immune response ... and in a smaller dose'

more effective, and if they can be less painful, it might be easier to motivate people to get their vaccines. "Adjuvanted vaccines stimulate a greater immune response ... and in a smaller dose," Wright said. "Even though it feels like Covid has been around

> forever, this is still a novel vi-— what it does to our bodies long term, etc." She noted that the number of people receiving the most recent Covid booster is really low: "14 percent for children, 22 percent for adults and 41 percent for people 65-plus, according to the CDC."

> Wright said his philosophy is adopted from Margaret Mead — the notion of "think globally and act locally." That is his goal with this vaccine technology, another answer to the question, "How can we help people all over the world?'

> To learn more, visit the company's website at d4labs. com, where you can read the patent and their paper in bioRxiv, also available at tinyurl.com/2h5usxhn.

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trouble eating.

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As his parents looked on, Sanders played with Emiliano, manipulating his limbs and stretching his muscles as she spoke reassuringly to him. There's still a tightness in his shoulders, and his head tilts to the right, though you might not notice it. He scooted along the floor on his belly with remarkable speed, taking an interest in everything around him. Eventually, Sanders brought in some applesauce and a spoon, which Emiliano reached for eagerly. He ate what the therapists said was a significant amount of food.

The clinic brings in other professionals — a dietitian and a pediatrician among them — so families who previously had to drive to Stanford or go to multiple medical offices to see everyone they needed, could accomplish more of those tasks locally and in one visit. The clinicians also

teach parents how to work with their children every day to help them reach their goals.

Night and day

Since it opened late last year, the clinic has seen more than 20 kids, some coming from as far away as San Ardo and King City. Emiliano's mom and dad said the difference is like night and day, and Sanders concurred. "He came in tired and couldn't handle anything in his mouth. He was gagging, really upset." You'd never know it to see him laughing, playing — and having the extra applesauce wiped off his face.

And that's just one story of pediatric occupational therapy — a field that touches the lives of children and their parents, making obstacles a little easier to overcome.



Occupational therapist Natalie Sanders (left) helps 1-year-old Emiliano with applesauce as his mother provides support.



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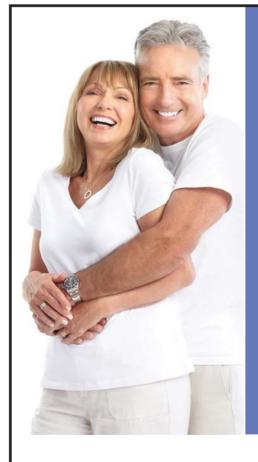
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Performing as the Lincoln Trio, violinist Desirée Ruh-



Singer and guitarist Adrea Castiano performs at noon on Saturday at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley.

strat, cellist David Cunliffe and pianist Marta Aznavoorian earned a Grammy in 2017 for Best Performance by a Small Ensemble — and performed at Sunset Center in October 2021.

The group has added violist Aurélien Fort Pederzoli, who played with Ruhstrat and Cunliffe in the Black Oak Ensemble.

> The music in this week's concert includes Joaquín Turina's Piano Quartet in A minor, op. 67, Jean Cras' String Trio, and Johannes Brahms' Piano Quartet No. 3 in C Minor, op. 60. Tickets start at \$25. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-2212 or visit chambermusicmontereybay.

■ Missing Persons, **English Beat in Monterey**

Golden State Theatre in Monterey this week welcomes four acts that made their mark on the 1980s — Missing Persons and singer Stacy Q (April 27), and singer Adam Ant and The English Beat (April 30). Both shows start at 8 p.m.

Led by singer Dale Bozzio, Missing Persons is best remembered for its 1983 hit, "Walking in L.A.," which was a staple on MTV during its heyday.

Tickets start at \$48. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070. Visit goldenstatetheatre.com

With a ska-heavy pop sound and an irresistible dance beat, the English Beat had a big hit with one of the decade's most memorable songs, "Save It For Later." Tickets start \$52.50.



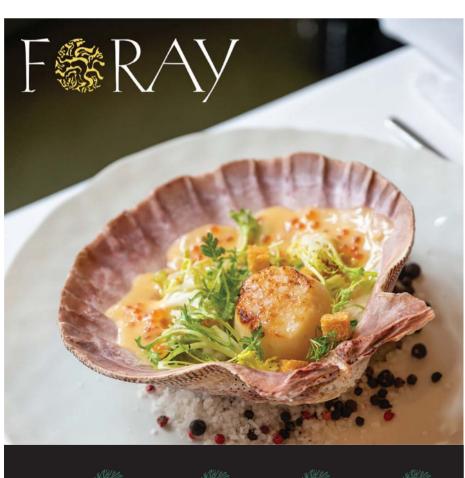
Reza Mohsenipour (left) and Sahba Motallebi are masters at playing the tar, which resembles a lute. They play Friday in Sand City.

■ 'Tar' masters visit Sand City

A stringed instrument from the Middle East that resembles a lute, the tar takes centerstage when Sahba Motallebi and Reza Mohsenipour perform Friday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City.

Motallebi earned a Grammy Award for her contributions toward "Fandango at the Wall in New York," which

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Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Diners 13 and older are \$155 apiece, children 6 to 12 years old are \$77, and those 5 and under eat free (kids' menu available). Prices do not include tax, gratuity or beverages. Call (831) 625-8524 to book your table.



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Getting ready for Mother's Day includes finding the perfect brunch — maybe somewhere with a view, like this table at Stillwater Bar and Grill in Pebble Beach.

Anton & Michel (Mission between Ocean and Seventh, antonandmichel.com) plans a three-course meal from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sip on your choice of Champagne, a mimosa, bloody Mary or orange juice. After some Caesar salad or lobster bisque, choose from braised lamb shank, baked chicken breast, mushroom risotto, seafood fricassee, sesame-crusted ahi tuna or filet mignon. Dessert is also included. Adults are \$69, kids 12 and under are \$35. To reserve, call (831) 624-2406 or book at opentable.com.

Soup to Nuts

Shearwater Tavern at the Carmel Mission Inn (3665 Rio Road, shearwatertavern.com) kicks off Mother's Day at 7 a.m. In addition to the regular menu, you'll find French toast with berries and lemon Chantilly cream, and chicken and waffles, salmon Benedict, and a jumbo lump crab cake. The specials are priced from \$16 to \$26 and will be available until 1 p.m. Call (831) 624-1841 or visit opentable.com for reservations.

In Carmel Valley, brunch at **Bernardus Lodge** (415 W. Carmel Valley Road, bernarduslodge.com) is from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and includes live music and a picture taken by a professional photographer (two printed copies per table). Fresh vegetables, naturally raised meats, a seafood bar, cheese display and assorted desserts will be available for \$150 per adult and \$55 per child (ages 5-12), plus tax and gratuity. Call (831) 877-1099 to reserve.

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brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Specials include flash-fried wild Gulf prawns, wagyu steak and eggs, pulpo frito (crispy Spanish octopus), classic eggs Benedict and more. There are bottomless mimosas available, and — this just in — making a martini with marmalade means you can have gin with breakfast. The late Queen Elizabeth — who was famously known to have an early tipple — would no doubt approve. Call (831) 375-0176 to make reservations.

Take a boomer-era mom or grandmother back in a foodie time machine with lobster thermidor at **Old Fisherman's Grotto** on the wharf in Monterey. The culinary classic calls for a lobster shell filled with with Maine lobster baked with mushroom and sherry cream sauce and topped with Parmesan cheese.

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Portola Plaza (2 Portola Plaza in Monterey, portolahotel.com) will have a brunch buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with wild king salmon, Harris Ranch New York strip

time and Salon. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, for \$49.99 a person, organizers say you and your mother can "enjoy a relaxing morning filled with tea, Champagne, and freshly baked scones, in the serene setting of our wine salon.' More than a tasting room, Lady Somm offers wine education and shelves full of great gifts like custom baskets, gourmet food products, and wine accessories. Can't make it that day? Pick up a gift certificate and come for a tasting another time. Lady Somm is in the Barnyard shopping center.

■ Bud's hosts Talbott dinner

Bud's — the classic, elegant, upscale

Estéban restaurant in the Casa Munras Hotel is putting a Spanish twist on its Mother's Day menu with dishes like pulpo frito — octopus that's crispy outside and tender inside. The Monterey eatery also offers bottomless mimosas.



steak and more - and Mom gets a complimentary mimosa. Pianist Dave Conley will provide live music. Brunch, not including tax and tip, is \$89.95 for adults \$74.95 for those 65 or older, and \$45.95 for kids younger than 12. Reservations are required; call (831) 649-7870 or email vgarcia@portolahotel.com.

Something different

If you want something a little out of the ordinary, check out Lady Somm's Teabar in La Playa hotel — will host a sixcourse wine dinner featuring Talbott Vineyards May 3 for \$150 per person, and seats are filling quickly.

"This exclusive in-person gathering will be a wonderful experience for wine connoisseurs and gastronomes alike amidst the breathtaking backdrop of Carmel's scenic coastline," organizers promise.

Dinner is set to run from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

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and will begin with canapés, smoked salmon blini with creme fraiche and dill, and Gruyere puff pastry paired with Talbott's non-vintage sparkling wine.

The second course will feature a crudo made with kanpachi (also known as great amberjack) with pineapple chili oil and micro cilantro. The dish was created by executive chef Boris Ilabaca to complement the winery's 2022 Sleepy Hollow chardonnay.

A Dungeness crab salad with avocado, grapefruit and citrus vinaigrette will be served with Talbott's 2021 Fidel-

ity chardonnay, and duck breast with cherry port reduction, mushroom risotto and shaved Brussels sprouts will accompany the 2022 Sleepy Hollow pinot noir.

The main course — herb-crusted lamb with red wine demiglace, garlic mashed potatoes and heirloom carrots — will be paired with 2021 Block 51 South pinot noir.

And for dessert, the 2021 Fidelity pinot noir will be poured alongside flourless chocolate cake, blackberry coulis, candied citrus and caramel.

Tickets are available through eventbrite.com and cost a total of \$161.90 with fees. La Playa is at Camino Real and Eighth in Carmel.

■ Cioppino and a hoedown

Legal Services for Seniors has its annual Ciao! Cioppino! fundraiser Saturday night from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Weathertech Laguna Seca Recreation Area Hospitality Pavilion (1021 Monterey-Salinas Highway). In addition to everyone's favorite seafood stew, enjoy wine, "fabulous desserts, live and silent auctions, music, and more," organizers say. Tickets are \$150.00 plus fees and can be purchased at Eventbrite.com.

On Sunday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars (104 W. Carmel Valley Road), the Carmel Valley

How's this for an upscale blast from the past? Old Fisherman's Grotto is celebrating Mother's Day with a classic lobster thermidor — a luxe combination of lobster and sherry cream sauce.

Women's Club is holding its 75th (diamond) anniversary hoedown party to raise money for its charitable foundation. Suggested attire is denim, diamonds and cowboy boots. In addition to a barbecue dinner, there's a no-host bar, silent auction, live music and dancing. Tickets are \$75 and must be purchased in advance through cvwomensclub.org. People who prefer to pay by cash or check should contact Judy, c/o cvwcfoundation@gmail.com.

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

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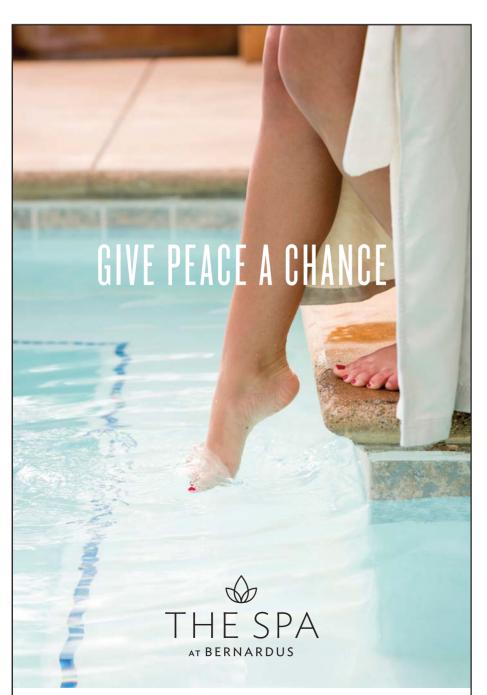
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■ Concert finds new site

Set to play Eastern European folk music

Friday at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur, a trio of classical musicians from Russia — cellists Boris Andrianov, Evgeny Tonkha and guitarist Dimitri II**larionov** — has moved its concert to Hacienda Hay and Feed in Carmel Valley. The music starts at 7 p.m.

Several members of the ensemble have taught at the annual Big Sur Fiddle Camp — or played at one the camp's fundraisers. The trio will be joined at Hacienda by a pair of local instrumentalists, mandolinist Dave Holodiloff and fiddler Elijjah McCullar.

Hacienda is located at 7180 Carmel Valley Road.

■ Singer leads jazz jam

Singer Tanya Fitzgerald headlines the latest Jazz Jam Sunday, 1 p.m., at the Embassy Suites in Seaside.

"Tanya has been singing all her life and has traveled around the world as a backup singer for Tammi Brown," co-host and singer Lee Durley told The Pine Cone. "We are so grateful to have her."

The hotel is at 1441 Canyon Del Rey

■ Live music April 26-May 2

Albatross Ridge Winery in Monterey - singer and guitarist Ryan Sesma (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist Tim **Brady** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 316 Alvarado.

Barmel — Jazville (jazz, Sunday at 6

p.m.) and singer and guitarist Tony Burciaga (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos just north of Seventh.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist Martan Mann (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Adrea Castiano (Saturday at noon), pianist Michael Culver (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Paul Behan (Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — The Knotty Gs (Americana, Saturday at 7 p.m.), mandolinist Dave Holodiloff (jazz, Wednesday



The Transducers, featuring guitarist Jason Stout, play rock and funk Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Salty Seal Pub in Monterey

at 7 p.m.), Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

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 Holodiloff Duo (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer Lee Durley and singer and pianist Bill Spencer (jazz,

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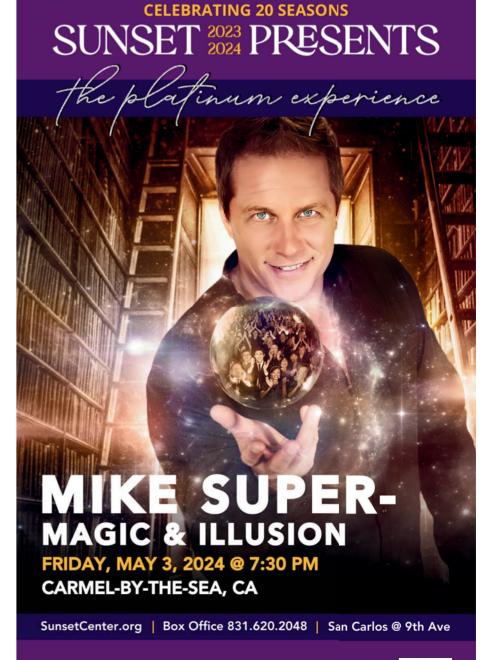
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Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer Miranda Perl and guitarist Adam Astrup (jazz, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside -The John Michael Band (pop and rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist 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 6:30 p.m.), The Andrea Carter Trio (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 in Carmel.

Edwin's — singer Susan Farrens and singer and pianist Arthur Wu (pop, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). San Carlos and Sixth in Carmel.

Estéban Restaurant in Monterey guitarist Catherine Broz (Spanish music, Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley guitarist Moshe Vilozny and mandolinist Dave Holidiloff (jazz, Friday at 4 p.m.), Anywhere is Home (jazz, Saturday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Rory Lynch (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Car-





The Lincoln Trio (left) has added a fourth member — now known as the Chicago Piano Quartet, they play Saturday, 8 p.m., at Sunset Center. The same evening at 7 p.m., violinist Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu (right) and pianist Ines Irawati play at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

mel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside singer and bassist Dennis Murphy and guitarist Paul Magpusao (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley — violinist Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu and pianist Ines Irawati (classical, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 104 W.Carmel Valley

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

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

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey - guitarist John Sherry (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist Terrence Farrell (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Juice 'n' and Java in Pacific Grove singer and guitarist **Dan Kioper** (Friday at 4 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), The Canyon Sisters (Americana, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Wendi Kirby Music in Monterey singers Julie Capili, Anne Sibley and others (songwriter showcase, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 550 Hartnell St.

The Links Club — Blue Fire (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Kip Allert** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kevin Pfeffer (Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove - Wolf Dog Walker (rock, Friday at 2 p.m.), Evergreen (pop and rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Melville Tavern in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — saxophonist Arman Sangalang and guitarist

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CALENDAR

April 27 - Chautauqua Hall Dance Club. Dancing every Saturday night in Pacific



Grove. Viennese Natasha. Lesson 6 to 7 p.m.; enjoy social/ballroom dancing 7 to 9 p.m.: music for Latin, night club ballroom and swing. No

partner needed. \$10 cash only. Pgdance.org

April 26 - The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a lecture / luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn in Monterey; led by Dr. Jeremias Zunguze, associate professor at CSUMB. The title is "Understanding Military Coups in Africa: A Question Concerning Democracy." Please visit http://www.wacmb.org for event information and registration.

April 26 – Join Gateway Center for "Brighter Days Ahead," at Embassy Suites. Enjoy dinner, dancing, live music, keynote speaker Michael Pritchard and live / silent auctions.

April 26-May 11 - Let Mom know she's special! Shop Baum & Blume's Boutique for beautiful Mother's Day gifts, heartfelt cards, gourmet cookie boxes and more! Plus: special May 11 lunch promo for moms: 10% discount and a gorgeous rose! Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-

April 27 - The Center for Spiritual **Awakening**, 522 Central Ave., Pacific Grove, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the public. Tickets \$55. The first 100 people registered receive a free copy of the book "How to be an Adult in Love." Call (831) 375-5441 or www.breakthroughformen.org

April 27 - CRA's Community Rummage **Sale.** Shop till you drop from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: south lot Sunset Center NE corner San Carlos and 10th. Donations of carefully used items are accepted Wednesday-Friday, April 24-26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Join us and mark your calendars as our past possessions get a new life and we help our Carmel community youth non-profits win! Visit our website to volunteer or donation details: www.carmelresidents.org.

April 28 – Youth Music Monterey County presents its season finale: "Legends," led by music director, Daniel Brier. Concert begins 4 p.m. in Sunset Center, Carmel, and features students from YMMC's Honors & Junior Youth Orchestras, South County Strings, Orchestra in the Schools, Chamber Ensembles and Concerto Competition winners Annette Ma, Emmeline & Abigail Chang. http:// youthmusicmonterey.org

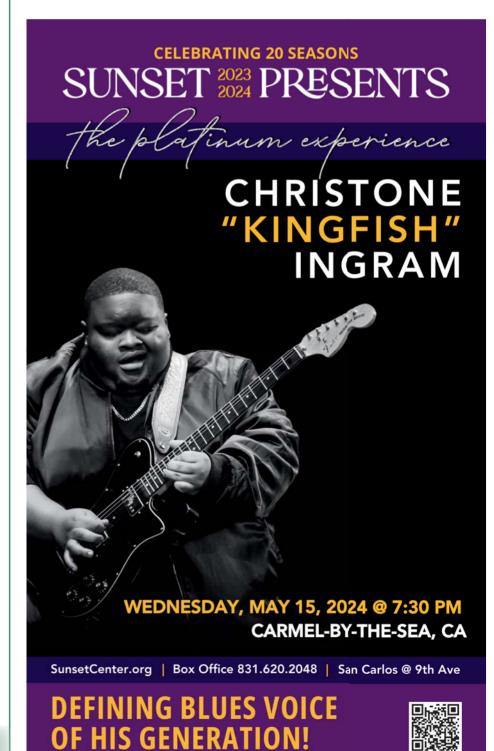
April 28 - 75th Anniversary "Hoedown" Party - Join the Carmel Valley Women's Club and Foundation in celebrating our 75th year with this "fun" draiser at Hidden Valley Music Seminars 5:30-8 p.m. Tickets (\$75) include BBQ dinner, Silent Auction, Live Music with The Country Line, line dancing plus tutorial. No host bar. Proceeds benefit the CVWCFoundation which makes scholarship grants to CV residents and grants to nonprofits benefiting CV residents. For tickets and details go www.cvwomensclub.org or email cvwcfoundation@gmail.com.

April 29 - The Monterey Peninsula College Orchestra, directed by David Dally, will perform its spring concert at 7:30 p.m. in the MPC Music Hall. Featured works include James Neiman performing the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4, and the Haydn "London" Symphony. Tickets at the door only: general admission \$10, students

May 1 - St. Mary's By-The-Sea Celtic **Concert Series** hosts the return of Scottish super group, The Old Blind Dogs, 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Buy tickets at www. celticsociety.org, \$30 advance, \$35 door. More info, call or text (831) 224-3819.

May 5 - Tor House Garden Party, 2 to 5 p.m. at 26304 Ocean View Avenue, Carmel. Adults: Tickets: \$25; students: \$10. Stroll the gardens, photograph to your heart's content, learn about Tor House from knowledgeable docents, watch yarn spinning, enjoy music, poetry, birdwatching, plein air artists, tasty treats. Tickets at door or online: www.torhouse.

May 17 - 17th annual Women's Fund Luncheon is presented by the **Community Foundation for Monterey** County. Morgane McNally, resident director of Merrill Wealth Management, The BMRB Group, will discuss "The Power and Progress of Women." Registration/ networking begin 11 a.m.; program begins noon at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa. Tickets are \$75 per person; sponsor a table of 10 for \$1,000. For info call (831) 375-9712 or visit events@cfmco.



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Adam Astrup (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St. Mission Ranch — singer and pianist Maddaline Edstrom (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist Gennady Loktionov (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

Monterev Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Friday and Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 400 Can-

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 Kristen Gradwohl (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kito Rayburn (Saturday at 5 p.m.), guitarist Glenn Bell (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — Neon City Limits

(modern country covers, Friday at 8 p.m.), The Transducers (rock and funk, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — Solomon King & the Chosen (rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), The Speakeasy Band (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

St. Mary's by the Sea in Pacific Grove — The Old Blind Dogs (Celtic, Wednesday at 7 p.m.).

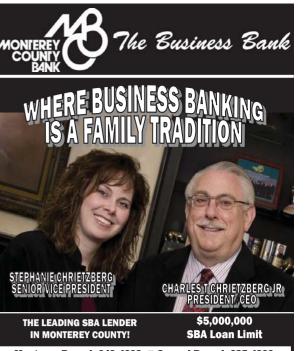
Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Scott Fenton (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Tony Burciaga (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Wave Street Studios in Monterey — violinist Razzvio (rock, Friday at 10 a.m.). 774 Wave St.

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

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Kati's strategic approach and passion for excellence make her the ideal leader to guide the Carmel Chamber of Commerce as it continues to support and advocate for local businesses, foster meaningful connections, and contribute to the overall well-being of our community.

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Ave, Suite 300, Winter Park, FL 32789
This business is conducted by a Corporation

Inis business is conducted by a Corporation Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/03/2010. FPG California, Inc S/ William Kent Robertson, CEO, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/26/2024. 4/12, 4/19, 4/26/24 CN5-3790287# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 404)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240654

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: VIBE SALON, 54 PEARL ST, MON-TEREY CA 93940, County of MON-

TEREY
Registered Owner(s):
DOMINEE A FISCHER, 703 CYPRESS
ST, MONTEREY CA 93940
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE S/ DOMINEE A FISCHER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 3/26/2024

3/26/2024 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3/24 CNS-3776084# CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024. (PC 407)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240613
Filing type: NEW FILING - with
CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PAWSITIVE PET MOBILE VET,
3722 The Barnyard, Suite G-17, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business:

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

NONIEKEY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
VME INC, 126 Hammond Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.

CA 93940. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a corpora-

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 1, 2014.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

S/Danielle Hettler, CEO
Date: March 20, 2024

This statement was filed with the County

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 20, 2024.

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE No. 23-368-MON: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER NDEED OF TRUST DATED October 10, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PRO-ECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EX-LANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On MAY 14, 2024 at 10:00 am, at the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, Ca. 93901, The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) the following described property situated in the County of Monterey, State of California, described more fully within said Deed of Trust. This property is vacant land and is not subject to California within said Deed of Irust. Inis property is Vacant land and is not subject to California Civil Code Section 2924m. The street address and other common designation of the real property described above is purported to be: 35046 Sky Ranch Road, Carmel Valley, Ca. 93924 APN: 417-081-063-000 The undersigned disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation shown here. Directions may be obtained by written request submitted within 10 days after the first publication of this Notice, to the Beneficiary c/o The Foreclosure Company, Inc., 827 Cedar Street, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060. The undersigned disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation shown here. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lier, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding in a foreclosure sale under a lien secured by the property, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (408) 374-7204 or visit www.foreclosureco.com or www.nationwideposting.com and check Trustee's Sale #23-368-MON. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may no immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding title, possession o encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Michelle Vallentyne, an unmarried woman, as Trustor, Recorded on October 20, 2022 as Instrument Number 2022045622 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County. At the time of the initial publication of this Notice, the amount due to satisfy the obligation secured by the subject Deed of Trust, estimated costs, expenses, fees and advances is \$1,031,080.01. To verify the appenies by deall (ADR) 374, 7204, before the state and the Table Expensive Company Deed of Irust, estimated costs, expenses, tees and advances is \$1,031,080.01. To verify the opening bid call (408) 374-7204, before the sale date. The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as Trustee, 827 Cedar Street, Santo Cruz, California 95060 By: Christina Leigh, Foreclosure Officer Date: April 10, 2024 This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose; whether that information is obtained verbally or in writing. NPP0459450 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 04/19/2024, 04/26/2024, 05/03/2024

Publication dates: April 19, 26; May 5, 2023 (PC422) Publication dates: April 19, 26; May 5, 2023 (PC422)

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 408)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240610
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: MONTEREY GOLF PHOTOGRAPHY, Gudadalupe 2 SW 5th,
Carmel, CA 93921.
Registered Owner(s): IAN MARTIN, P.O.
Box 142, Carmel, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by an individ-

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

ness under the icinious business name of names listed above on N/A.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL IN-FORMATION 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).

2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictifious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 (PC 409)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240495
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The tollowing person(s) is (are) doing business as: WALLY'S, San Carlos 3 SW of
5th, Unit C, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921.

of Principal Place of Business: County of P MONTEREY.

MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
WALLYS MONTEREY, LLC 519 Pearl Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

hills business is conducted by a limited lid-bility company. Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or

ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement beishable by a fine not to exceed one mou-sand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement be-comes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov-ernment Code Sections 6250-6277). S/Andrew Chugg, Managing Member Date: March 1, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 2024.

Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Codel.

14411 et 3641, 2000 Code). Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 410)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240642
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPITTING IMAGE AUTO GLASS, 45470 Carmel Valley Road #2, Greenfield, CA 93927.
Registered Owner(s): PABLO G. MARTINEZ,

This business is conducted by an individ-

ual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business ness under the licinious business name of manes listed above on March 25, 2024.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL IN-FORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter puriods. declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/Pablo Martinez

Date signed: March 25, 2024

5/Papio Marine2 Date signed: March 25, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 25,

2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 (PC 411)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm legals@carmelpinecone.com

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20240647 Filing type: ABANDONMENT: County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Dec. 2, 2020
File No.: 20202217

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: NIELSEN BROTHERS MARKET, Northeast Corner 7th & San Carlos, Carmel, CA 93924. Name of Corporation of as shown in the

Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: VINZA COR-PORATION., P.O. Box H, Carmel, CA

County of Principal Place of Business:

Monterey State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a corporation. S/Azniv Amirkhanian, President

S/Azniv Amirkhanian, President March 1, 2024 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registront who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all Information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 25

2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of the years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Busi-ness Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violastate of a Fichicus business Name in violicition of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication dates: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024. (PC412)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20240714

File No. 20240714
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: SEASIDE CADILLAC, 1725 AUTO
CENTER PKWY SEASIDE, CA 93955,
County of MONTEREY
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County Clerk's office in MONTEREY County on 06/21/2021
Current File No. 20211480.
SEASIDE AUTO GROUP, LLC, 3 GEARY PLAZA SEASIDE, CA 93955, CALIFORNIA

This business was conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

LIABILITY COMPANY.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on I declare that all informalisted above on I declare that all informa-tion in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any mate-rial matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) S/ INDER DOSANJH, MANAGING MEMBRE MEMBER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of MONTEREY County on 04/04/2024.

/3, 5/10/24

4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10/24 CNS-3802382# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024. (PC 413)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240724
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PACIFIC WEST PHYSICIAN SERVICES, M-MOSTAFA MD., 7020 Valley Greens Dr., Apt. 16, Carmel, CA. 93923.

Registered Owner(s): RASHA MORAD MD.

This business is conducted by a corpora-

Ihis business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 7, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Rasha Morad, MD, President Date signed: April 8, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 8, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 8, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement ness Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in viola-tion of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024 (PC 414)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24CV001428 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Peil-er, VICTOR MANUEL SANCHEZ-CAS-

tioner, VICTOR MAINUEL SAINCHEZ-CASTANEDA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A.Present name: VICTOR MANUEL SANCHEZ-CASTANEDA

SANCHEZ-CASTANEDA
Proposed name:
VICTOR MANUEL ROBLES
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter appear before this
court at the hearing indicated below to
show cause, if any, why the petition for
change of name should not be granted.
Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written
objection that includes the reasons for the
objection at least two court days before
the matter is scheduled to be heard and
must appear at the hearing to show cause
why the petition is timely filed, the court
may grant the petition withfout a hearing,
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: May 31, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200

address of the court is 1200

Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Carme

Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Wills Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed:April 8, 2024
Publication Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024. (PC 415)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240650 following person(s) is(are) doing business as: LINDA BAXTER, 645 PINE ST MON-TEREY, CA 93940, County of MON-

REGISTERED Owner(s):
LINDA ROSS, 645 PINE STREET
MONTEREY, CA 93940

This business is conducted by AN IN-DIVIDUAL

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE S/ LINDA ROSS Isred above on NOT AFFICABLE S/ LINDA ROSS This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/25/2024 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10/24 CNS-3796015# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024. (PC 416)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240739
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following powers The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YOUR CHEF YAZA, 3105 Lake Dr., Marrina, CA 93933.
Registered Owner(s): RACHELE YASAMINE SHAFAI, 3105 Lake Drive, Marrina, California 93933
This business is conducted by an individual

ual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL
INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT
IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant 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 aollars (\$1,000).

5/Rachele Yasamine Shafai Date signed: April 9, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 9, 2024.

Clerk of Monterey County on April 9, 2024, NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictilious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use a tribust of a fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Perfessions Code) Publication Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024. (PC 417)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240751
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following parts: The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LARKIN ENTERPRISES, 2734 Pradera Rd., Carmel, California of Principal Place of Business:

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: WESTEK ELECTRONICS INC, 165 Westridge Drive, Watsonville, California

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: __ This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

nder the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 10, 2024. BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars \$1,000). The professions was the surface of the second professions of the professions of am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

6250-6277).
S/Kevin B. Larkin, CEO/President
Date: April 10, 2024
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on April 10,

2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913. the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024. (PC 419)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person!

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STITCHES STUDIO, 994 Ransford Ct., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
Registered Owner(s): MELINA CORTEZ, 994 Ransford Ct., Pacific Grove, CA 92050 This business is conducted by an individ-

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 5, 2024.

ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 5, 2024.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/Melina Cortez
Date signed: March 15, 2024 Date signed: March 15, 2024
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on March 15,

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision

BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Busi-ness Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violastate of a richinous business vialine in violention of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024 (PC 421)

(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20240712
The following person(s) has (have)
abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: SEASIDE VOLKSWAGEN,
1735 AUTO CENTER PKWY, SEASIDE, CA 93955, County of MONTEREY

SIDE, CA 93955, County of MONTE-REY

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County Clerk's office in MONTEREY County on 06/21/2021 Current File No. 20211479

SEASIDE AUTO GROUP, LLC, 3 GEARY PLAZA, SEASIDE, CA 93955; State of Inc./ Org. / Reg.: CALIFORNIA

This business was conducted by A LIMIT-ED ILABILITY COMPANY.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)) exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ INDER DOSANJH, MANAGING
MEMBER

MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of MONTEREY County on 04/04/2024.
4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10/24
CNS-3803/46#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024. (PC 423)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20240713

File No. 20240/13
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: SEASIDE CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM, 3 GEARY PLAZA, SEASIDE, CA 93955, County of MONTEREY

mONIEREY
The fictilious business name referred to above was filed in the County Clerk's office in MONIEREY County on 06/21/2021 Current File No. 20211479. SEASIDE AUTO GROUP, LLC, 3 GEARY PLAZA, SEASIDE, CA 93955

PLAZA, SEASIDE, CA 93955
This business was conducted by A LIMIT-ED LIABILITY COMPANY.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ INDER DOSANJH, MANAGING MEMBER

MEMBER

MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of MONTEREY County on 04/04/2024.
4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10/24
CNS-3803/44#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024. (PC 424)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20240715
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: SEASIDE CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM VOLKSWAGON CADILLAC, 3 GEARY PLAZA, SEASIDE CA 93955, County of MONTEREY The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County Clerk's office in MONTEREY County on 06/28/2021 Current File No. 20211555.
SEASIDE AUTO GROUP, LLC, 3 GEARY PLAZA, SEASIDE, CA 93955

PIAZA, SEASIDE, CA 93955
This business was conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ INDER DOSANJH, MANAGING MEMBER

MEMBER MEMBER
This statement was filed with the Country Clerk of MONTEREY Country on 04/04/2024.
4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10/24
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CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Detects April 19, 26, May 3

Publication Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024. (PC 425)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS **BUSINESS NAME**

File No. 20240717
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: 1. SEASIDE CHRYS-LER DODGE JEEP RAM 2. SEASIDE VOLKSWAGEN, 3 GEARY PLA-ZA, SEASIDE, CA 93955, County of MONTEREY

The fictitious business name referred

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County Clerk's office in MONTEREY County on 08/18/2020 Current File No. 20201435. 20201433. PENINSULA AUTOMOTIVE RETAILING

20201435.
PENINSULA AUTOMOTIVE RETAILING GROUP, INC., 4200 JOHN MONEGO CT., DUBLIN, CA 94568; CALIFORNIA This business was conducted by A CORPORATION.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material motter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ INDER DOSANJH, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of MONTEREYCounty on 04/04/2024.
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statement, providing insight into their personal experiences and perspectives on mental health.'

The show is hosted by the Carmel Sunset Rotary Club and shines a light on the mission of a local nonprofit, AIM Youth Mental Health.

"We're thrilled to showcase the incredible talent and creativity of these young artists," the Rotary Club's Lynda Patrick said. "Through their artwork, they not only express themselves, they also shed light on important issues surrounding mental health awareness."

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth in

■ Remembering Jane

A member of the Carmel Art Association, painter Erin Gafill will sign copies of her new book, "Jane Gallatin Powers — a California Modernist," Friday, 11 a.m., at the group's downtown gallery on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

At 2 p.m. the same afternoon, Gafill presents a talk about Powers at the Carmel Foundation, which is located at Lincoln and Eighth.





"Summer Dreams" by painter Elise Remender (left) and "Sunshine Girl" by painter Larisa Safaryan are featured in a group show, "Color and Form," that opens Saturday at Dawson Cole Gallery.

A noted painter who lived in Carmel during its early days and maintained an art studio on the ocean side of San Antonio between Second and Fourth, Powers was Gafill's

great-great-grandmother. The wife of Carmel-by-the-Sea developer and one-time state assemblyman Frank Powers, she died in Italy in 1944.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT Fille No. 20240586 Filling type: ORIGINAL FILING. The bollowing person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: FOGTOWN FIREWOOD, 3146 Lynscott Drive, Marina, CA 93933. Registered Owner(s): SAJESHWAR M. DUTT, 3146 Lynscott Drive, Marina, CA 93933.

This business is conducted by an individ-

ual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 29, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Sajeshwar Dutt
Date signed: March 18, 2024

Date signed: March 18, 2024
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on March 18,

Clerk of Monterey County on March 18, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Ficititous Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Codel.
Publication Dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17

Publication Dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024 (PC 428)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240782 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ness as:
1. PENRITH HOME LOANS 2. SCENIC OAKS FUNDING 1156 Scenic Drive, Suite 110, Modesto, CA 95350.

County of Principal Place of Business: STANISLAUS. STANISLAUS.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
SCENIC OAKS FUNDING, LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 15, 2024.
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 suant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). S/Cheryl Reeves, Chief Operating Officer Date: April 3, 2024

This statement was fled with the County

vate: April 3, 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 15, 2024

2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of

a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Publication Dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17 2024. (PC 429)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240795
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MAGALI HOUSECLEANING
SERVICES, 13505 Agua Dulce, Castroville, CA 95012.

ville, CA 95012. Registered Owner(s): MAGALI HERRERA. This business is conducted by an individ-

ual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 17, 2024.
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 17013 of the Business and 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).

dollars (\$1,000). S/Magali Herrera Date signed: April 17, 2024 This statement was filled with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 17, 2024.

Clerk of Monterey County on April 17, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions eral, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions

Publication Dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024 (PC 430)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240695
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY PENINSULA CLEANERS, 548 Market 5t #858521, San Francisco, CA 94104.
County of Principal Place of Business: SAN FRANCISCO.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
HOPE VENTURES LLC, 113 Seafoam Ave, Monterey, CA 93940.

Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited lia

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious bysiness name or

ness under the ficilitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a tine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

5/Elvira Hope, Managing Member Date: April 3, 2024

This statement was filed with the County

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 2,

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NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Codel.

Publication Dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision

Publication Dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17 2024. (PC 431)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20240820 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GROUNDSWELL GAR-DENS, 22672 Coleta Drive, Salinas, CA 93908.
Registered Owner(s): ELIZABETH CAU-SEY and ADAM CAUSEY.

This business is conducted by a married

Registrant commenced to transact busi-

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ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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S/Elizabeth Causey
Date signed: April 22, 2024

S/Elizabeth Causey
Date signed: April 22, 2024
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on April 22,

2024. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024 (PC 433)

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PERM EN 23-272 (De Caussin)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on <u>Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.</u>, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/87694638519?pwd=K4w04362BLvw9 Vvsc-DiRIZBIBNpdQ.9AkTceOuBjdOtshp. To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171. Webinar ID: 876 9463 8519. Passcode: 900382.

All interested people are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing bs-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing bs-B

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

Review Draft 2024/2025 Capital

Improvement Plan (CIP) for General Plan Consistency Location: Citywide Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for consistency with the City of Carallel Links See Consequent Plan nel-by-the-Sea General Plan

UP 24053 (Anton & Michel)

Loie Alnimri, Business Owner Northwest Corner of Mission Street and Block 77: Lots 15, 17, 19, and 21

Block //; Lots 15, 1/, 19, and 21 APN: 010-141-003-000 Consideration of a Use Permit for expan-sion of indoor restaurant seating at the An-ton & Michel restaurant located at Court of the Fountains (northwest corner of Mis-sion Street and 7th Avenue) in the Central Commercial (CC) District.

UP 24048 (Cantinetta Luca)

Jason Balestrieri, Business Owner Dolores Street 3 southwest of Ocean

Block 75: Lot 13 Block 75; Lot 13 APN: 010-147-022-000 Consideration of a Use Permit for expan-sion of indoor restaurant seating at the Cantinetta Luca restaurant located at Do-lores Street 3, southwest of Ocean Avenue

DS 23-337 (Kim)

Bradley Green, Designer Casanova Street 2 northwest of 9th

Block I: Lot 17 APN: 010-263-007-000

Consideration of a Concept Design

Study for the demolition of an existing 997-square-foot, one-story single-family residence and the construction of a 1,798-square-foot, two-story single-family residence, inclusive of a 232-square-foot attached garage. The residence is located at Casanova Street 2 northwest of 9th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23-171 & LM 23-172 (Das) Anatoly Ostretsov, Architect Northeast Corner of Sterling Way

and Perry Newberry Way Block 3B: Lots 5 & 6 APN: 009-162-025-000 Consideration of a Final Design Study, Lot Merger, and associated Coastal De-velopment Permit for the demolition of an existing 2,301-square-foot, one-story single-family residence, a 479-squarean existing 2,301-square-toot, one-story single-family residence, a 479-square-foot detached garage with 464-square-foot second-floor guesthouse, and 192 square feet of accessory structures and the construction of a 2,466-square-foot,

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onestory single-family residence with a 478-square-foot detached garage located at the northeast corner of Sterling Way and Perry Newberry Way in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23-290 (The Golden Mean, LLC)

JS 23-290 (the Golden Medn, ELC) Alan Lehman, Designer Santo Fe Street 3 southwest of Mountain View Avenue Block 87; Lot 11 APN: 010-082-021-000

Consideration of a Final Design Study and

constateration of a final pession study and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a 1,600-square-foot, two-story single-family residence with a 200-square-foot detached garage in the front yard setback on a vacant lot located at Santa Fe Street 3 southwest of Mountain View Avenue in the Single-Fam ily Residential (R-1) District.

Samuel Pitnick, Architect Casanova Street 2 northwest of 13th

APN: 010-281-025-000
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a 1,600-square-foot, one-story single-family residence and a 200-square-foot detached garage on a vacant lot located at Casanova Street 2 northwest of 13th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 24074 (Schneider)

Erik Dyar, Architect Southwest Corner of Mission Street and 12th Avenue Block 138; Lot 1 APN: 010-163-001-000

APN: 010-163-001-000
Consideration of a Concept Design Study for the demolition of a 170-square-foot detached garage and expansion of an existing 898-square-foot single-story residence with a 1,236-square-foot, two-story addition inclusive of an attached garage, located at the southwest corner of Mission Street and 12th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23-319 (Schneider)

DS 23-319 (Schneider)
Permit Services, Inc., Agent
Northeast Corner of 9th Avenue and
Lincoln Street
Block 95; Lot - West 1/2 of 18 and 20
APN: 010-149-016-000

AFTN: U1U-149-U16-000
Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study
Referral for the installation of composite Fibrex windows at a single-family residence
located at the northeast corner of 9th Avenue and Lincoln Street in the Single-Family
Residential (R-1) District.

Brandon Swanson, Director of Community Planning & Building

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, on or after 4:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Subject of Public Hearings:

Public Hearing on Resolution 2024-038 ordering abatement of a privately owned tree (Monterey Pine) located at the southeast corner of Casanova Street and 11th Avenue as a declared public APN: 010-184-009-000

APN: 010-184-009-000
Hold a public hearing to receive objections, and consider a Resolution ordering abatement of a privately owned tree (Monterey Pine) located at the southeast corner of Casanova Street and 11th Avenue as a declared public nuisance.

PERM EN 23-242 (Maxcy-Levy)
Noel McNamee, Contractor
Camino Real 3 northwest 8th Avenue Block N; lots 13 & 15 APN: 010-265-005

APN: 010-203-003
Consideration of a Permanent Encroachment Permit application, PERM EN 23-242 (Maxcy-Levy) for the installation of pavers in the public right-of-way fronting a single-family residence located at Camino Real 3 northwest of 8th Avenue. APN: 010-265-005.

MA 23-103 (Cypress Inn) - Mills Act Contract application for the historic "La Ribera Hotel" located at the northeast corner of Lincoln Street and 7th Avenue in the Residential-Commercial (R-C) District. APN 010-147-008-000.
Consideration of a Mills Act Contract application, MA 23-103 (Cypress Inn), for the historic "La Ribera Hotel".

Block N, Lot 16
APN 010-265-010
Consideration of a permanent Encroachment Permit Application, PERM
EM 23-272 (De Caussin) for existing
encroachments in the public right-of-way fronting a single-family residence
located on Carmelo Street 2 northeast
of 8th Avenue. APN 010-265-010

Public Participation: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person located on Monte between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link

https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/89775703025 Webinar ID: 897 7570 3025 Passcode: 297166 Dial in: (253) 215-8782

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us. The Council meeting will be televised live on the City's website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding City Council meetings, please contact the City Clerk's office at (831) 620-2016.

All interested persons are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter.

Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email <u>cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us</u> prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk

Publication dates: April 26, 2024 (PC434)

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